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AI in Action - Biotechnology and Industrial Applications

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Highlight of Career Journey

- BS in EE @ SNU, MS & PhD in EE @ Stanford University
 - *Convex optimization - theory & algorithms* - advised by *Prof. Stephen P. Boyd*
- Principal Engineer @ Samsung Semiconductor, Inc.
 - AI & optimization - collaborating with *DRAM/NAND Design/Manufacturing/Test Teams*
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 - e-Commerce AIs - time-series anomaly detection, deep reinforcement learning & recommender system
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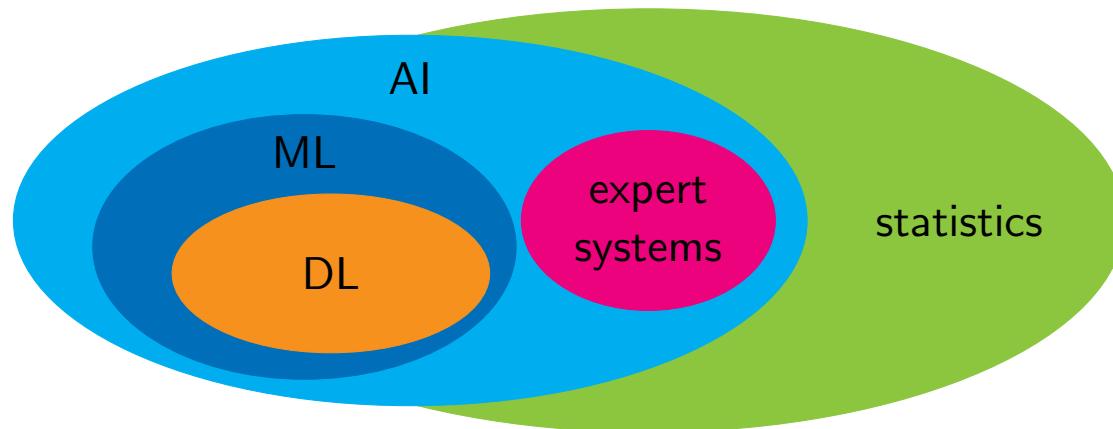
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Artificial Intelligence

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⁺22]



History of AI



Significant AI Achievements - 2014 – 2024

Deep learning revolution

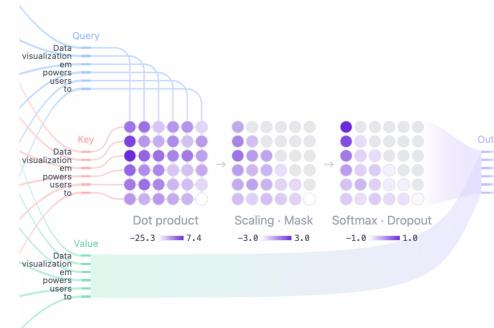
- 2012 – 2015 - DL revolution¹
 - CNNs demonstrated exceptional performance in image recognition, e.g., *AlexNet's victory in ImageNet competition*
 - widespread adoption of DL learning in CV transforming industries
- 2016 - AlphaGo defeats human Go champion
 - DeepMind's AlphaGo defeated world champion in Go, extremely complex game *believed to be beyond AI's reach*
 - significant milestone in RL - AI's potential in solving complex & strategic problems



¹DL: deep learning, CNN: convolutional neural network, CV: computer vision, RL: reinforcement learning

Transformer changes everything

- 2017 – 2018 - Transformers & NLP breakthroughs²
 - *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



²NLP: natural language processing, GPT: generative pre-trained transformer

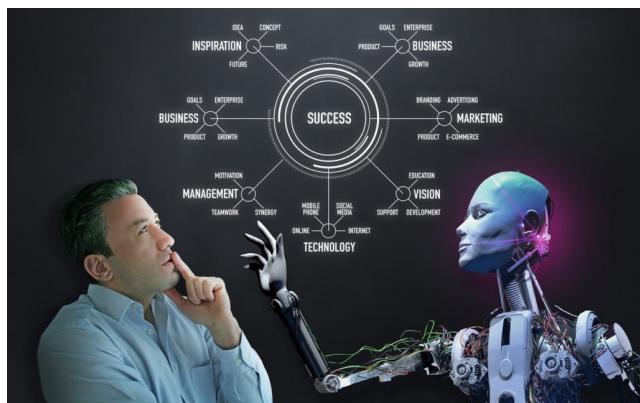
Lots of breakthroughs in AI technology and applications in 2024

