

[KAIST AI Seminar]  
AI - Technology, Industry, Market & Hardware

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- Principal Engineer @ Software R&D Center of DS Division - Samsung – 2017
- Principal Engineer @ Strategic Marketing Team of Memory Business Unit – 2016
- Principal Engineer @ DT Team of DRAM Development Lab. - Samsung – 2015
- Senior Engineer @ CAE Team - Samsung – 2012
- M.S. & Ph.D. - Electrical Engineering @ Stanford University – 2004
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- B.S. in EE @ SNU, M.S. & Ph.D. in EE @ Stanford Univ.
  - *Convex Optimization - theory / algorithms / applications - under supervision of Prof. Stephen P. Boyd*
- Principal Engineer @ Memory Design Technology Team
  - AI & optimization partnering with *DRAM/NAND Design/Process/Test teams*
- Senior Applied Scientist @ Amazon
  - *S-Team Goal (Bezos's) project - better customer shopping experience via Amazon shopping app using AI - increased sales by \$200M*
- Co-founder / CTO & Chief Applied Scientist @ Gauss Labs
  - *R&D industrial AI products & technology, market/product/investment strategies*
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# Today

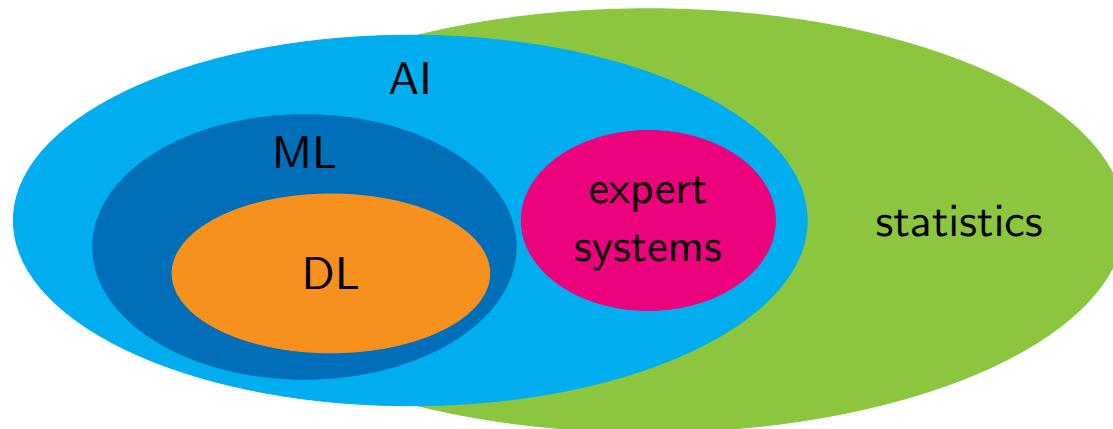
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# **Artificial Intelligence**

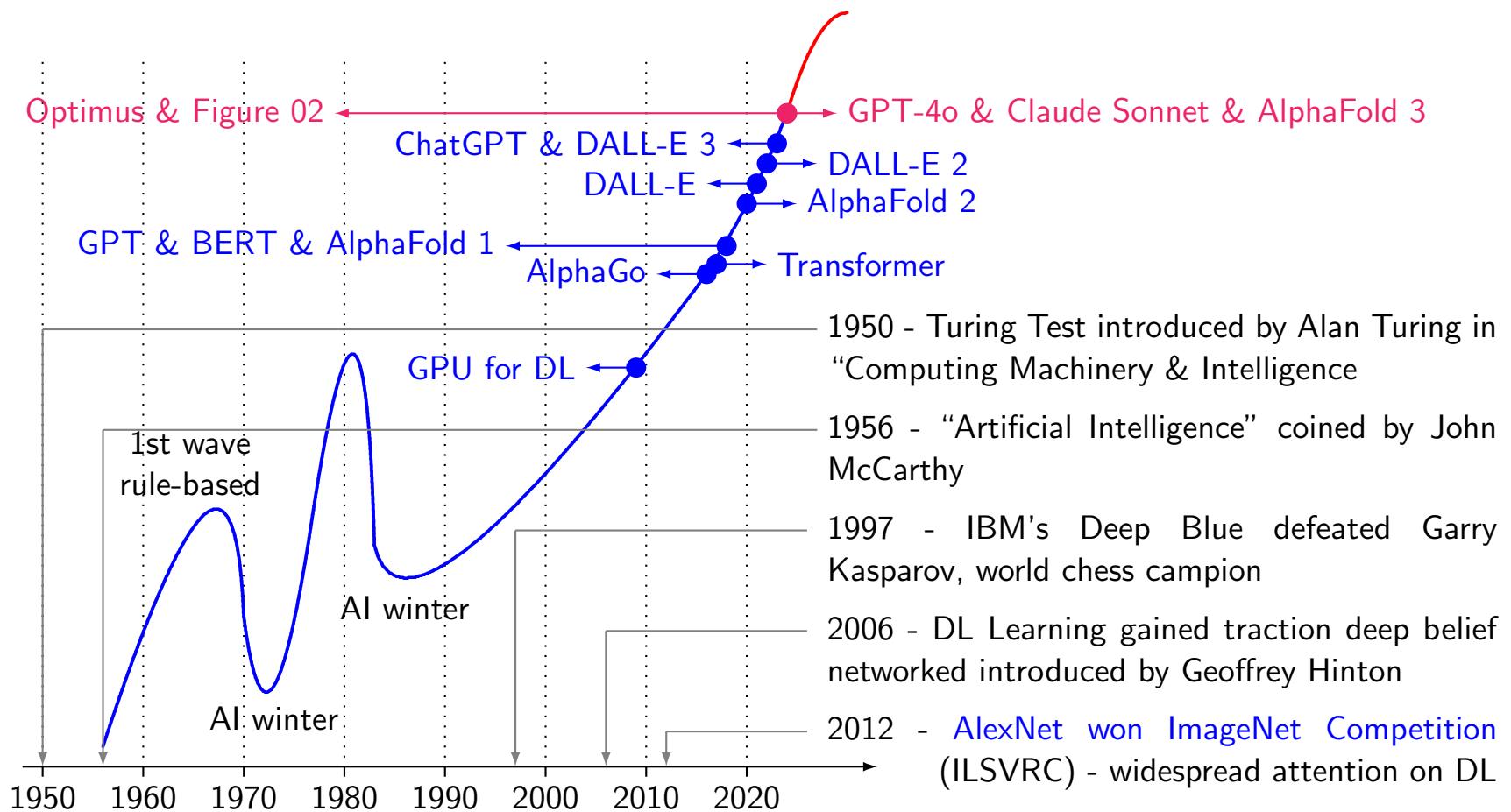
## **Definition and History**

## Definition of AI

- AI is
  - technology enabling machines to do tasks requiring human intelligence, such as learning, problem-solving, decision-making & language understanding
  - *not one thing* - encompass range of technologies, methodologies & applications
- relationship of AI, statistics, ML, DL, NN & expert system [HGH<sup>+</sup>22]



# History of AI



# **Significant AI Achievements - 2014 – 2024**

## Deep learning revolution

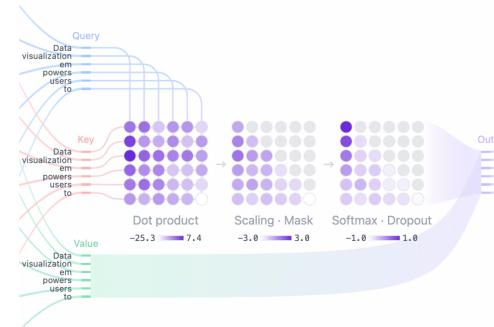
- 2012 – 2015 - DL revolution<sup>1</sup>
  - CNNs demonstrated exceptional performance in image recognition, e.g., *AlexNet's victory in ImageNet competition*
  - widespread adoption of DL learning in CV transforming industries
- 2016 - AlphaGo defeats human Go champion
  - DeepMind's AlphaGo defeated world champion in Go, extremely complex game *believed to be beyond AI's reach*
  - significant milestone in RL - AI's potential in solving complex & strategic problems



<sup>1</sup>DL: deep learning, CNN: convolutional neural network, CV: computer vision, RL: reinforcement learning

## Transformer changes everything

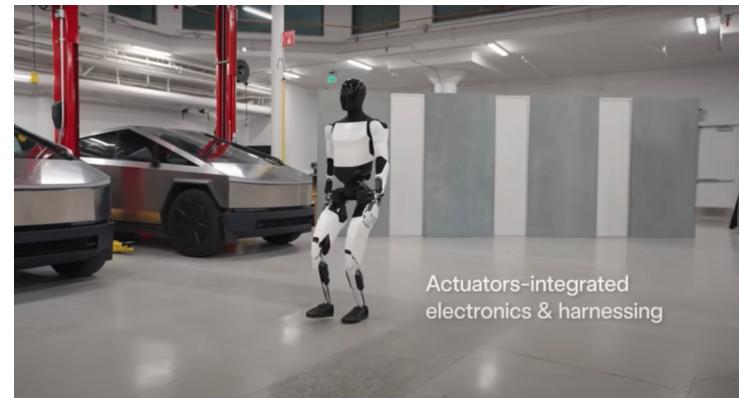
- 2017 – 2018 - Transformers & NLP breakthroughs<sup>2</sup>
  - *Transformer (e.g., BERT & GPT) revolutionized NLP*
  - major advancements in, *e.g.*, machine translation & chatbots
- 2020 - AI in healthcare – AlphaFold & beyond
  - DeepMind's *AlphaFold solves 50-year-old protein folding problem* predicting 3D protein structures with remarkable accuracy
  - accelerates drug discovery and personalized medicine - offering new insights into diseases and potential treatments



<sup>2</sup>NLP: natural language processing, GPT: generative pre-trained transformer

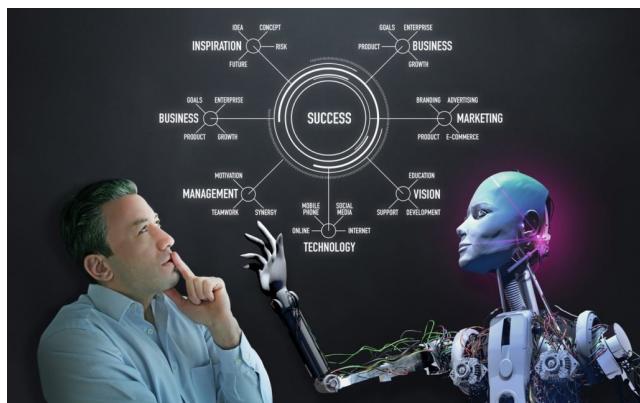
## Lots of breakthroughs within 6 months in 2024

- proliferation of advanced AI models
  - GPT-4o, Claude Sonnet, Llama 3, Sora
  - *transforming industries* such as content creation, customer service, education, etc.
- breakthroughs in specialized AI applications
  - Figure 02, Optimus, AlphaFold 3
  - driving unprecedented advancements in automation, drug discovery, scientific understanding - *profoundly affecting healthcare, manufacturing, scientific research*



# Transformative impact of AI - reshaping industries, work & society

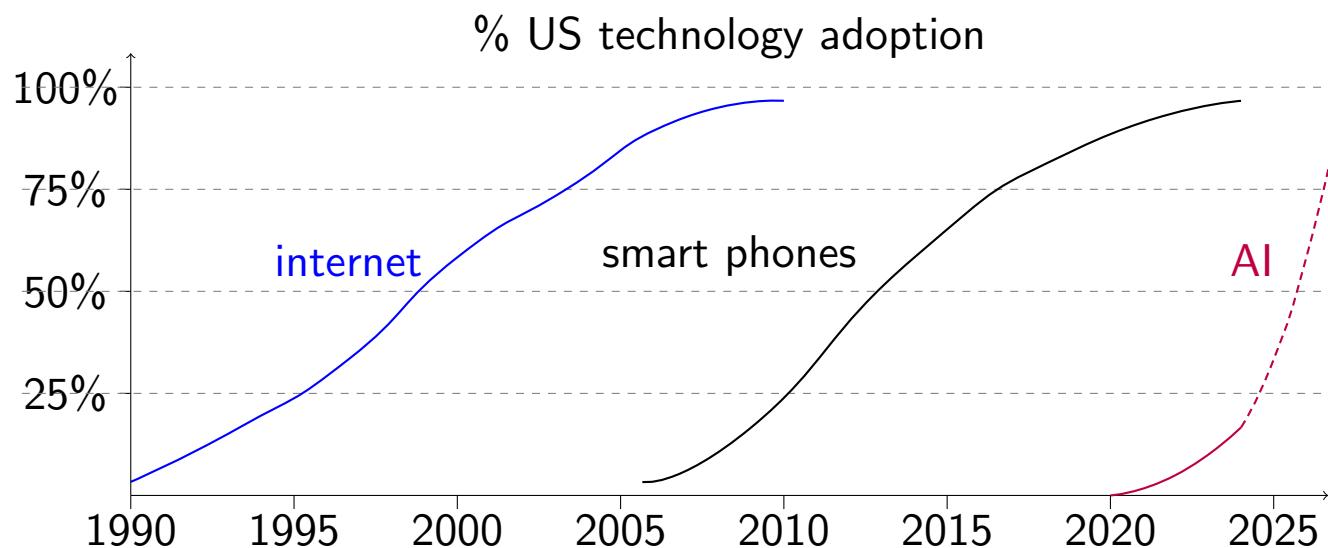
- accelerating human-AI collaboration
  - not only reshaping industries but *altering how humans interact with technology*
  - AI's role as collaborator and augmentor redefines productivity, creativity, the way we address global challenges, e.g., *sustainability & healthcare*
- AI-driven automation *transforms workforce dynamics* - creating new opportunities while challenging traditional job roles
- *ethical AI considerations* becoming central not only to business strategy, but to society as a whole - *influencing regulations, corporate responsibility & public trust*



# **Recent Advances in AI**

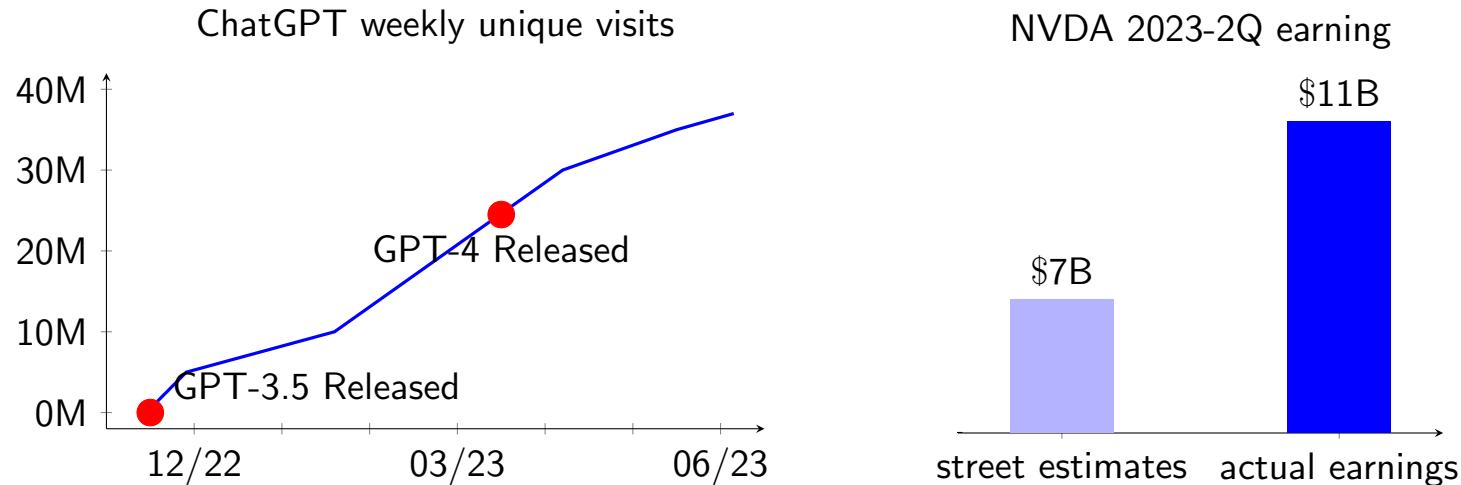
## Where are we in AI today?