- 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

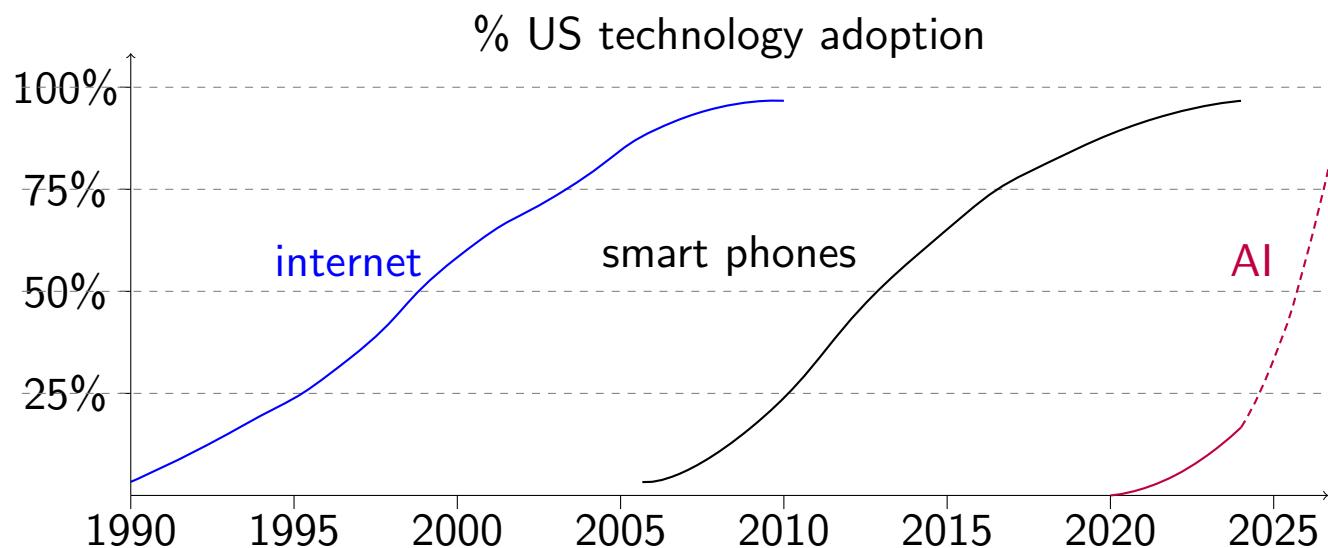
- accelerating human-AI collaboration
 - not only reshaping industries but *altering how humans interact with technology*
 - AI's role as collaborator and augmentor redefines productivity, creativity, the way we address global challenges, e.g., *sustainability & healthcare*
- AI-driven automation *transforms 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

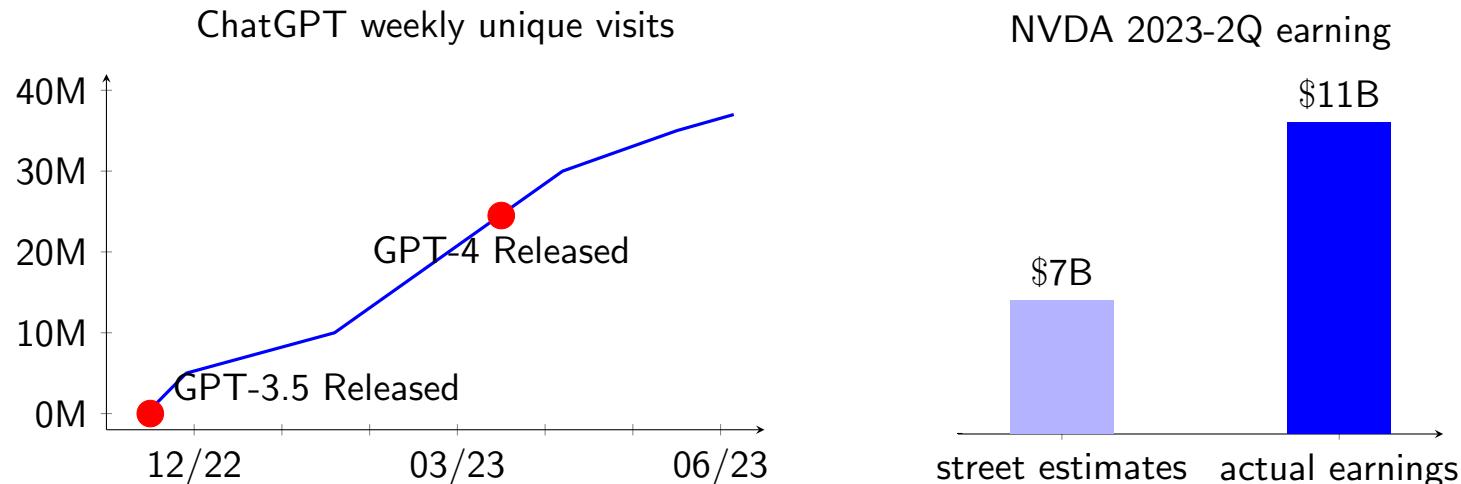
Where are we in AI today?

- 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

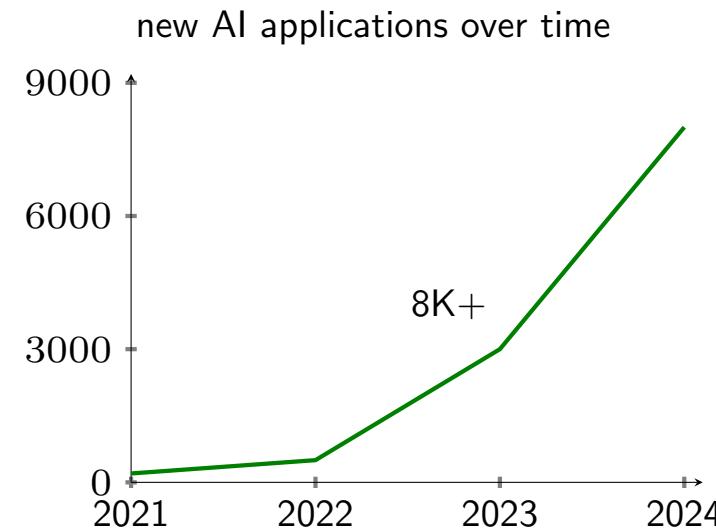
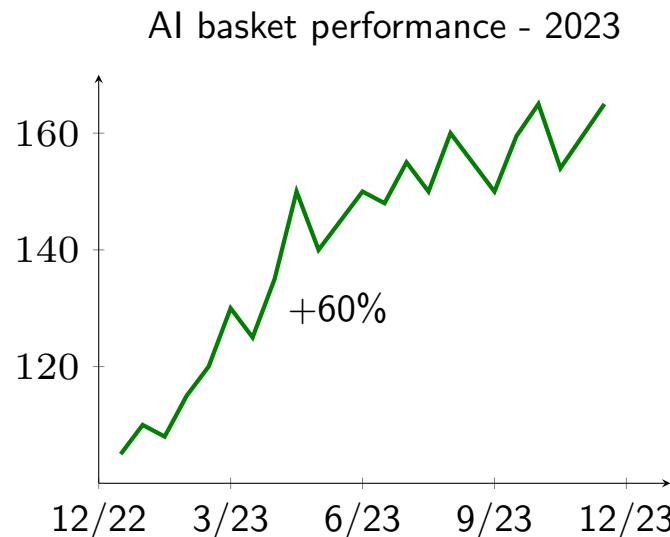
- took only *5 months for ChatGPT users to reach 35M*
- NVIDIA 2023 Q2 earning exceeds market expectation by big margin - \$7B vs \$13.5B
 - surprisingly, *101% year-to-year growth*
 - even more surprisingly *gross margin was 71.2%* - up from 43.5% in previous year³