- sunrise phase - currently experiencing dawn of AI era with significant advancements and increasing adoption across various industries
- early adoption - in early stages of AI lifecycle with widespread adoption and innovation across sectors marking significant shift in technology's role in society



## Explosion of AI ecosystems - ChatGPT & NVIDIA

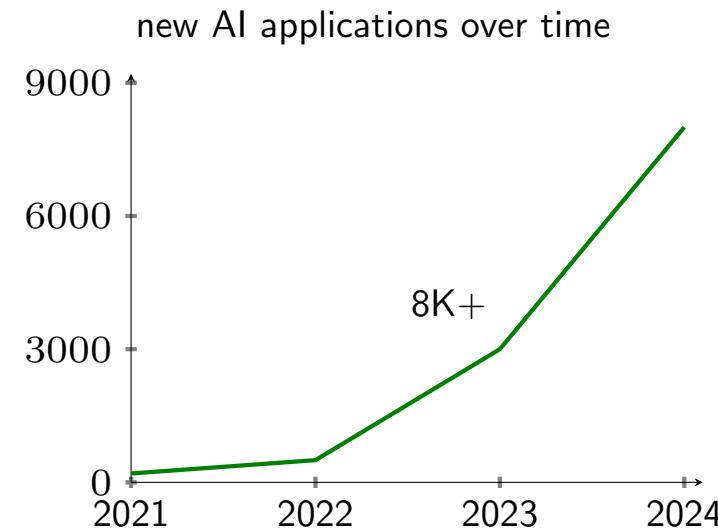
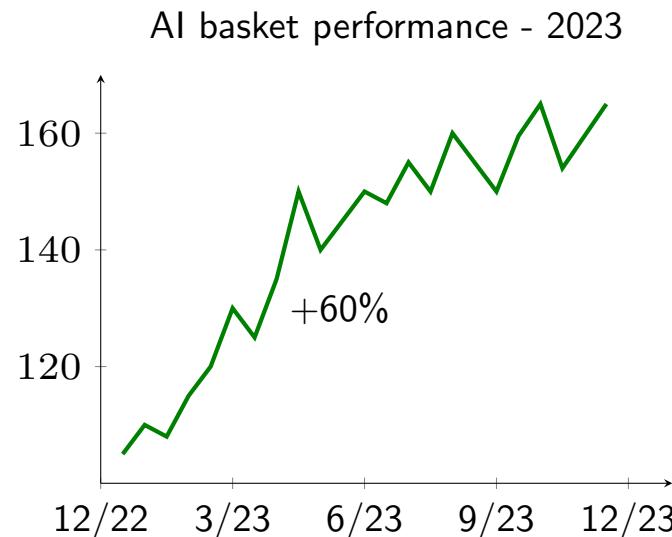
- took only *5 months for ChatGPT users to reach 35M*
- NVIDIA 2023 Q2 earning exceeds market expectation by big margin - \$7B vs \$13.5B
  - surprisingly, *101% year-to-year growth*
  - even more surprisingly *gross margin was 71.2%* - up from 43.5% in previous year<sup>3</sup>



<sup>3</sup>source - Bloomberg

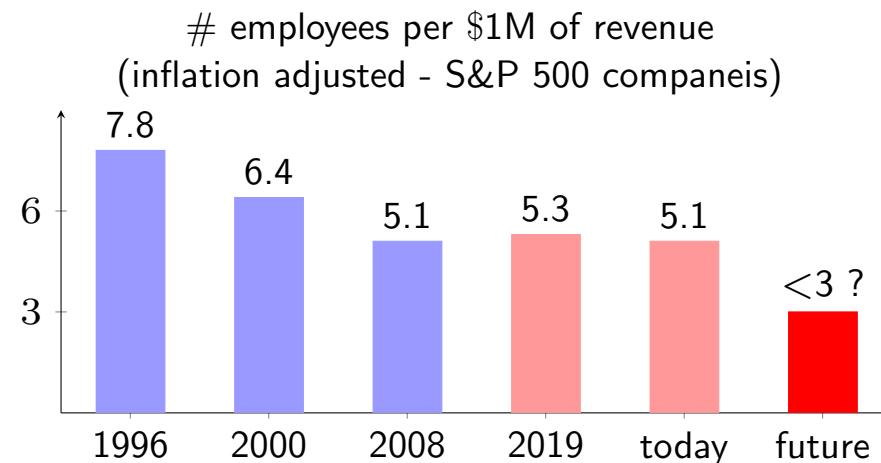
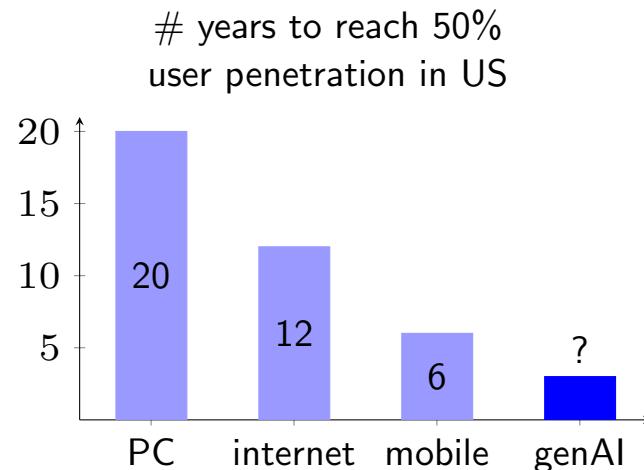
## Explosion of AI ecosystems - AI stock market

- *AI investment surge in 2023 - portfolio performance soars by 60%*
  - AI-focused stocks significantly outpaced traditional market indices
- *over 8,000 new AI applications* developed in last 3 years
  - applications span from healthcare and finance to manufacturing and entertainment



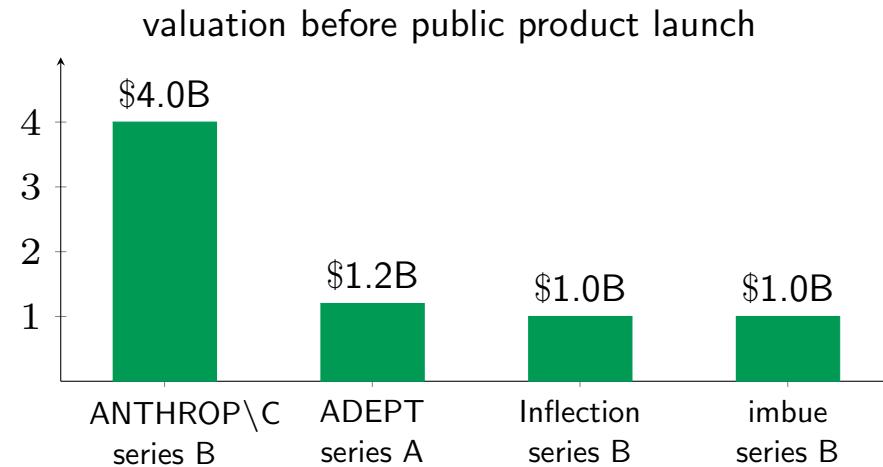
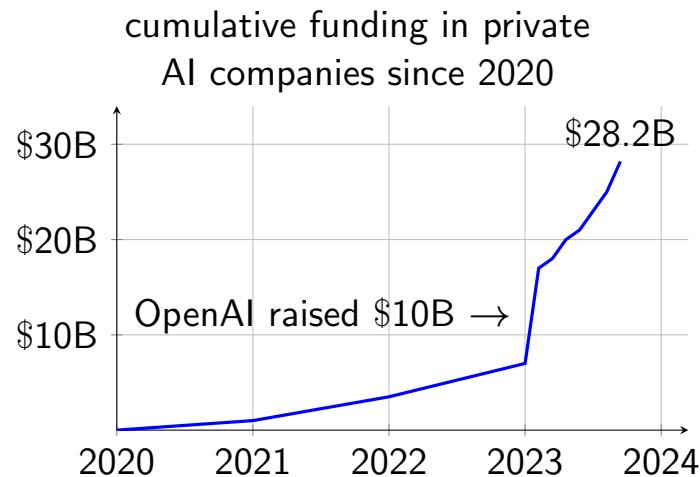
## AI's transformative impact - adoption speed & economic potential

- adoption - has been twice as fast with platform shifts suggesting
  - increasing demand and readiness for new technology improved user experience & accessibility
- AI's potential to drive economy for years to come
  - 35% improvement in productivity driven by introduction of PCs and internet
  - greater gains expected with AI proliferation



## Massive investment in AI

- *explosive growth* - cumulative funding skyrocketed reaching staggering \$28.2B
- OpenAI - significant fundraising (= \$10B) fueled rapid growth
- *valuation surge* - substantial valuations even before public products for stellar companies
- *fierce competition for capital* among AI startups driving innovation & accelerating development
- massive investment indicates *strong belief in & optimistic outlook for potential of AI* to revolutionize industries & drive economic growth



# **AI Market & Values**

## Fiber vs cloud infrastructure

- fiber infrastructure - 1990s
  - Telco Co's raised \$1.6T of equity & \$600B of debt
  - bandwidth costs decreased 90% within 4 years
  - companies - Covage, NothStart, Telligent, Electric Lightwave, 360 networks, Nextlink, Broadwind, UUNET, NFS Communications, Global Crossing, Level 3 Communications
  - became *public good*
- cloud infrastructure - 2010s
  - entirely new computing paradigm
  - mostly public companies with data centers
  - *big 4 hyperscalers generate \$150B + annual revenue*



## Cloud stacks

- SaaS dominates cloud stack - account for 40% of total cloud stack market with estimated TAM of \$260B
- IaaS and PaaS significant players
- semi-cloud's niche presence

| cloud stack | companies            | estimated TAM | % total in stack |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| SaaS apps   | Salesforce, Adobe    | \$260B        | 40%              |
| PaaS        | Confluent, snowflake | \$140B        | 22%              |
| IaaS        | AWS, Azure, GCP      | \$200B        | 30%              |
| cloud semis | AMD, Intel           | \$50B         | 8%               |

## AI stacks

- AI investment landscape - AI sector witnessing significant capital inflow with total funding of approximately \$29 billion across various segments
- models lead pack - AI models, particularly those developed by OpenAI and Anthropic, attracted lion's share of investments, accounting for 60% of total funding
- diverse growth - while models dominate funding, other segments like apps, AI cloud, and AI semis also experiencing substantial growth, indicating broadening AI ecosystem

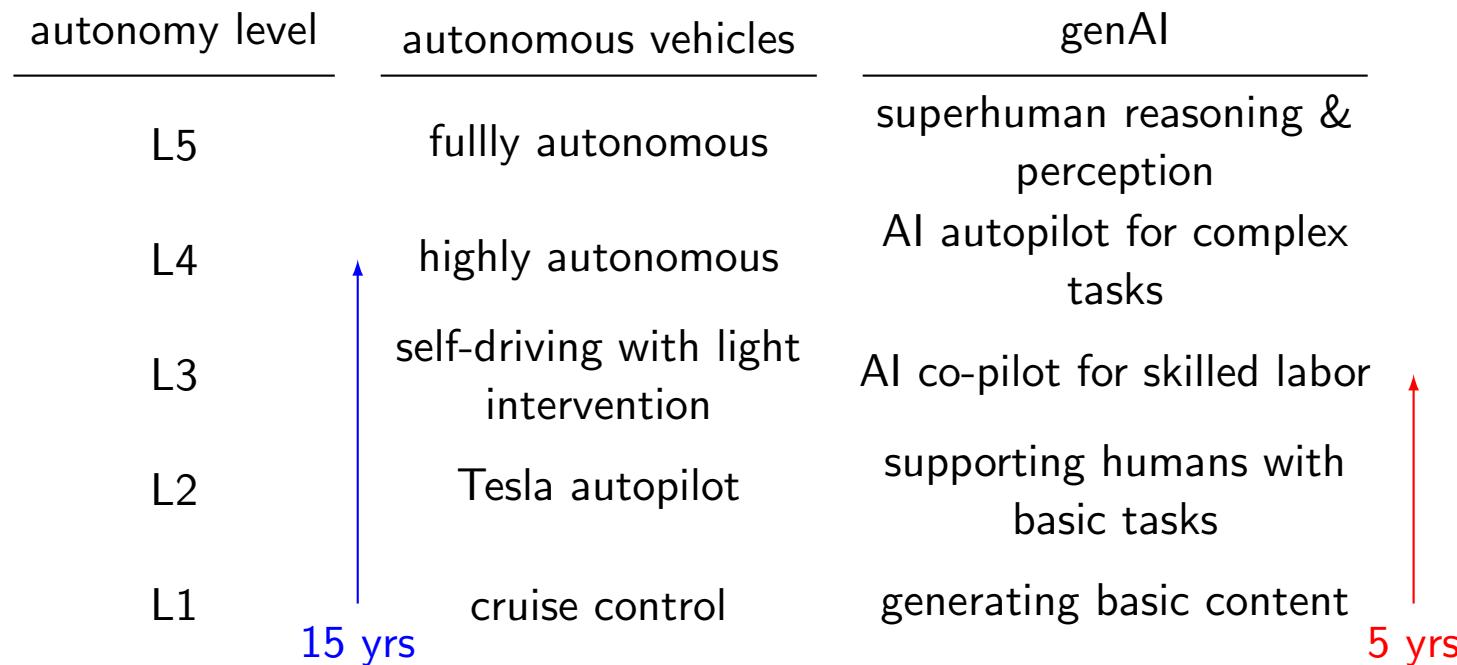
| AI stack | companies                      | total funding | % total in stack |
|----------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| apps     | character.io, replit           | ~\$5B         | 17%              |
| models   | openAI, ANTHROP\ C             | ~\$17B        | 60%              |
| Alops    | Hugging Face, Weights & Biases | ~\$1B         | 4%               |
| AI cloud | databricks, Lambda             | ~\$4B         | 13%              |
| AI semis | cerebras, SambaNova            | ~\$2B         | 6%               |

## AI model companies

- AI model companies - competing for which AI model companies will dominate 2020s
- venture funding surge - private AI model companies raised approximately \$17B since 2020, indicating strong investor confidence
- growing open-source presence - becoming increasingly prevalent, adding competition and innovation to AI landscape
- key players - notable companies in AI model space include Adept, OpenAI, Anthropic, Imbue, Inflection, Cohere, and Aleph Alpha
- outcome uncertain - future success is still to be determined, reflecting dynamic and evolving nature of AI industry

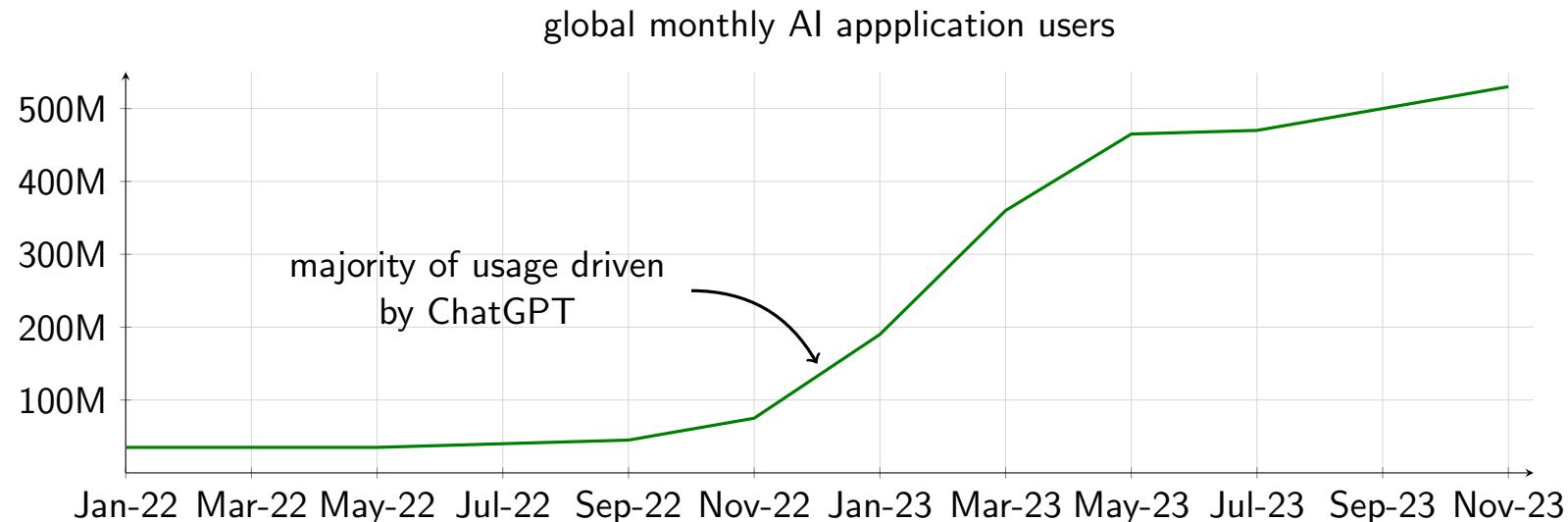
## AI advancing much faster

- rapid AI advancement - general AI projected to progress from basic content generation to superhuman reasoning in only 5 years
- significantly outpacing 15-year timeline for fully autonomous vehicles