³source - Bloomberg

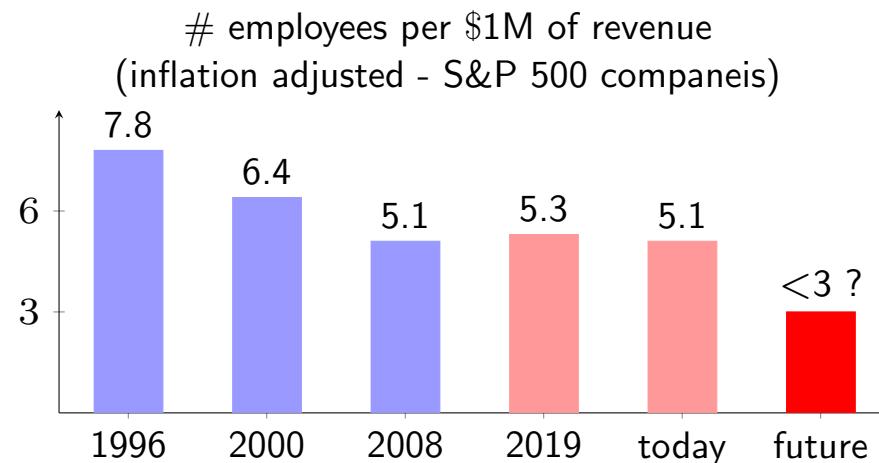
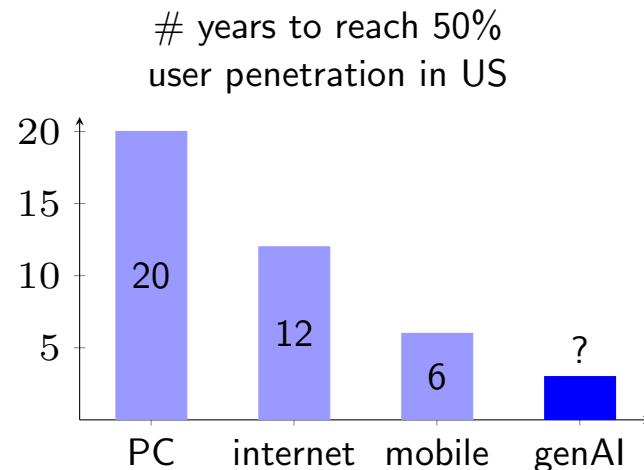
Explosion of AI ecosystems - AI stock market

- *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



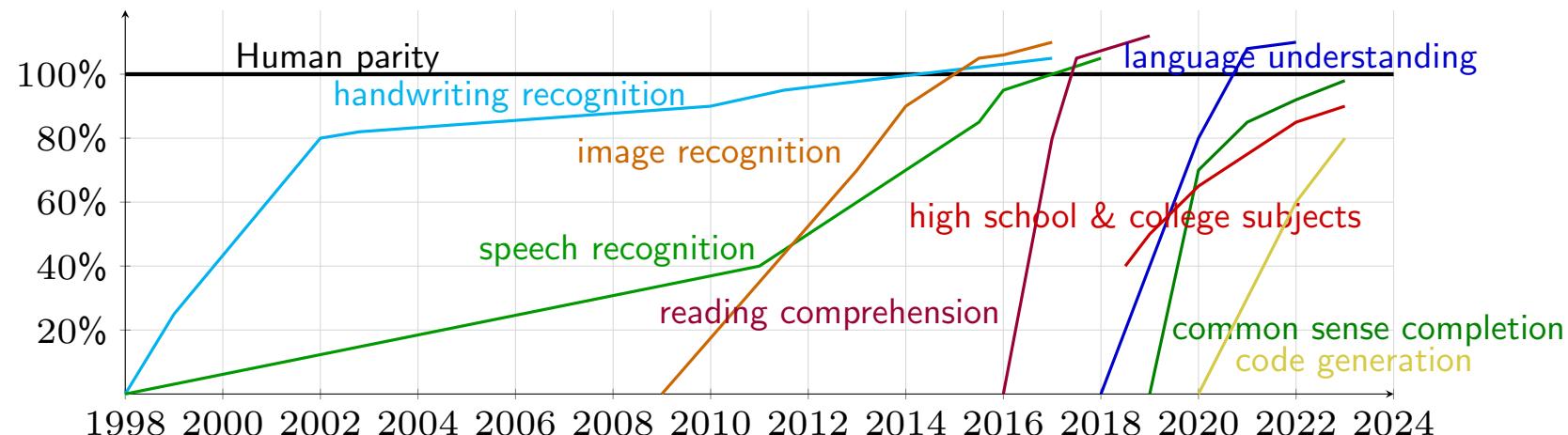
AI's transformative impact - adoption speed & economic potential

- 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



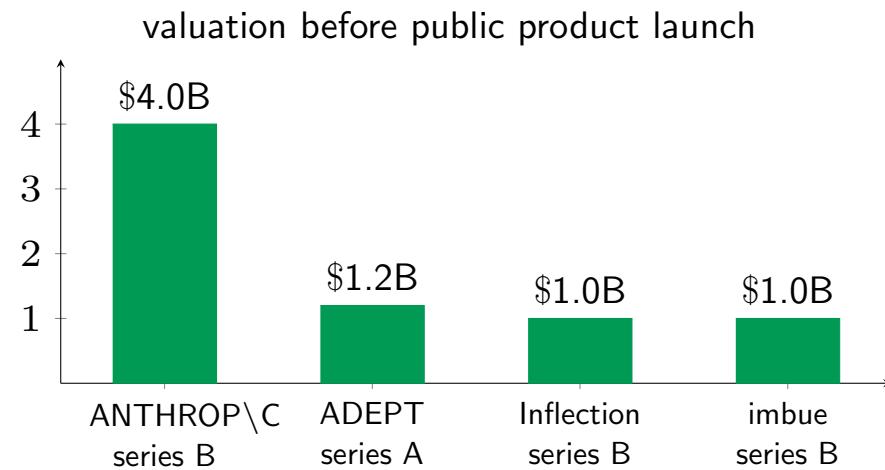
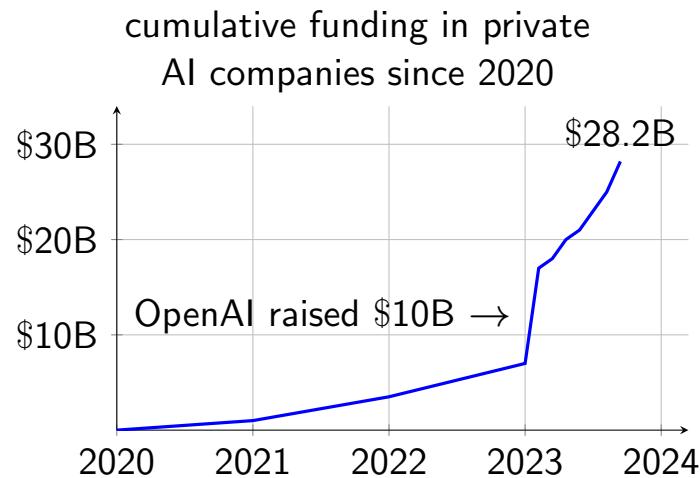
AI getting more & more faster