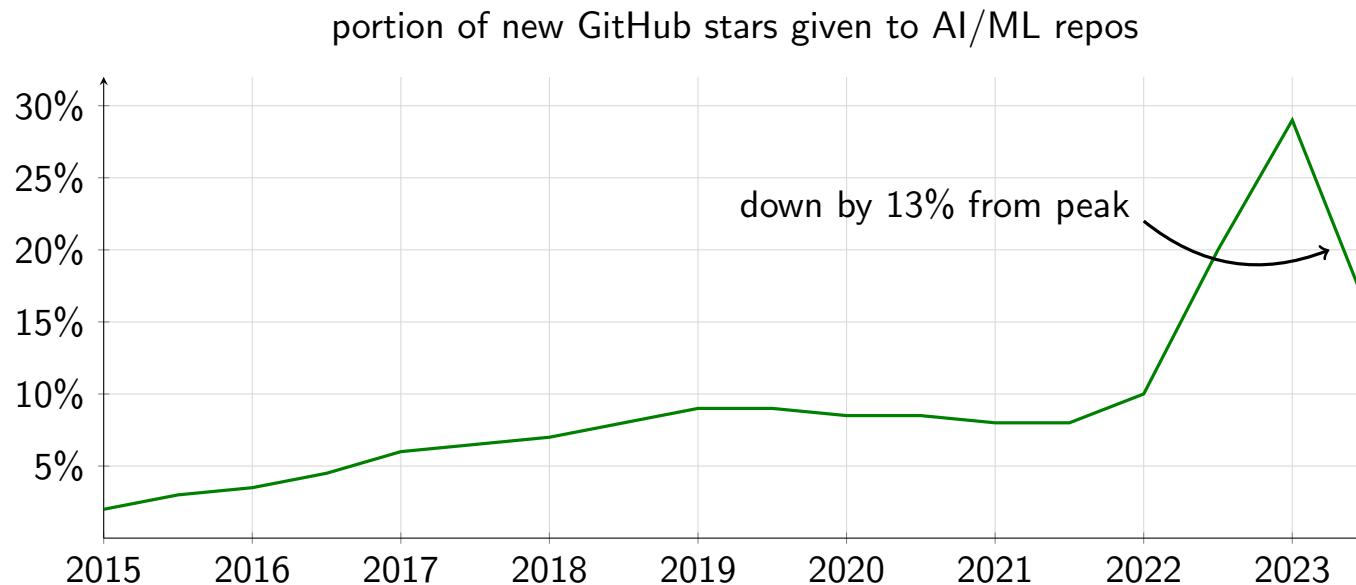
## AI interest of users

- AI adoption approaching saturation - initial wave may be nearing saturation
- future growth might come from deeper integration into professional workflows & specialized applications
- potential for market diversification - ChatGPT drove majority of early growth, but now we have other LLMs - Claude, Mistral, Gemini, Grok, Perplexity



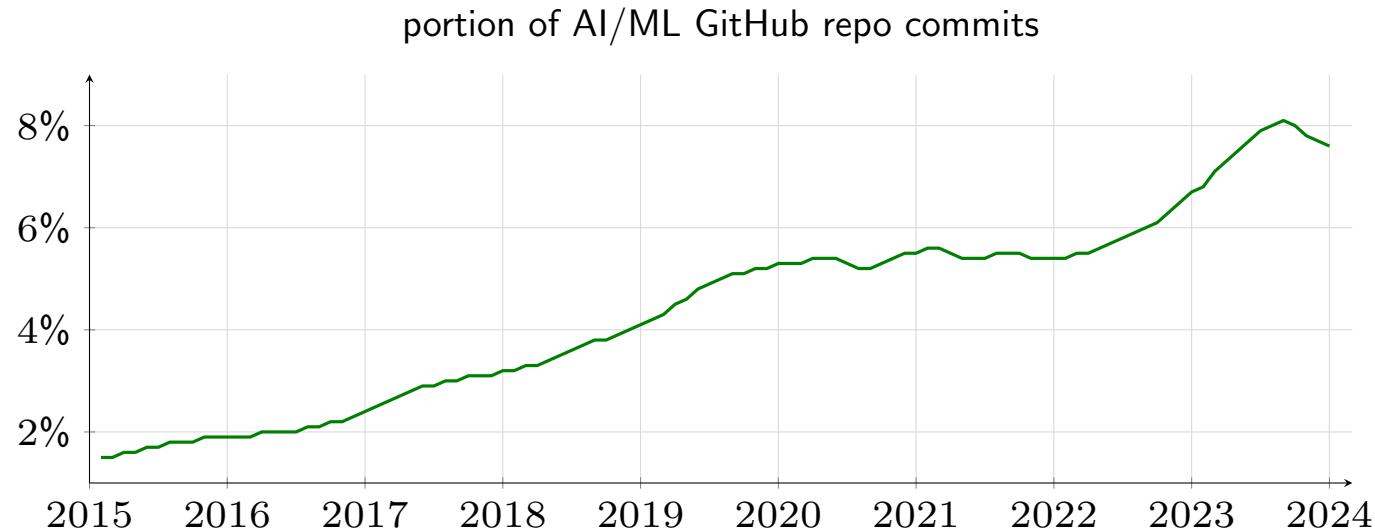
## AI interest of developers

- rising popularity - portion of new GitHub stars given to AI/ML repositories steadily increased from 2015 to 2022
- excitement waning & washing out AI “tourists” - decline of 13% from peak in 2022
- could indicate potential factors such as market saturation, economic conditions, or shifts in developer preferences



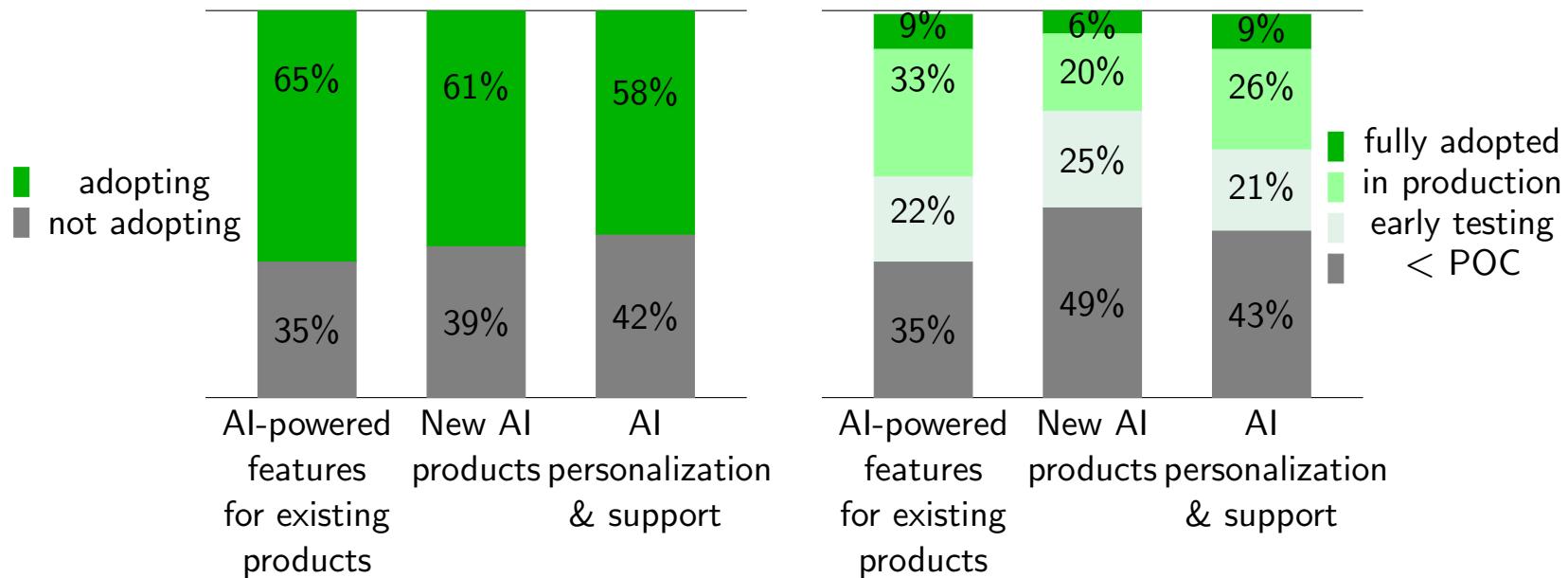
## Developers' contribution to software packages

- steep acceleration from 2022 to 2024 correlates with explosion of LLMs & genAI
- suggesting transformative shift in AI landscape beyond gradual growth
- AI/ML still represents relatively small portion (less than 10%)
- indicating significant room for growth and mainstream adoption across various software domains



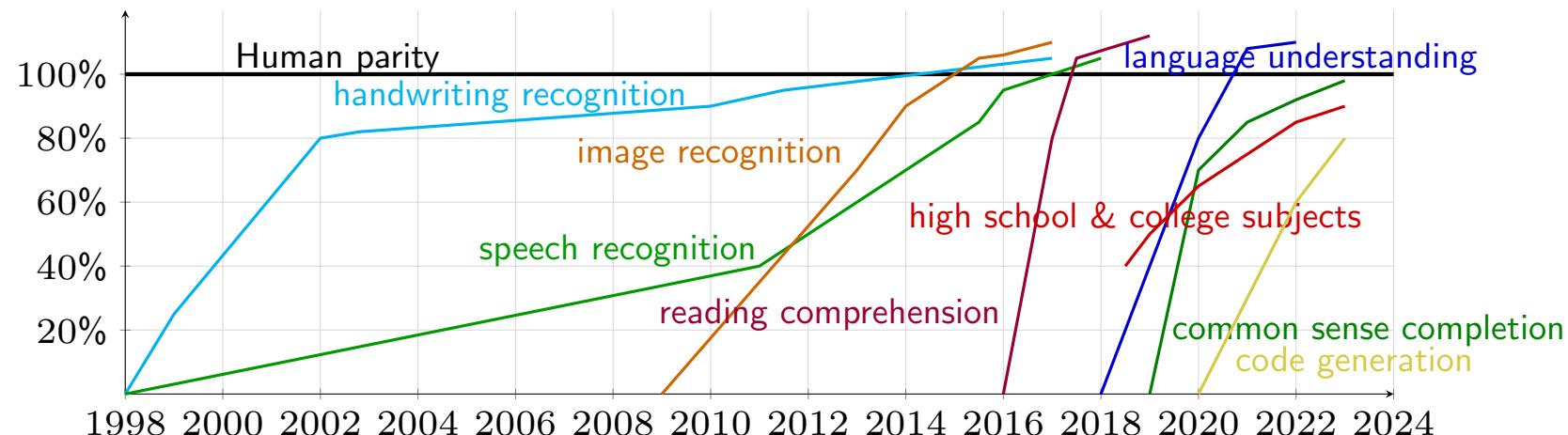
## Enterprises adopting AI

- more than 60% of enterprises planning to adopt AI
- full adoption rate is less than 10% - will take long time



## AI getting better and faster

- steep upward slopes of AI capabilities highlight accelerating pace of AI development
  - period of exponential growth with AI potentially mastering new skills and surpassing human capabilities at ever-increasing rate
- closing gap to human parity - some capabilities approaching or arguably reached human parity, while others having still way to go
  - achieving truly human-like capabilities in broad range remains a challenge

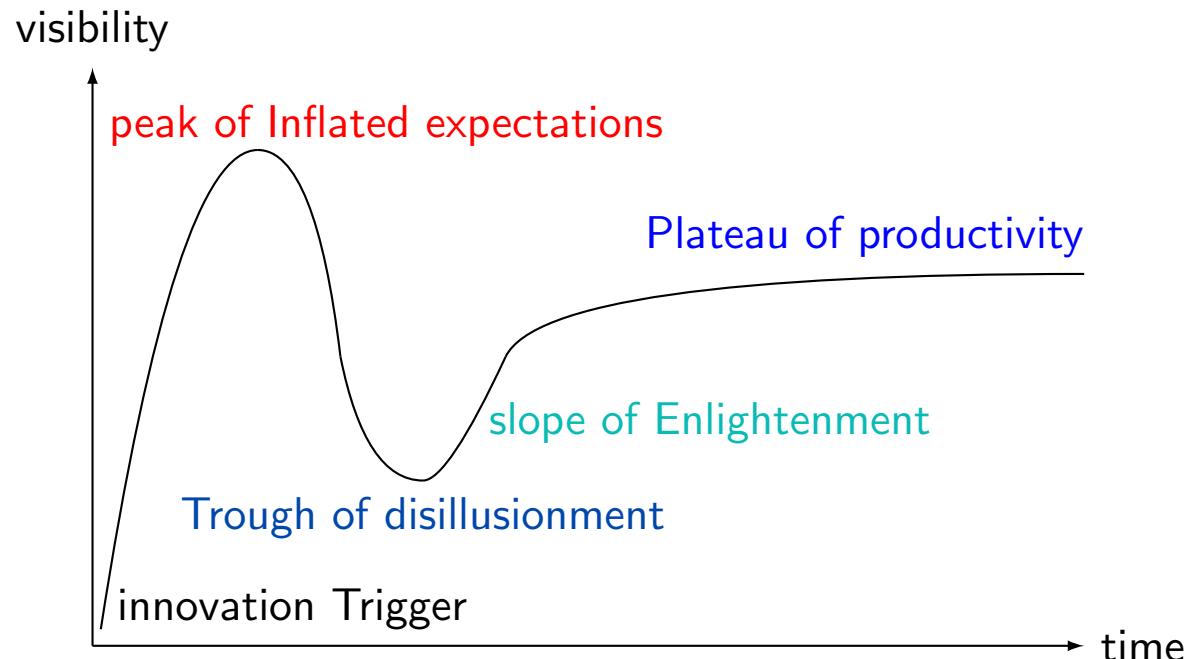


## AI delivers game-changing values

- time developers save using GitHub Copilot - **55%**
  - **10M+** cumulative downloads as of 2024 & **1.3M** paid subscribers - **30%** Q2Q increase
  - improves developer productivity by **30%+**
- reduction in human-answered customer support requests - **45%**
  - cost per support interaction - **95%** save / \$2.58 (human) vs \$0.13 (AI)
  - median response time - **44 min** faster / 45 min (human) vs 1 min (AI)
  - median customer satisfaction - **14%** higher / 55% (human) vs 69% (AI)
- time saved from editing video in runway - **90%**
- AI chat rated higher quality compared to physician responses - **79%**

**Is AI hype?**

## Technology hype cycle



- innovation trigger - technology breakthrough kicks things off
- peak of inflated expectations - early publicity induces many successes followed by even more
- trough of disillusionment - expectations wane as technology producers shake out or fail
- slope of enlightenment - benefit enterprise, technology better understood, more enterprises fund pilots

## Yes & No

| characteristics of hype cycles                        | speaker's views   |
|---|---|
| value accrual misaligned with investment              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● OpenAI still operating at a loss; business model <i>still</i> not clear</li><li>● gradual value creation across broad range of industries and technologies (<i>e.g.</i>, CV, LLMs, RL) unlike fiber optic bubble in 1990s</li></ul> |
| overestimating timeline & capabilities of technology  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● self-driving cars delayed for over 15 years, with limited hope for achieving level 5 autonomy</li><li>● AI, however, has proven useful within a shorter 5-year span, with enterprises eagerly adopting</li></ul>                    |
| lack of widespread utility due to technology maturity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● AI already providing significant utility across various domains</li><li>● vs quantum computing remains promising in theory but lacks widespread practical utility</li></ul>   |

# AI Research

## AI research race gets crazy

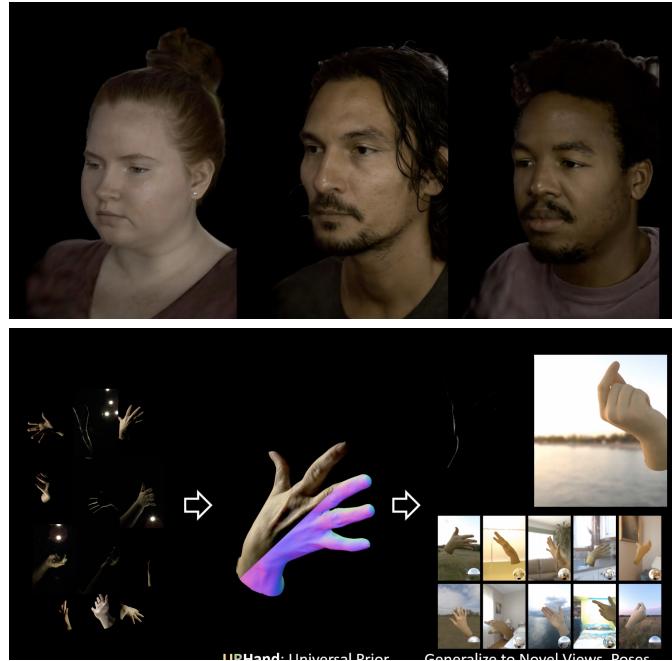
- practically impossible to follow all developments announced everyday
  - new announcement and publication of important work everyday!
- *industry leads research - academia lags behind*
  - trend observed even before 2015
- everyone excited to show off their work to the world
  - conference and [github.com](https://github.com)
  - biggest driving force behind unprecedented scale and speed of advancement of AI together with massive investment of capitalists



## AI progress within a month - March, 2024

- UBTECH Humanoid Robot Walker S: Workstation Assistant in EV Production Line
- H1 Development of dance function
- Robot Foundation Models (Large Behavior Models) by Toyota Research Institute (TRI)
- Apple Vision Pro for Robotics
- Figure AI & OpenAI
- Human modeling
- LimX Dynamics' Biped Robot P1 Conquers the Wild Based on Reinforcement Learning
- HumanoidBench: Simulated Humanoid Benchmark for Whole-Body Locomotion and Manipulation - UC Berkeley & Yonsei Univ.
- Vision-Language-Action Generative World Model
- RFM-1 - Giving robots human-like reasoning capabilities

## Papers of single company accepted by single conference



- CVPR 2024

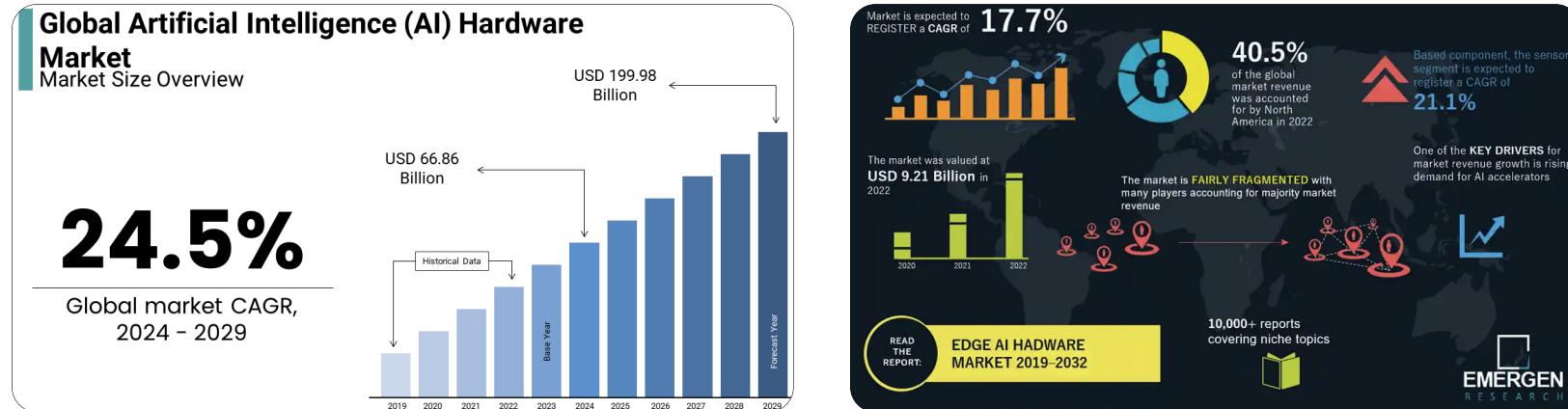
- PlatoNeRF: 3D Reconstruction in Plato's Cave via Single-View Two-Bounce Lidar - MIT, Codec Avatars Lab, & Meta [KXS<sup>+</sup>24]
  - 3D reconstruction from single-view
- Nymeria Dataset
  - large-scale multimodal egocentric dataset for full-body motion understanding
- Relightable Gaussian Codec Avatars - Codec Avatars Lab & Meta [SSS<sup>+</sup>24]
  - build high-fidelity relightable head avatars being animated to generate novel expressions
- Robust Human Motion Reconstruction via Diffusion (RoHM) - ETH Zürich & Reality Labs Research, Meta [ZBX<sup>+</sup>24]
  - robust 3D human motion reconstruction from monocular RGB videos

# **AI Hardware**

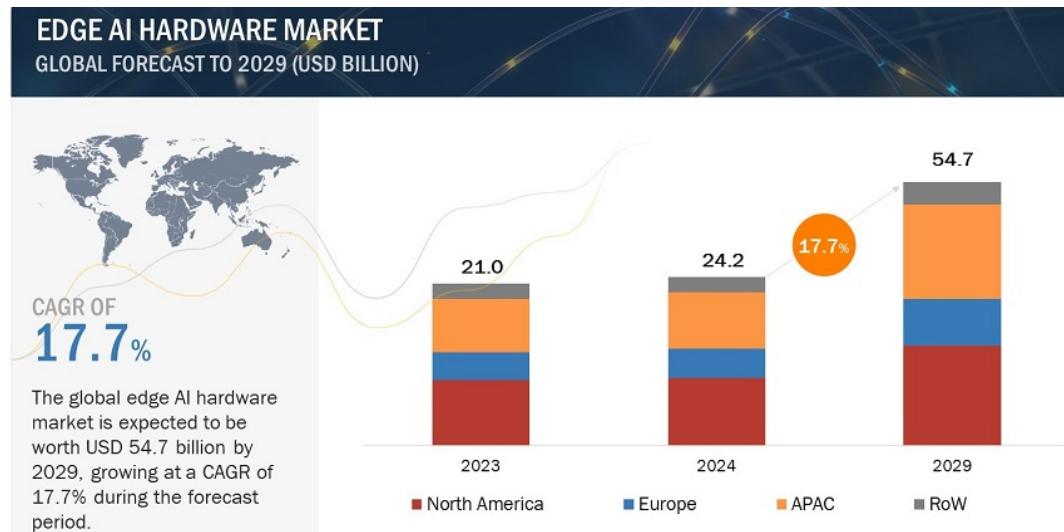
# **AI Hardware Industry**

## Landscape of AI hardware industry

- global AI hardware market valued at \$66.96B in 2024, projected to grow significantly
- major companies - Nvidia, Intel, AMD, Qualcomm, and IBM w/ Nvidia holding substantial market share



- North America leading market - high R&D investments & key industry players
- Asia Pacific rapidly expanding - strong semiconductor industries in South Korea, China & Japan
- demand for advanced processors such as GPUs, TPUs & AI accelerators rising due to complexity of AI algorithms & high computational power



## Predictions for future of AI hardware market

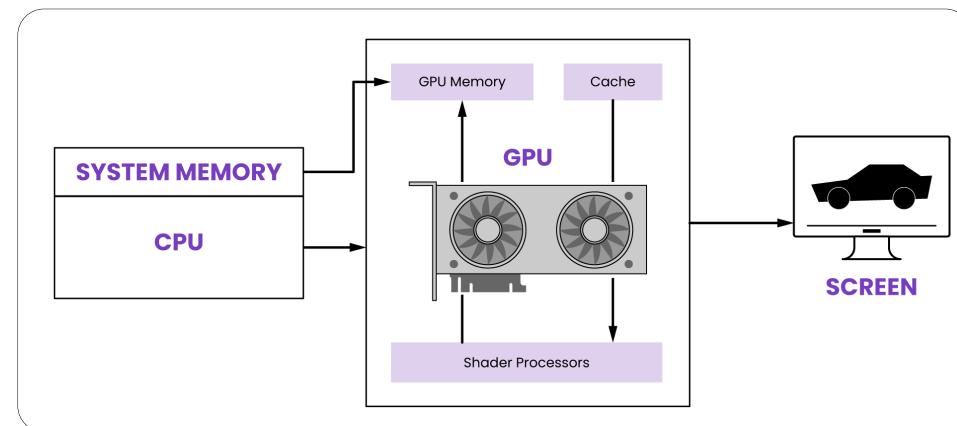
- AI hardware market expected to reach \$382B by 2032 - significant growth in data center AI chips
- integration of AI w/ 5G & increased use of AI in edge computing anticipated to drive future demand
- AI hardware becoming crucial in sectors such as autonomous vehicles, robotics & medical devices
- need to address challenges such as heat and power management along with technical complexities



# **GPUs and AI Accelerators**

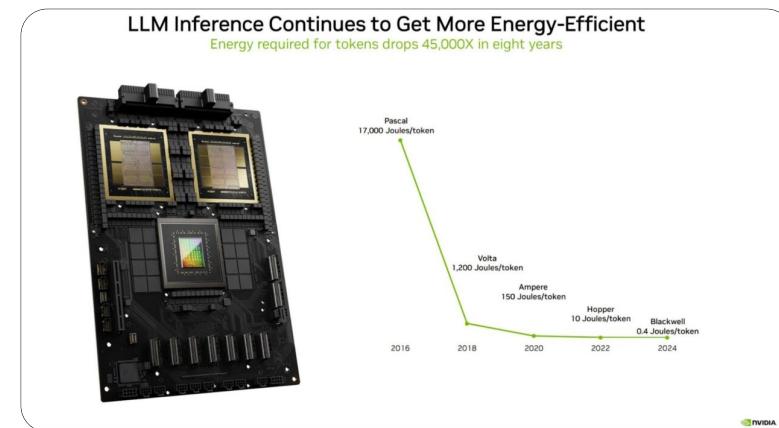
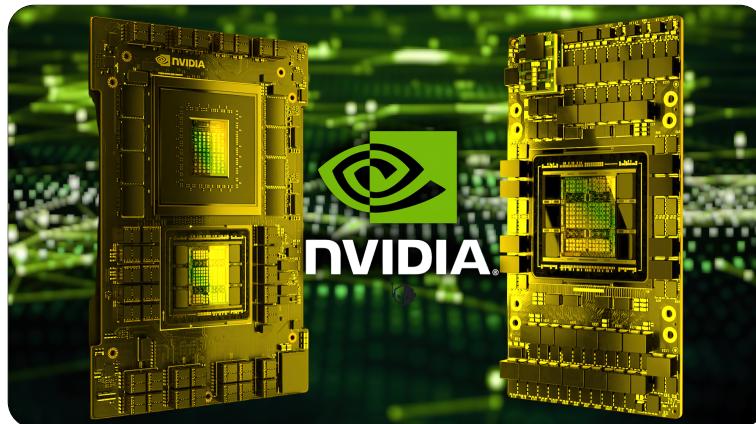
## Technical challenges of GPUs & AI accelerators

- facing challenges in scaling to handle increasingly large AI models and datasets - traditional architectures struggling w/ massive parallel processing demands of modern AI applications
- AI applications require extensive memory bandwidth often leading to bottlenecks - efficient memory management is crucial
- AI accelerators consume significant power - high operational costs and environmental concerns for both cloud-based & edge AI applications



## Potential solutions for overcoming challenges

- development of AI-specific architectures such as tensor cores and custom ASICs to improve efficiency and performance - novel architectures like FPGAs for specific AI tasks, *e.g.*, for RAG & vectorDB
- implementing software optimizations to enhance hardware usability and performance - use of compilers and frameworks that maximize efficiency of existing hardware
- encouraging market competition to drive innovation and reduce monopolistic control - exploring alternative hardware solutions and improving energy efficiency standards



## Big tech's in-house chip development

- shift towards in-house AI hardware - major tech companies increasingly developing their own AI chips - move to enhance AI capabilities and reduce dependence
- collaboration with specialized partners - partnering with specialized firms for manufacturing and technology blending in-house expertise with external innovation

|                        | Microsoft            | Google            | Amazon              | Meta               |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Chip                   | Maia 100             | TPU v5e           | Inferentia2         | MTIA v1            |
| Launch Date            | November, 2023       | August, 2023      | Early 2023          | 2025               |
| IP                     | ARM                  | ARM               | ARM                 | RISC-V             |
| Process Technology     | TSMC 5nm             | TSMC 5nm          | TSMC 7nm            | TSMC 7nm           |
| Transistor Count       | 105 billion          | -                 | -                   | -                  |
| INT8                   | -                    | 393 TOPS          | -                   | 102.4 TOPS         |
| FP16                   | -                    | -                 | -                   | 51.2 TFLOPS        |
| BF16                   | -                    | 197 TFLOPS        | -                   | -                  |
| Memory                 | -                    | -                 | -                   | LPDDR5             |
| TDP                    | -                    | -                 | -                   | 25W                |
| Packaging Technology   | CoWoS                | CoWoS             | CoWoS-S             | 2D                 |
| Collaborating Partners | Global Unichip Corp. | Broadcom          | Alchip Technologies | Andes Technology   |
| Application            | Training/Inference   | Inference         | Inference           | Training/Inference |
| LLM                    | GPT-3.5, GPT-4       | BERT, PaLM, LaMDA | Titan FM            | Llama, Llama2      |

## AMD - Nvidia's new competitor

- key points
  - AMD launched new AI accelerator chip, *Instinct MI300X*, on Dec 6, 2023
  - CDNA 3 architecture, mix of 5nm and 6nm IPs, delivering 153B transistors
  - *outperforms Nvidia's H100 TensorRT-LLM* by 1.6X higher memory bandwidth and 1.3X FP16 TFLOPS
  - up to 40% faster vs Nvidia's Llama-2 70B model in 8x8 server configurations
- market impact
  - significant challenge to Nvidia's dominance in AI accelerator market
  - performance gains over Nvidia's offerings could drive *customer adoption and market share for AMD*
- future prediction
  - *AMD stocks soared* since launch indicating investor confidence in their competitiveness
  - Lisa Su, AMD's CEO, categorized Instinct MI300X as “next big thing” in tech industry
  - potential risks include need to *manage ROCm vs CUDA software ecosystem* & ensure rapid customer adoption and production coverage

# **AI Accelerator Startups**

## AI accelerator startups

- innovative architectures - startups like Groq, SambaNova & Graphcore leading with *novel architectures designed to accelerate AI workloads*
  - *Groq* - tensor streaming processor (TSP) offering ultra-low latency & high throughput, high-performance AI inference chips enhancing speed & efficiency
  - *SambaNova* - reconfigurable dataflow architecture optimizing for various AI workloads
  - *Graphcore* - intelligence processing unit (IPU) tailored for graph-based computation excelling in sparse data processing
  - *Cerebras Systems* - develop wafer scale engine (WSE), largest chip built for AI workloads, unmatched computational power revolutionizing AI hardware capabilities
  - *Hailo* - specialize for edge devices optimizing AI processes for real-time applications, raised \$120M emphasizing potential to disrupt traditional AI chip markets

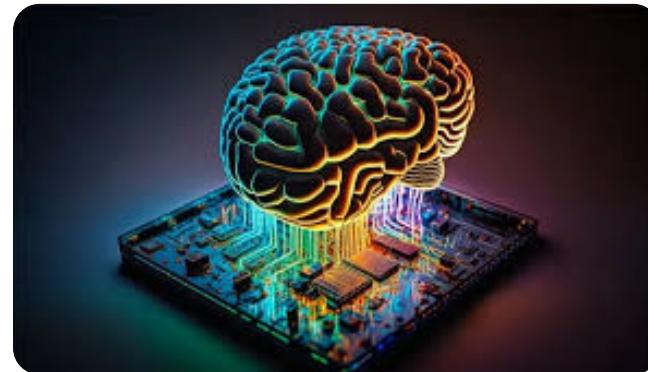


## Technological competitiveness

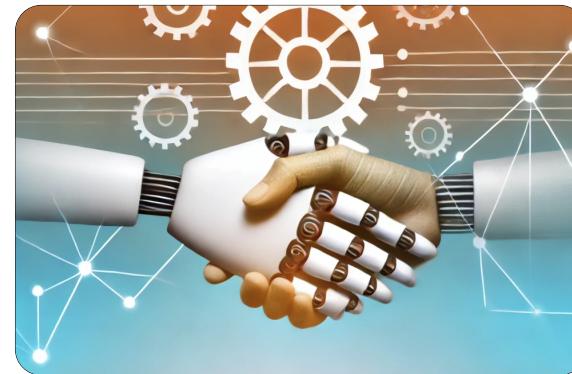
- energy efficiency
  - energy-efficient designs crucial for scalability in data centers and edge devices
  - startups developing solutions significantly reducing power consumption without compromising performance
- customization & flexibility
  - AI accelerators from startups often offer greater customization options for specific AI tasks compared to traditional GPUs
  - flexibility in hardware allows for tailored solutions that can outperform general-purpose accelerators in certain applications
- software integration
  - robust software ecosystems critical - startups investing in developing software stacks that optimize performance for their hardware
  - compatibility with existing AI frameworks is competitive advantage, *e.g.*, TensorFlow & PyTorch

## Industry and market influence

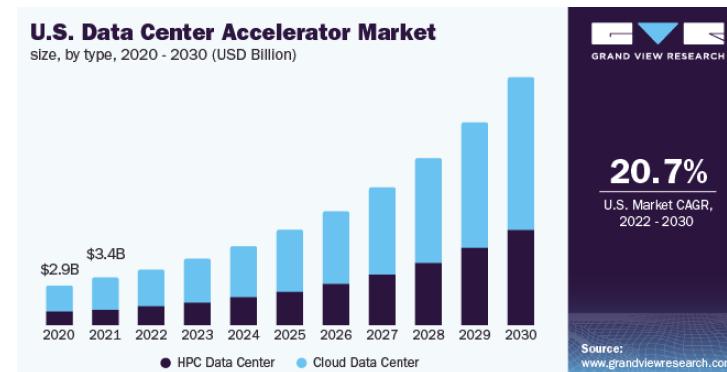
- disruption of traditional players
  - challenging dominance of established players like NVIDIA & Intel
  - unique architectures providing specialized solutions traditional GPUs and CPUs cannot efficiently handle
- driving down costs
  - offering competitive alternatives pushing down cost of AI computation
  - could lead to democratization of AI w/ more companies affording high-performance AI capabilities



- accelerating AI innovation
  - contributing to rapid innovation providing hardware that can handle emerging AI models & workloads
  - adaptability and specialization enable advancements in AI research & faster development cycles
- strategic partnerships & acquisitions
  - big techs increasingly forming strategic partnerships or acquiring startups to stay competitive
  - collaborations can speed up integration of advanced AI hardware into mainstream products



- market growth & opportunities
  - AI accelerator market expected to grow significantly driven by demand in data centers, edge computing & autonomous systems
  - startups well-positioned to capture significant share of growing market particularly in niche applications
- future outlook
  - dependency on Asia for fabrication might lead to strategic shifts in global tech policies and investments in local manufacturing
  - increasing demand for efficient AI processing on edge devices and in data center.