- 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



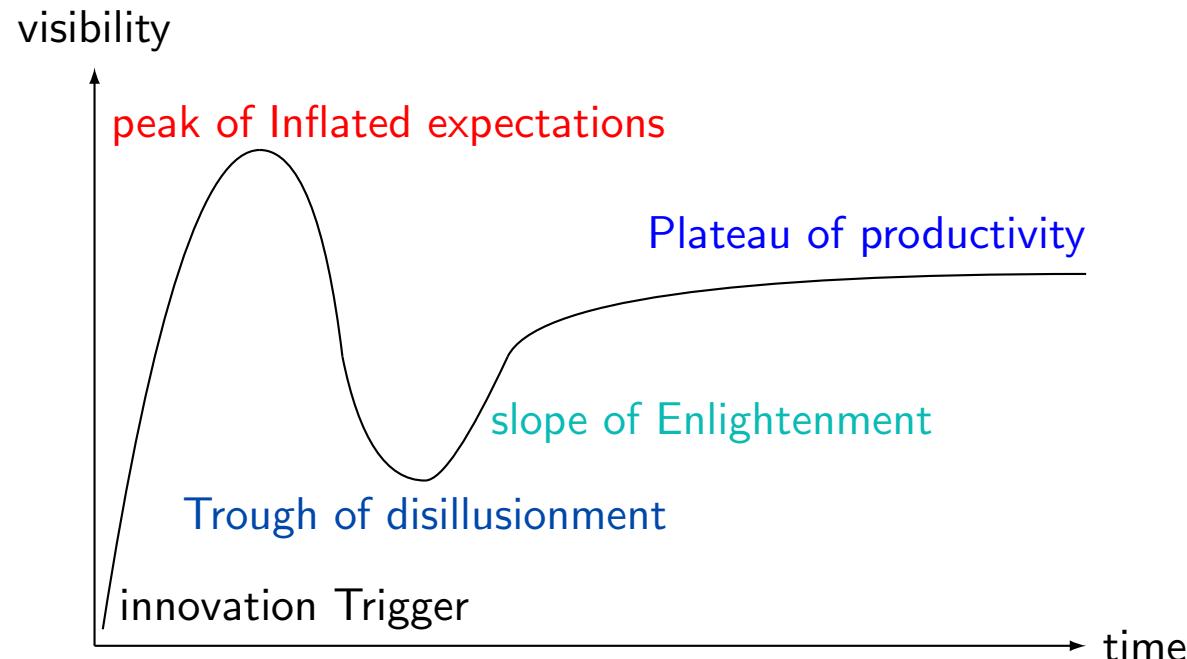
Massive investment in AI

- *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



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

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*



Yes & No

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

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.

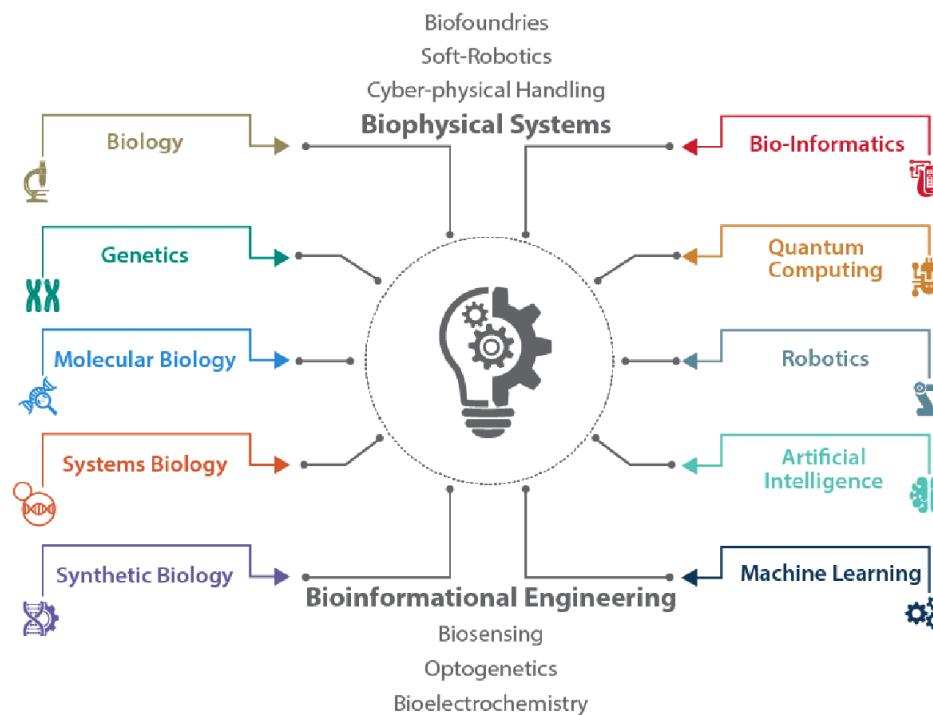
Biotech

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

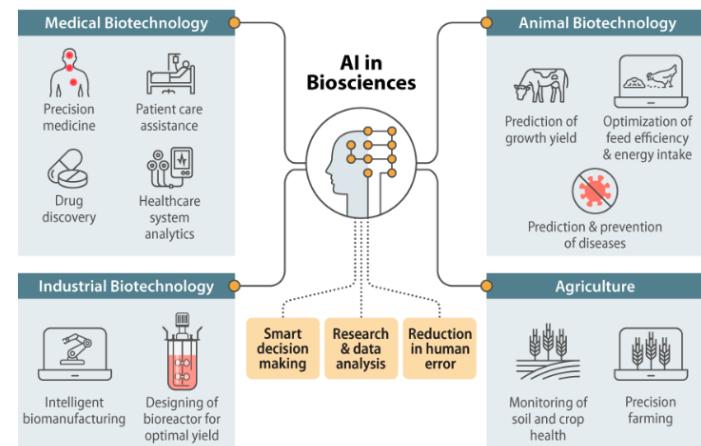
- sciences and technologies enabling biotechnology include, but not limited to,
 - (molecular) biology, genetics, systems biology, synthetic biology, bio-informatics, quantum computing, robotics [DFJ22]