# **Global Semiconductor Industry**

## Hard-to-predict AI hardware markets

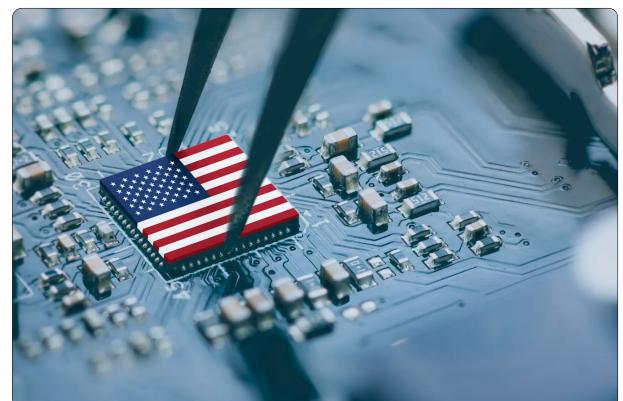
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  - birthplace for modern semiconductor chips driving PC market, internet, multi-media, mobile phones, and AI . . .
    - Intel, Texas Instrument (TI), Global Foundry
  - traditionally strong with design houses - NVIDIA, AMD, Broadcom, Apple, . . .
  - threatened experiencing global chip shortage & vulnerable supply chain via COVID
  - national security concerns & economic competitiveness
- China
  - strong fast followers - SMIC<sup>4</sup>, Huawei, Hua Hong Semiconductor (foundry)
- South Korea
  - best memory chip makers - Samsung, SK hynix
  - struggling with LSI and foundry business

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<sup>4</sup>SMIC - Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation

## Reshoring semiconductor manufacturing industry

- trade & semiconductor WAR between US & China
  - export controls on advanced chips and equipment
- CHIPS & Science Act (Aug, 2022)
  - \$52B in subsidies for domestic production, 25% investment tax credit for chip plants
  - (coerce) world-best semiconductor manufacturers build factories in US with support
    - GlobalFoundries - \$1.5B @ Feb-2024
    - Intel - \$8.5B @ Apr-2024 - Ohio - two fabs expandable to \$100B
    - Samsung - \$6.4B @ Apr-2024 - Talor, Texas
    - TSMC - \$6.6B @ Apr-2024 - Phoenix, Arizona
      - two foundry fabs (3nm & 4nm)



## Turmoils in global semiconductor business

- global context
  - EU Chips Act - €43B to boost European chip production
  - Japan & South Korea - significant investments in domestic capacity
- industry dynamics
  - Intel's foundry ambitions - targeting 50% global market share by 2030
  - TSMC expanding global footprint (US, Japan, possibly Germany)
- future outlook
  - projected shift in global semiconductor manufacturing landscape
  - increased geographical diversification of chip production

## Export controls on US chip technology to China



- goal - limit China's access to advanced semiconductor tech to maintain US strategic advantage
- impacts on
  - China - advanced chips and equipment not allowed, domestic innovation increased
  - US - short-term - US lose market share and revenue in China
  - US - long-term - potential decline in US global competitiveness
- Chinese response - circumvent controls and adapt supply chains
- conclusion
  - US-China chip rivalry transforms global supply chains with deep implications for *security & industry*
  - US success hinges on better coordination and policy analysis
- reference - [Balancing the Ledger - Center for Strategic & International Studies \(CSIS\)](#)

## China strikes back on US sanction

- **Huawei's launch of Mate 60 Pro smartphone**
  - these domestically produced chips represent major breakthrough against US sanctions
  - its success with *advanced 7nm Kirin 9000S chip* demonstrates significant progress in China's self-reliance in high-tech manufacturing - narrowing the technological gap with global leaders
- **Huawei case highlights potential failure of US sanctions potentially leading to more aggressive US measures**
  - US export controls on China's semiconductor industry are effective in the short term but insufficient to halt China's progress especially in legacy chip manufacturing
  - to maintain technological edge, US must balance further restrictions with supporting its semiconductor industry to avoid overreliance on export controls



## Chinese semiconductor companies

- Chinese major semiconductor companies
  - SMIC - China's largest chip foundry, advancing 7nm technology
  - HiSilicon - Huawei's chip design arm, crucial for the Kirin processors
  - YMTC - leader in 3D NAND memory chip production
  - Huahong Group, CXMT, SMEE, GigaDevice, UnilC Semiconductors, ASMC, etc.
- *SMIC shows significant progress in producing 7nm chips* & YMTC leads memory chip manufacturer - both face challenges from US export controls
- industry faces internal challenges, e.g., corruption & misallocation of resources
- but remains crucial to China's goal of technological self-reliance



# **Appendix**

# **Recent AI Development**

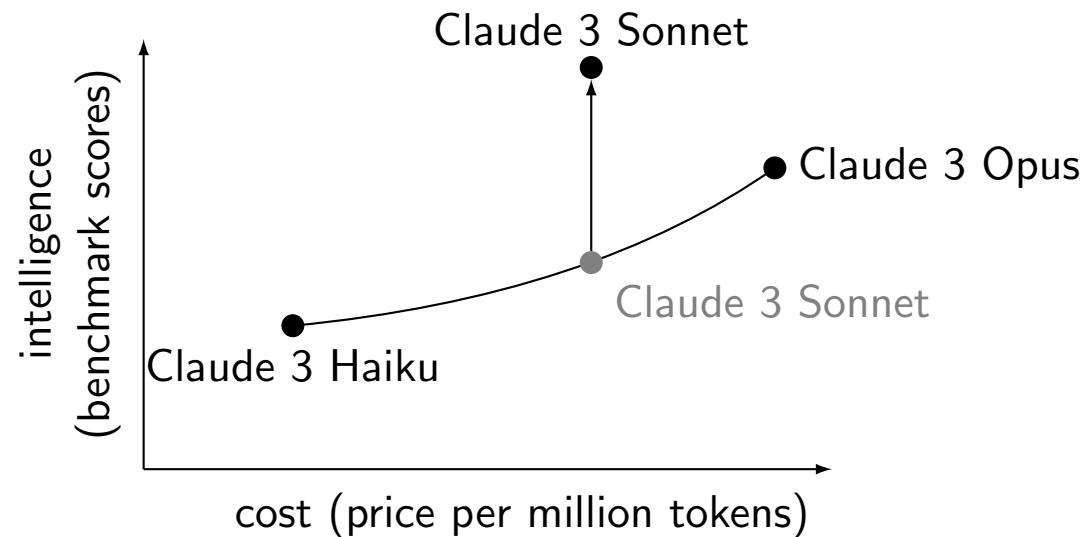
## Notable recent AI research and new development

- Claude 3.5 Sonnet
- Kolmogorov–Arnold networks (KAN)
- JEPA (*e.g.*, I-JEPA & V-JEPA) & consistency-diversity-realism trade-off

# **Claude 3.5 Sonnet**

## Claude 3.5 Sonnet

- Anthropic
  - releases Claude 3.5 Sonnet (Jul-2024)
    - when! GPT-4o accepted to be default best model for many tasks, *e.g.*, reasoning & summarization
  - claims Claude 3.5 Sonnet sets *new industry standard for intelligence*



## Main features & performance

- Claude 3.5 Sonnet shows off
  - improved vision tasks, 2x speed (compared to GPT-4o), artifacts - new UIs for, *e.g.*, code generation & animation
- with GPT-4o, Claude 3.5 Sonnet
  - wins at code generation
  - on par for logical reasoning
  - loses at logical reasoning
  - *wins at generation speed*

|                           | Claude 3.5<br>Sonnet | Claude 3<br>Opus | GPT-4o | Gemini 1.5<br>Pro |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------|-------------------|
| visual math reasoning     | 67.7%                | 50.5%            | 63.8%  | 63.9%             |
| science diagrams          | 94.7%                | 88.1%            | 94.2%  | 94.4%             |
| visual question answering | 68.3%                | 59.4%            | 69.1%  | 62.2%             |
| chart Q&A                 | 90.8%                | 80.8%            | 85.7%  | 87.2%             |
| document visual Q&A       | 95.2%                | 89.3%            | 92.8%  | 93.1%             |

**KAN**

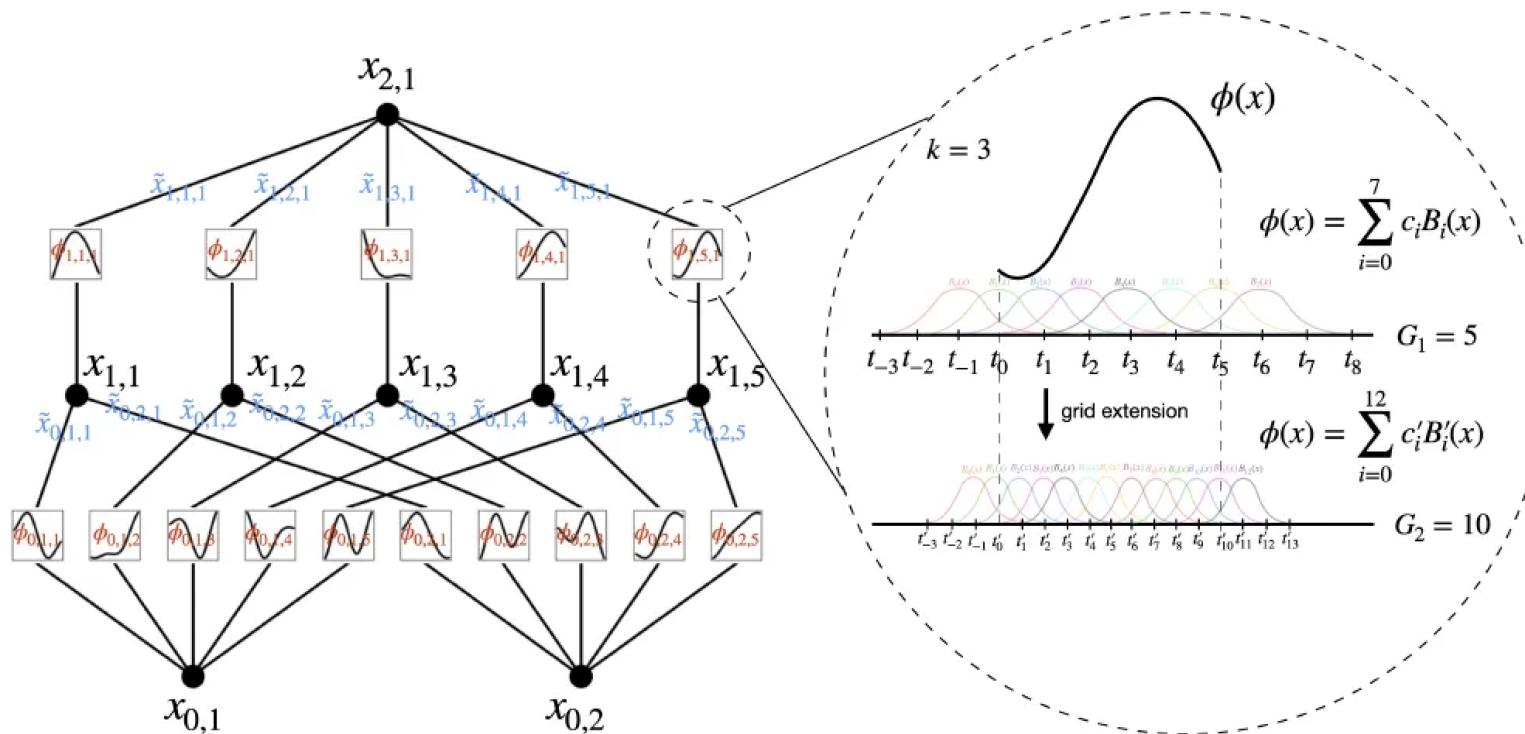
## Kolmogorov–Arnold networks (KAN)

- KAN: Kolmogorov-Arnold Networks - MIT, CalTech, Northeastern Univ. & IAIFI
- techniques
  - inspired by Kolmogorov-Arnold representation theorem - every  $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  can be written as finite composition of continuous functions of single variable, i.e.
$$f(x) = \sum_{q=0}^{2n} \Phi_q \left( \sum_{p=1}^n \phi_{q,p}(x_p) \right)$$
where  $\phi_{q,p} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  &  $\Phi_q : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$
  - replace (fixed) activation functions with learnable functions
  - use B-splines for learnable (uni-variate) functions - for flexibility & adaptability
- advantages
  - benefits structure of MLP on outside & splines on inside
  - reduce complexity and # parameters to achieve accurate modeling
  - *interpretable* by its nature
  - *better continual learning* - adapt to new data without forgetting thanks to local nature of spline functions

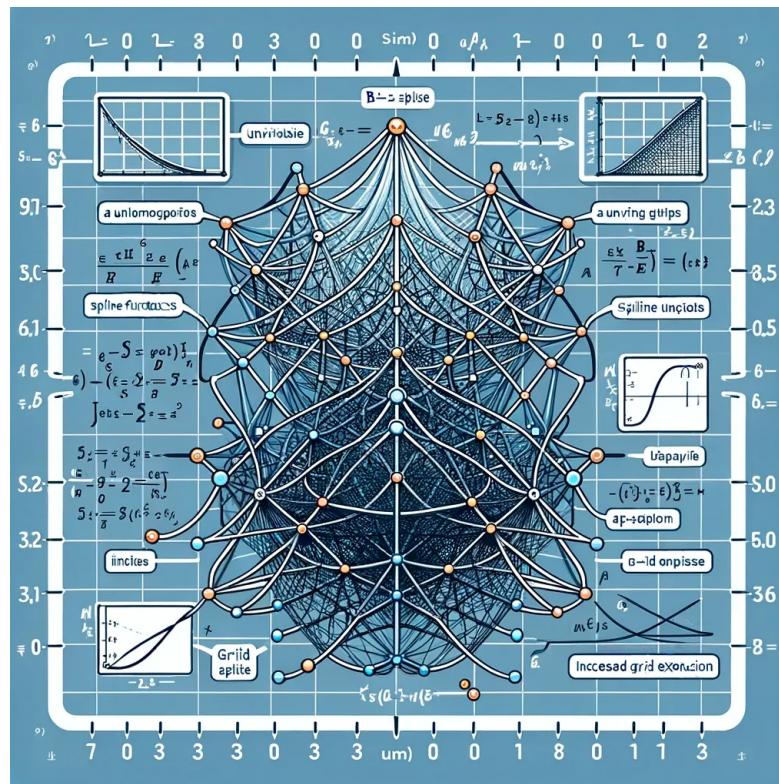
# MLP vs KAN

| Model             | <b>Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)</b>   | <b>Kolmogorov-Arnold Network (KAN)</b>   |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Theorem           | <b>Universal Approximation Theorem</b>  | <b>Kolmogorov-Arnold Representation Theorem</b>  |
| Formula (Shallow) | $f(\mathbf{x}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N(e)} a_i \sigma(\mathbf{w}_i \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_i)$   | $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{q=1}^{2n+1} \Phi_q \left( \sum_{p=1}^n \phi_{q,p}(x_p) \right)$   |
| Model (Shallow)   | <p>(a)</p> <p>fixed activation functions on nodes</p> <p>learnable weights on edges</p>   | <p>(b)</p> <p>learnable activation functions on edges</p> <p>sum operation on nodes</p>  |
| Formula (Deep)    | $\text{MLP}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{W}_3 \circ \sigma_2 \circ \mathbf{W}_2 \circ \sigma_1 \circ \mathbf{W}_1)(\mathbf{x})$   | $\text{KAN}(\mathbf{x}) = (\Phi_3 \circ \Phi_2 \circ \Phi_1)(\mathbf{x})$  |
| Model (Deep)      | <p>(c)</p> <p>MLP(<math>\mathbf{x}</math>)</p> <p><math>\mathbf{W}_3</math></p> <p><math>\sigma_2</math></p> <p><math>\mathbf{W}_2</math></p> <p><math>\sigma_1</math></p> <p><math>\mathbf{W}_1</math></p> <p><math>\mathbf{x}</math></p> <p>nonlinear; fixed</p> <p>linear; learnable</p> | <p>(d)</p> <p>KAN(<math>\mathbf{x}</math>)</p> <p><math>\Phi_3</math></p> <p><math>\Phi_2</math></p> <p><math>\Phi_1</math></p> <p><math>\mathbf{x}</math></p> <p>nonlinear; learnable</p> |

## KAN architecture with spline parametrization unit layer



## Future work on KAN



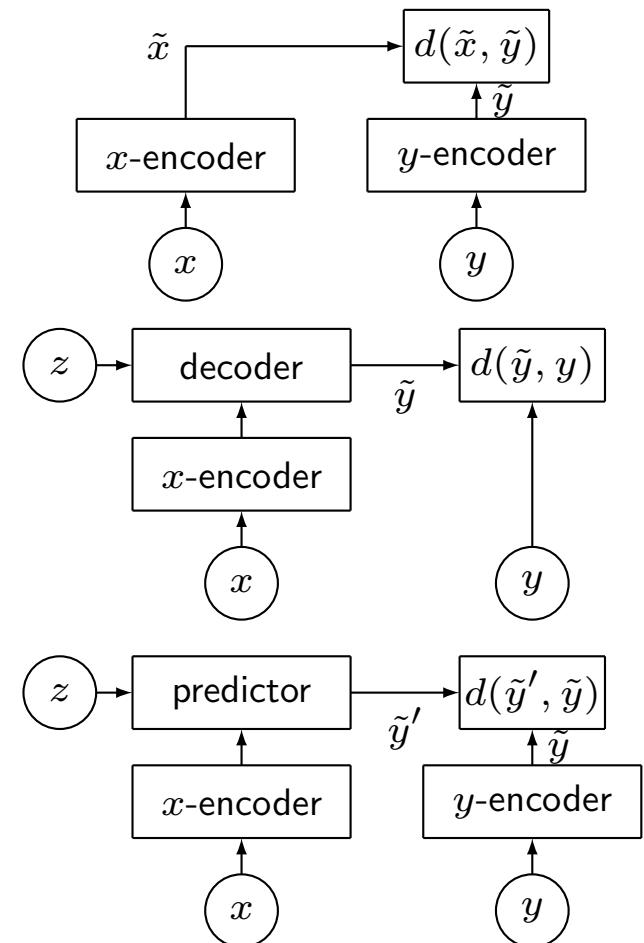
- natural question is
    - what if use both MLP and KAN?
    - what if use other types of splines?
    - how to control forgetfulness of continual learning?
    - why functions of one variable? possible to use functions of two variables?

(figure created by DALLE-3)

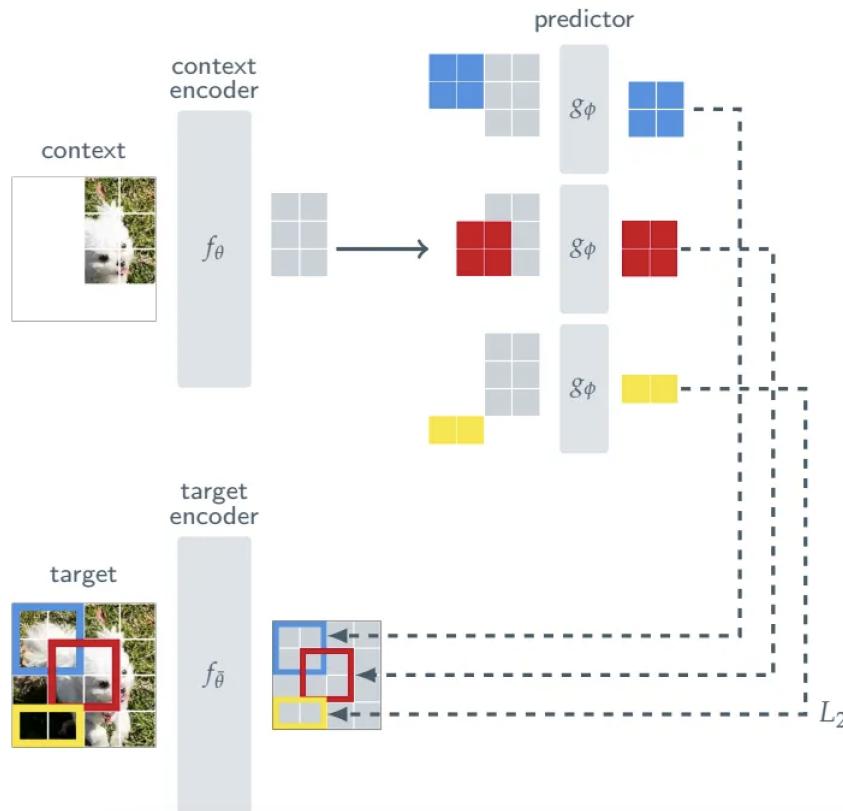
**JEPA**

## Joint-Embedding Predictive Architecture (JEPA)

- Self-Supervised Learning from Images with a Joint-Embedding Predictive Architecture (JEPA) - Yann LeCun et al. - Jan-2023
  - joint-embedding architecture (JEA)
    - output similar embeddings for compatible inputs  $x, y$  and dissimilar embeddings for incompatible inputs
  - generative architecture
    - directly reconstruct signal  $y$  from compatible signal  $x$  using decoder network conditioned on additional variables  $z$  to facilitate reconstruction
  - joint-embedding predictive architecture (JEPA)
    - similar to generative architecture, but comparison is done in embedding space
    - e.g., I-JEPA learns  $y$  (masked portion) from  $x$  (unmasked portion) conditioned on  $z$  (position of mask)



## Learning semantic representation better



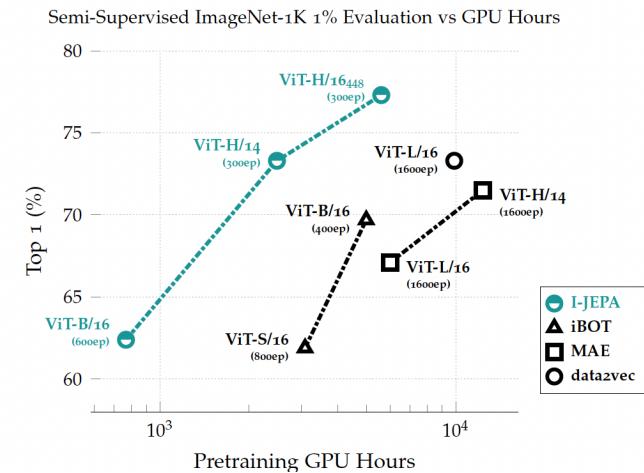
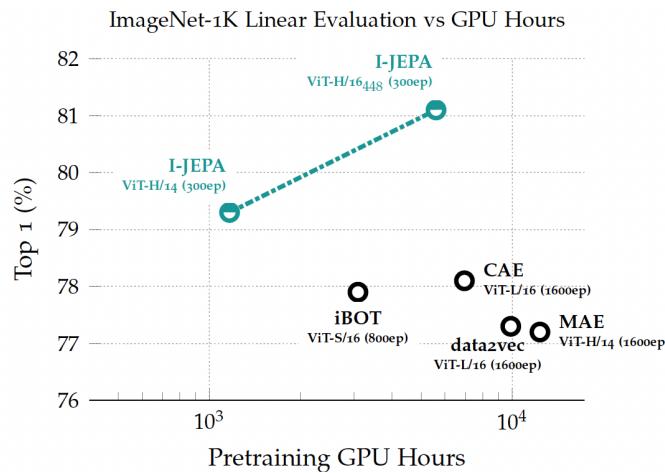
- I-JEPA

- predicts missing information in *abstract representation space*
- e.g., given single context block (unmasked part of the image), predict representations of various target blocks (masked regions of same image) where target representations computed by learned target-encoder
- generates *semantic representations* (not pixel-wise information) potentially eliminating unnecessary pixel-level details & allowing model to concentrate on learning more semantic features

## I-JEPA outperforms other algorithms

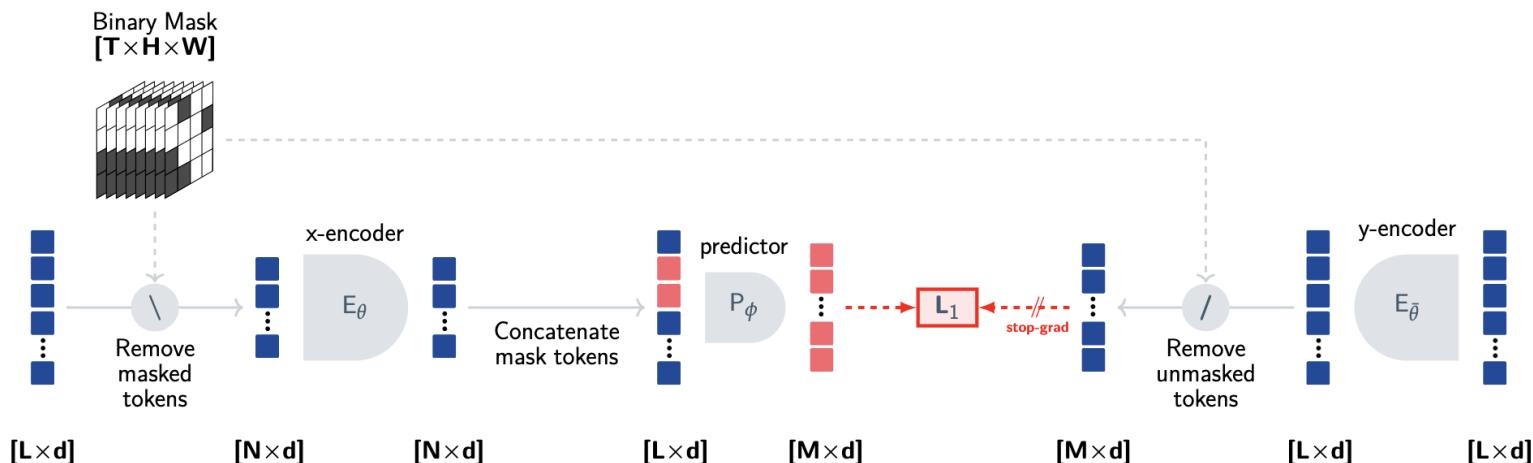
| Method   | Arch.    | CIFAR100    | Places205   | iNat18      |
|--|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Methods without view data augmentations</i>     |          |             |             |             |
| data2vec [8]                                       | ViT-L/16 | 81.6        | 54.6        | 28.1        |
| MAE [36]   | ViT-H/14 | 77.3        | 55.0        | 32.9        |
| I-JEPA   | ViT-H/14 | <b>87.5</b> | <b>58.4</b> | <b>47.6</b> |
| <i>Methods using extra view data augmentations</i> |          |             |             |             |
| DINO [18]  | ViT-B/8  | 84.9        | 57.9        | 55.9        |
| iBOT [79]  | ViT-L/16 | <b>88.3</b> | <b>60.4</b> | <b>57.3</b> |

| Method   | Arch.    | Clevr/Count | Clevr/Dist  |
|--|----------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Methods without view data augmentations</i> |          |             |             |
| data2vec [8]                                   | ViT-L/16 | 85.3        | 71.3        |
| MAE [36]                                       | ViT-H/14 | <b>90.5</b> | <b>72.4</b> |
| I-JEPA   | ViT-H/14 | 86.7        | <b>72.4</b> |
| <i>Methods using extra data augmentations</i>  |          |             |             |
| DINO [18]                                      | ViT-B/8  | 86.6        | 53.4        |
| iBOT [79]                                      | ViT-L/16 | 85.7        | 62.8        |



## V-JEPA

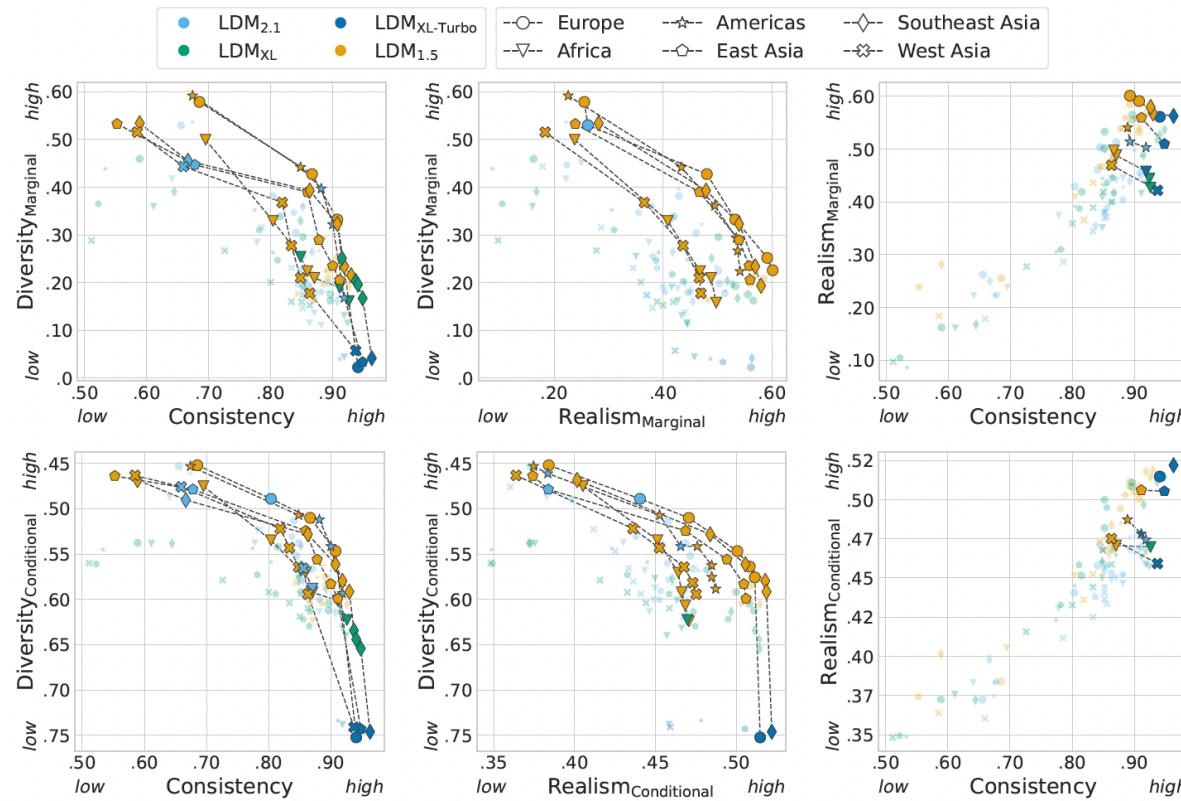
- Revisiting Feature Prediction for Learning Visual Representations from Video - Yann LeCun et al. - Feb-2024
  - essentially same ideas of JEPA - loss function is calculated in embedding space - for better semantic representation learning (rather than pixel-wise learning)



## More realistic generative model becomes, less diverse it becomes

- Consistency-diversity-realism Pareto fronts of conditional image generative models - FAIR at Meta - Montreal, Paris & New York City labs, McGill University, Mila, Quebec AI institute, Canada CIFAR AI - Jun-2024
  - realism comes at the cost of coverage, *i.e.*, *the most realistic systems are mode-collapsed!*
  - intuition (or hunch)
    - world models should *not* be generative - should make predictions in representation space - in representation space, unpredictable or irrelevant information is absent
- main argument in favor of JEPA

## Consistency-diversity-realism trade-off



# **AI Products**

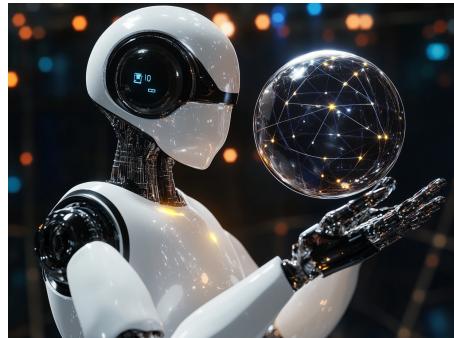
## AI product development - trend and characteristics

- *rapid pace* of innovation - new AI models & products being released at unprecedented rate, improvements coming in weeks or months (rather than years)
- *LLMs dominating* - models like GPT-4 & Claude pushing boundaries in NLP & genAI
- *multimodal AI* gaining traction - models processing & generating text, images & even video becoming more common, e.g., Grok, GPT-4, Gemini w/ vision capabilities
- *open-source* AI movement - growing trend of open-source AI models and tools, challenging dominance of proprietary systems
- *AI integration in everyday products* - from smartphones to home appliances, AI being integrated into wide array of consumer products



# AI product development - trend and characteristics

- *ethical AI & regulatory focus* - increased attention on ethical implications of AI & calls for regulation of AI development and deployment
  - AI in enterprise - businesses across industries rapidly adopting AI for various applications
  - *specialized AI models* - development of AI models tailored for specific industries or tasks, e.g., healthcare, biotech, financial analysis
  - AI-assisted *coding and development* - help software developers write code more efficiently & tools becoming increasingly sophisticated
  - *concerns about AI safety & existential risk* - growing debate about potential short & long-term risks of advanced AI



## LLM products

- OpenAI - ChatGPT 4o, GPT-4 Turbo Canvas
- Anthropic - Claude 3.5 Sonnet (with Artifacts), Claude 3 Opus, Claude 3 Haiku
- Mistral AI - Mistral 7B, Mistral Large 2, Mistral Small xx.xx, Mistral Nemo (12B)
- Google - Gemini (w/ 1.5 Flash), Gemini Advanced (w/ 1.5 Pro)
- X - Grok [mini] [w/ Fun Mode]
- Perplexity AI - Perplexity [Pro] - combines GPT-4, Claude 3.5, and Llama 3
- Liquid AI - Liquid-40B, Liquid-3B (running on small devices)

flying cats generated by Grok, ChatGPT 4o & Gemini



## Comparison of LLMs & LLM products

| model   | developer | training data                   | # params      | strength   | weakness   |
|---------|-----------|---------------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| GPT-4   | OpenAI    | web & books                     | 170B          | advanced reasoning & multimodal capabilities                       | high computational resources                           |
| LLaMA-2 | Meta      | public info & research articles | 7~70B         | open access & good performance for different sizes                 | not powerful for complex tasks                         |
| Claude  | Anthropic | mix of high-quality datasets    | not disclosed | safety-first approach avoiding harmful responses                   | limited in publicly available details                  |
| PaLM 2  | Google    | multilingual text corpus        | 540B          | high multilingual comprehension supporting various downstream apps | significant resources & not versatile in some contexts |

## Comparison of LLMs & LLM products

| model                         | developer            | training data                              | # params                      | strength   | weakness                                 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|--|
| BLOOM                         | BigScience Community | diverse multilingual corpus (46 languages) | 176B                          | open & support multiple languages  | resource-intensive & lower performance   |
| Mistral <sup>5</sup>          | Mistral AI           | public web data                            | 7~13B                         | lower parameter count  | limited scalability for specialized apps |
| Liquid Foundation Model (LFM) | Liquid AI            | adaptive datasets                          | adaptive & dynamic parameters | modular & support more specialized fine-tuning for niche use-cases & adaptable in deployment | complexity in design and implementation  |

## Multimodal genAI products

- DALL-E by OpenAI
  - *generate unique and detailed images based on textual descriptions*
  - understanding context and relationships between words
- Midjourney by Midjourney
  - let people *create imaginative artistic images*
  - can interactively guide the generative process, providing high-level directions



## Multimodal genAI products

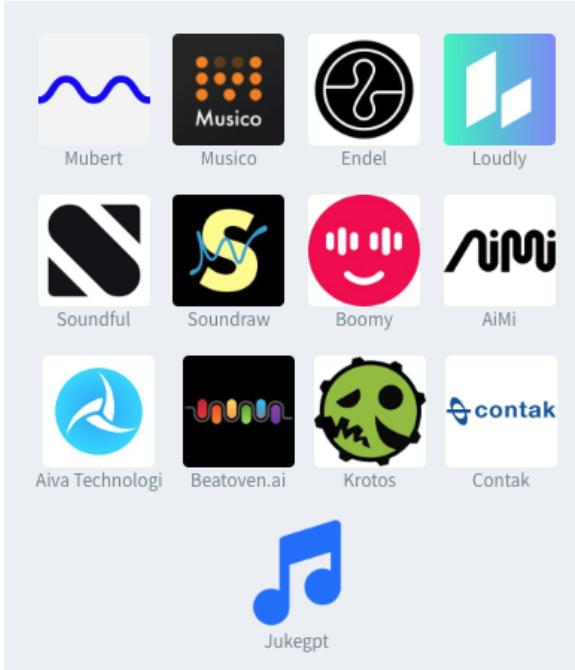


- Dream Studio by Stability AI
  - *analyze patterns in music data & generates novel compositions*
  - musicians can explore new ideas and enhance their *creative* processes
  
- Runway by Runway AI
  - *realistic images, manipulate photos, create 3D models & automate filmmaking*

# Diverse AI products

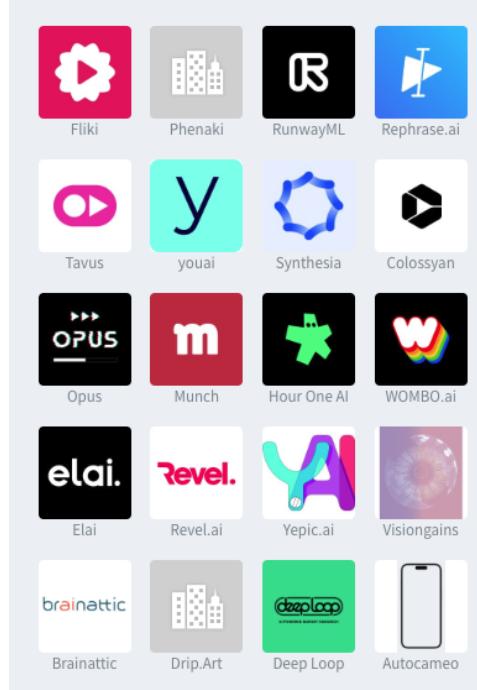
## Audio: music generation

Combined funding \$ 61M



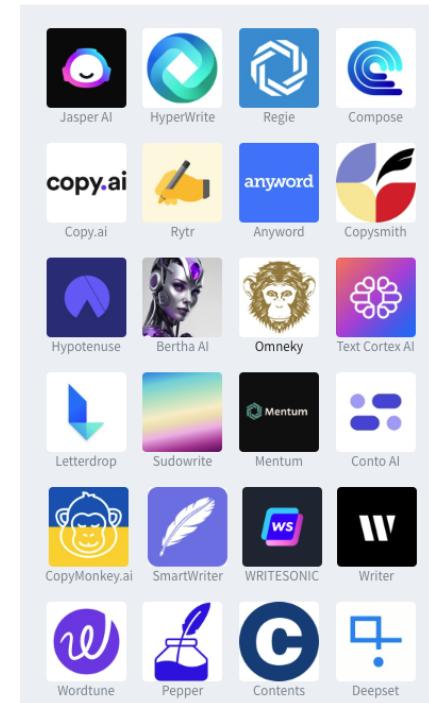
## Video

Combined funding \$ 428M



## Text: copy & writing

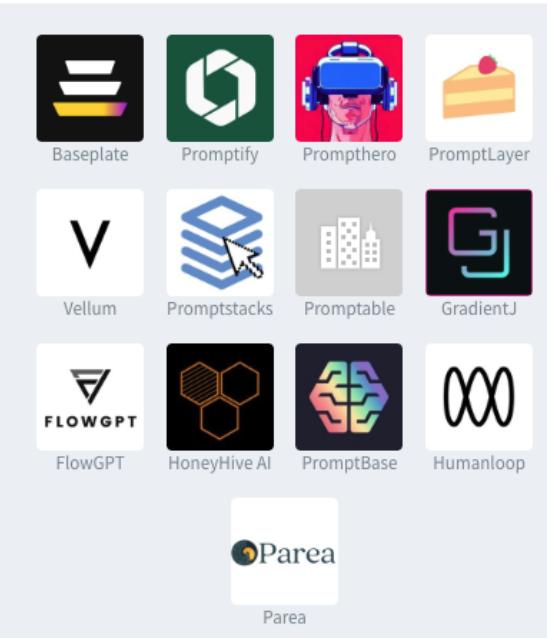
Combined funding \$ 863M



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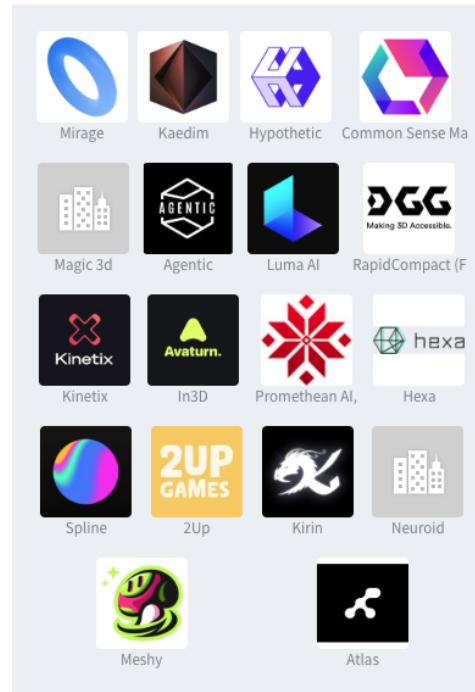
## LLMs tools: Prompt Engineering and Management

Combined funding \$ 7.5M



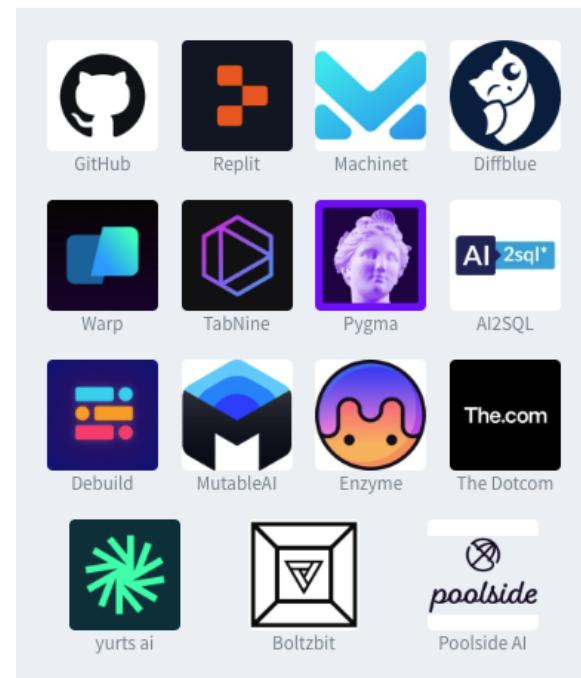
## Gaming & design: 3d assets & worlds

Combined funding \$ 117M



## Code: code generation

Combined funding \$ 828M



**AI & Biotech**

## AI in biology

- AI has been used in biological sciences, and science in general
- AI's ability to process large amounts of raw, unstructured data (*e.g.*, DNA sequence data)
  - reduces time and cost to conduct experiments in biology
  - enables others types of experiments that previously were unattainable
  - contributes to broader field of engineering biology or biotechnology
- AI increases human ability to make direct changes at cellular level and create novel genetic material (*e.g.*, DNA and RNA) to obtain specific functions.

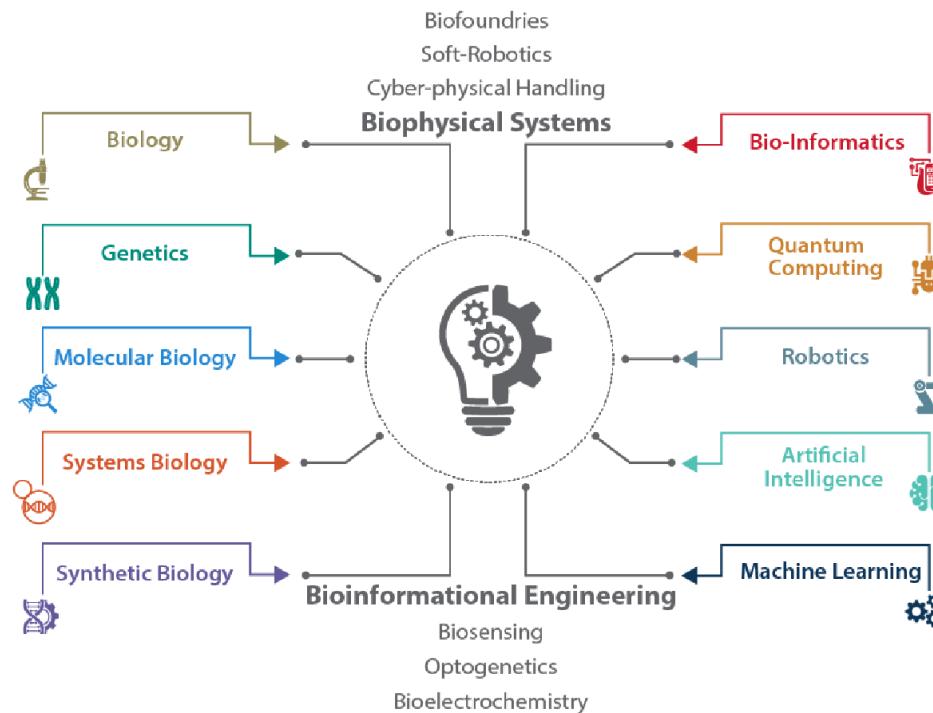
**Biotech**

## Biotech

- biotechnology
  - is multidisciplinary field leveraging broad set of sciences and technologies
  - relies on and builds upon advances in other fields such as nanotechnology & robotics, and, increasingly, AI
  - enables researchers to read and write DNA
    - sequencing technologies “read” DNA while gene synthesis technologies takes sequence data and “write” DNA turning data into physical material
- 2018 National Defense Strategy & senior US defense and intelligence officials identified emerging technologies that could have disruptive impact on US national security [[Say21](#)]
  - artificial intelligence, lethal autonomous weapons, hypersonic weapons, directed energy weapons, *biotechnology*, quantum technology
- other names for biotechnology are engineering biology, synthetic biology, biological science (when discussed in context of AI)

## biotech - multidisciplinary field

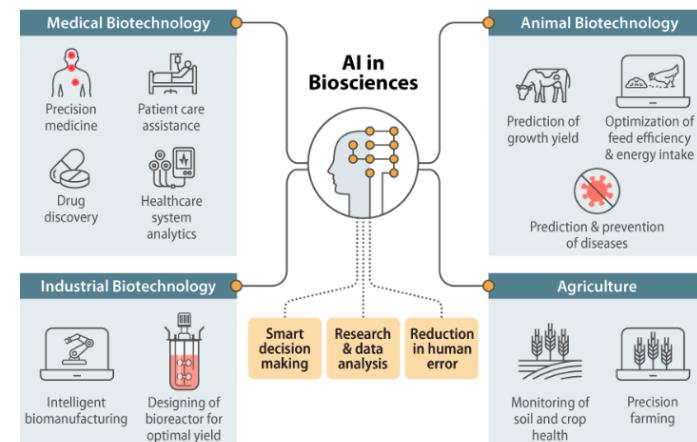
- sciences and technologies enabling biotechnology include, but not limited to,
  - (molecular) biology, genetics, systems biology, synthetic biology, bio-informatics, quantum computing, robotics [DFJ22]



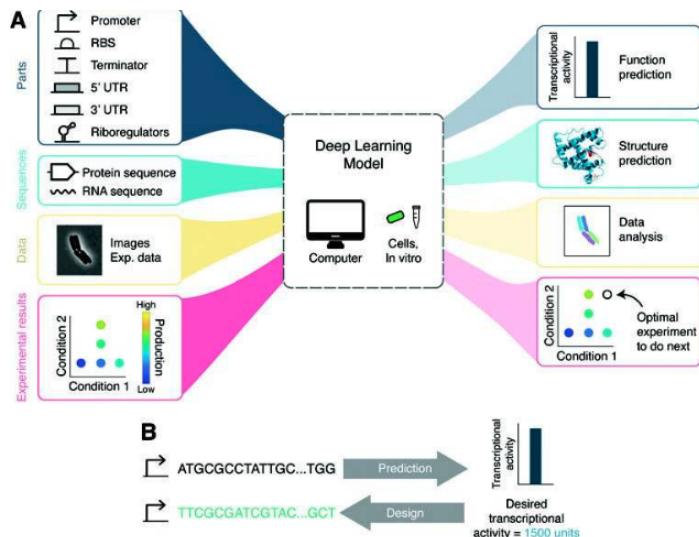
# Convergence of AI and biological design

- both AI & biological sciences increasingly converging [BKP22]
  - each building upon the other's capabilities for new research and development across multiple areas
- Demo Hassabis, CEO & cofounder of DeepMind, said of biology [Toe23]
 

“. . . biology can be thought of as information processing system, albeit extraordinarily complex and dynamic one . . . just as mathematics turned out to be the right description language for physics, biology may turn out to be *the perfect type of regime for the application of AI!*”
- Both AI & biotech rely on and build upon advances in other scientific disciplines and technology fields, such as nanotechnology, robotics, and increasingly big data (e.g., genetic sequence data)
  - each of these fields itself convergence of multiple sciences and technologies
- so *their impacts can combine to create new capabilities*



## Multi-source genetic sequence data



- AI is essential to analyzing exponential growth of genetic sequence data
  - "AI will be essential to fully understanding how genetic code interacts with biological processes"
  - US National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (NSCAI)
- process huge amounts of biological data, e.g., genetic sequence data, coming from different biological sources for understanding complex biological systems
  - sequence data, molecular structure data, image data, time-series, omics data
- e.g., analyze genomic data sets to determine the genetic basis of particular trait and potentially uncover genetic markers linked with that trait

## Quality & quantity of biological data

- limiting factor, however, is quality and quantity of the biological data, *e.g.*, DNA sequences, that AI is trained on
  - *e.g.*, accurate identification of particular species based on DNA requires reference sequences of *sufficient quality* to exist and be available
- databases have varying standards - access, type and quality of information
- design, management, quality standards, and data protocols for reference databases can affect utility of particular DNA sequence

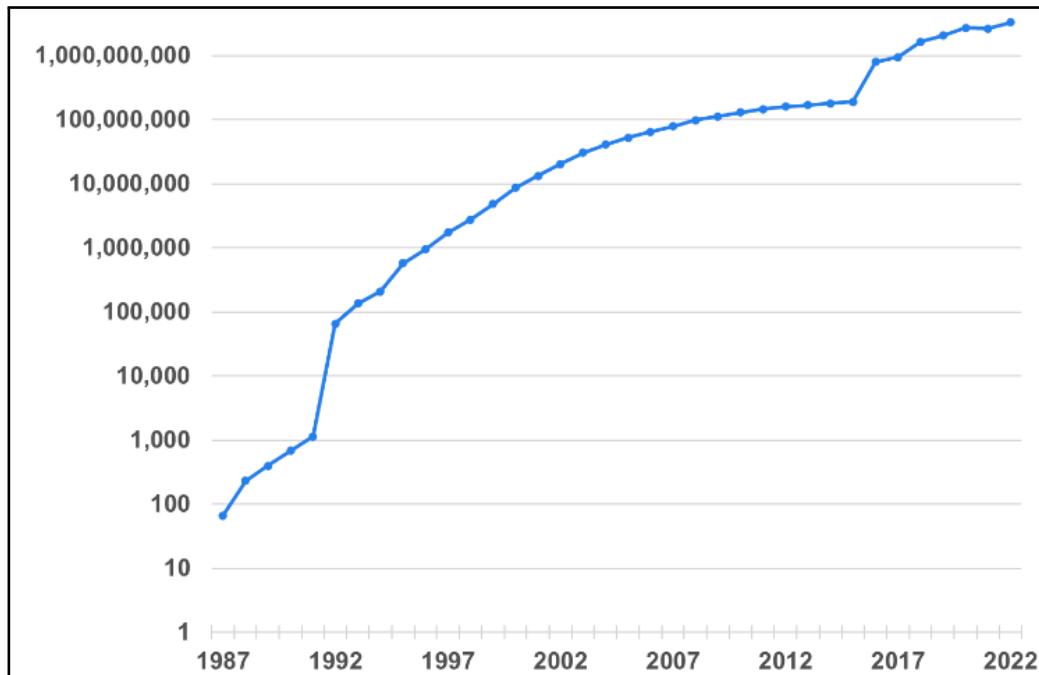
## Rapid growth of biological data

- volume of genetic sequence data grown exponentially as sequencing technology has evolved
- more than 1,700 databases incorporating data on genomics, protein sequences, protein structures, plants, metabolic pathways, *etc.*, *e.g.*
  - open-source public database
    - Protein Data Bank, US-funded data center, contains more than *terabyte of three-dimensional structure data* for biological molecules, including proteins, DNA, and RNA
  - proprietary database
    - Gingko Bioworks - possesses more than *2B protein sequences*
  - public research groups
    - Broad Institute - produces roughly *500 terabases of genomic data per month*
- great potential value in aggregate volume of genetic datasets that can be collectively mined to discover and characterize relationships among genes

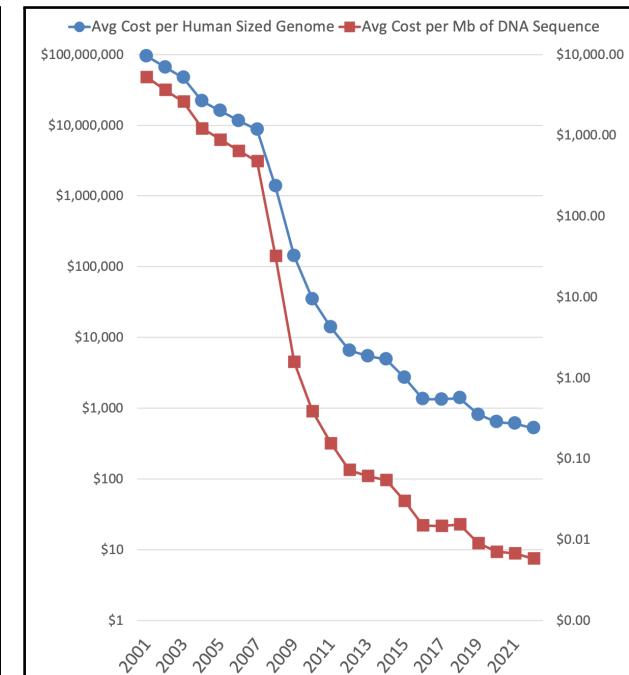
## Volume and sequencing cost of DNA over time

- volume of DNA sequences & DNA sequencing cost
  - data source: National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) [[Wet23](#)] & International Nucleotide Sequence Database Collaboration (INSDC)

# sequences in INSDC



DNA sequencing cost



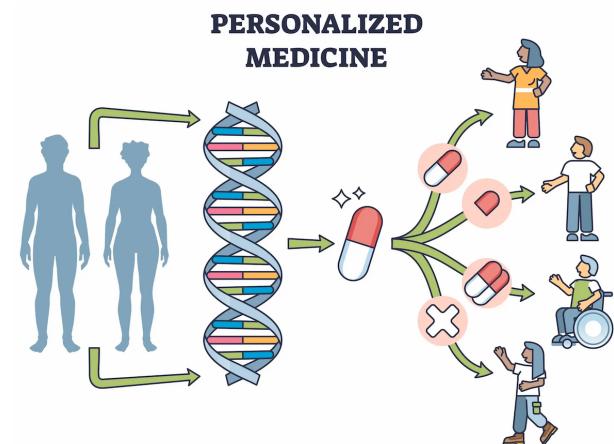
## Bio data availability and bias

- US National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (NSCAI) recommends
  - US fund and prioritize development of a biobank containing "*wide range of high-quality biological and genetic data sets securely accessible by researchers*"
  - establishment of database of broad range of human, animal, and plant genomes would
    - *enhance and democratize biotechnology innovations*
    - *facilitate new levels of AI-enabled analysis of genetic data*
- bias - availability of genetic data & decisions about selection of genetic data can introduce bias, e.g.
  - training AI model on datasets emphasizing or omitting certain genetic traits can affect how information is used and types of applications developed - *potentially privileging or disadvantaging certain populations*
  - access to data and to AI models themselves may impact communities of differing socioeconomic status or other factors unequally

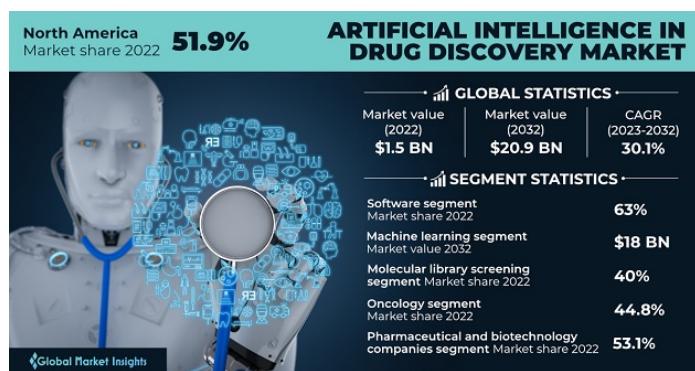
# **Emerging Trends in Biotech**

## Personalized medicine

- *shift from one-size-fits-all approach to tailored treatments*
- based on individual genetic profiles, lifestyles & environments
- AI enables analysis of vast data to predict patient responses to treatments, thus enhancing efficacy and reducing adverse effects
- e.g., custom cancer therapies, personalized treatment plans for rare diseases & precision pharmacogenomics.
- companies - Tempus, Foundation Medicine, etc.



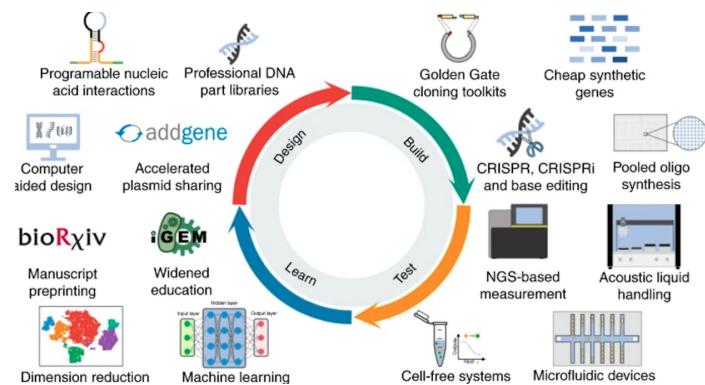
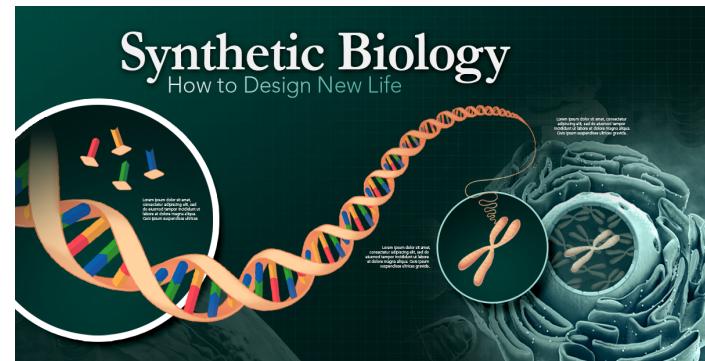
# AI-driven drug discovery



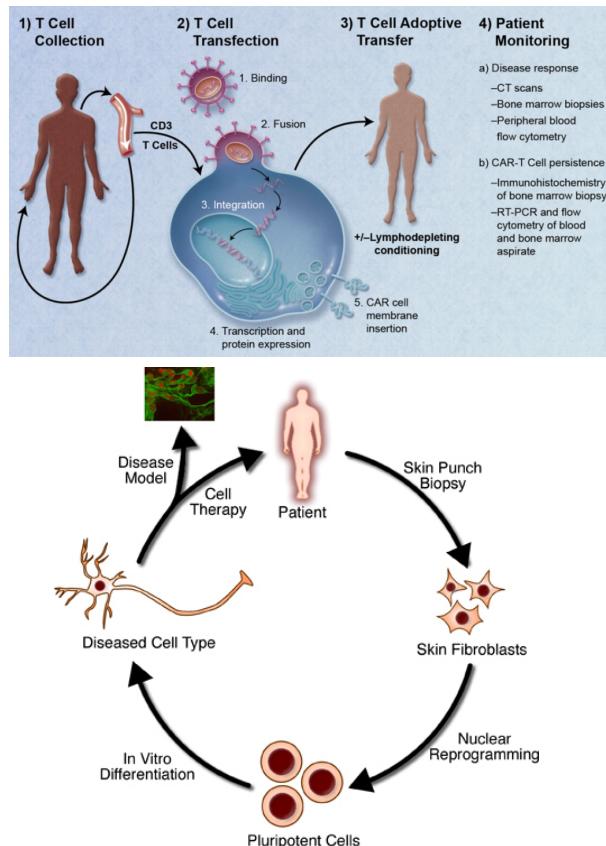
- traditional drug discovery process - time-consuming and costly often taking decades and billions of dollars
- AI streamlines this process by predicting the efficacy and safety of potential compounds with more speed and accuracy
- AI models analyze chemical databases to identify new drug candidates or repurpose existing drugs for new therapeutic uses
- companies - Insilico Medicine, Atomwise.

## Synthetic biology

- use AI for gene editing, biomaterial production and synthetic pathways
- combine principles of biology and engineering to design and construct new biological entities
- AI optimizes synthetic biology processes from designing genetic circuits to scaling up production
- company - Ginkgo Bioworks uses AI to design custom microorganisms for applications ranging from pharmaceuticals to industrial chemicals



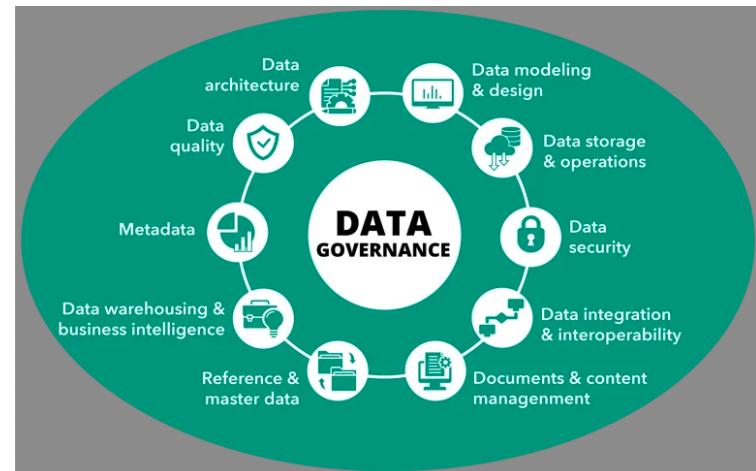
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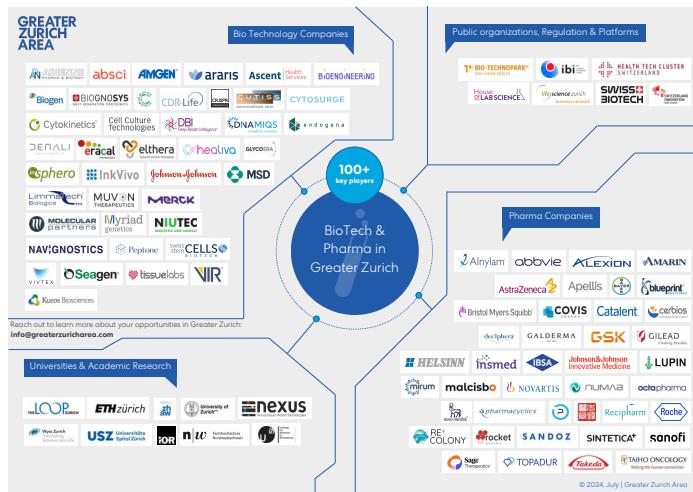
- AI advances development of stem cell therapies & tissue engineering
- AI algorithms assist in identifying optimal cell types, predicting cell behavior & personalized treatments
- particularly for conditions such as neurodegenerative diseases, heart failure and orthopedic injuries
- company - Organovo leverages AI to potentially improve the efficacy and scalability of regenerative therapies, developing next-generation treatments

## Bio data integration

- integration of disparate data sources, including genomic, proteomic & clinical data - one of biggest challenges in biotech & healthcare
- AI delivers meaningful insights *only when* seamless data integration and interoperability realized
- developing platforms facilitating comprehensive, longitudinal patient data analysis - vital enablers of AI in biotech
- company - Flatiron Health working on integrating diverse datasets to provide holistic view of patient health



# Biotech companies



- Atomwise - small molecule drug discovery
- Cradle - protein design
- Exscientia - precision medicine
- Iktos - small molecule drug discovery and design
- Insilico Medicine - full-stack drug discovery system
- Schrödinger, Inc. - use physics-based models to find best possible molecule
- Absci Corporation - antibody design, creating new from scratch antibodies, *i.e.*, “*de novo* antibodies”, and testing them in laboratories

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