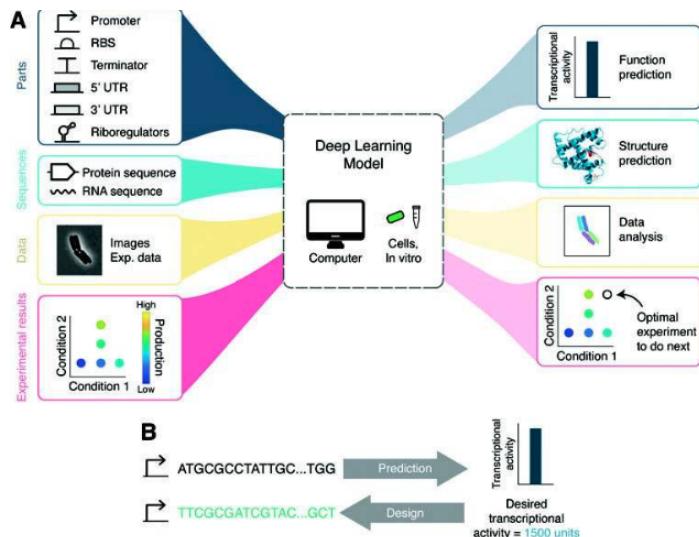
Convergence of AI and biological design

- 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

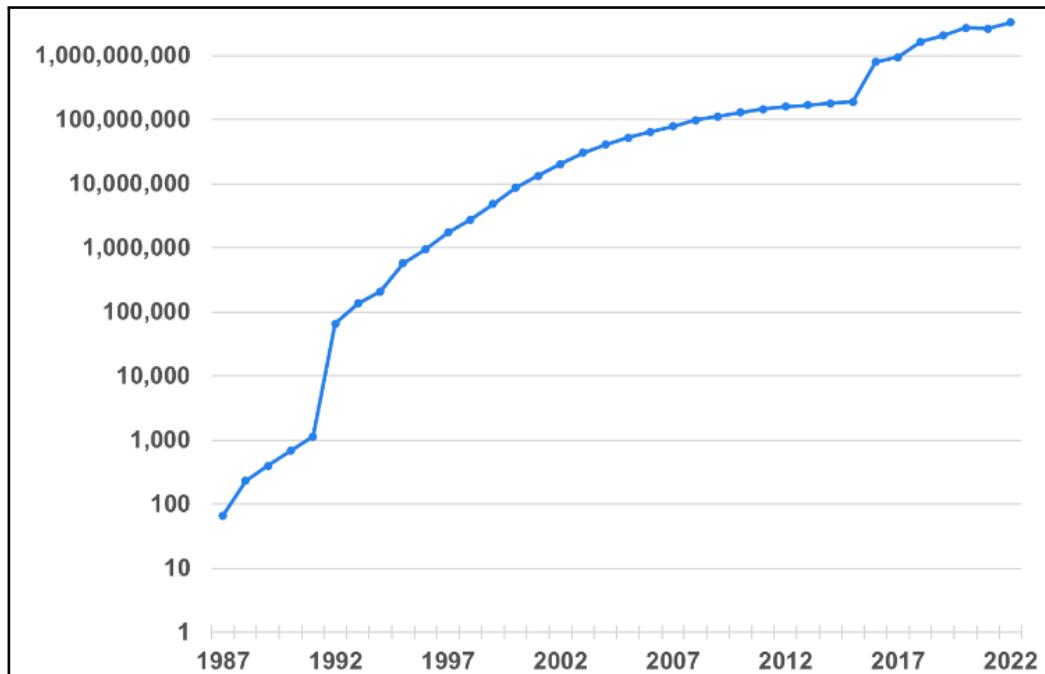
Rapid growth of biological data

- 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

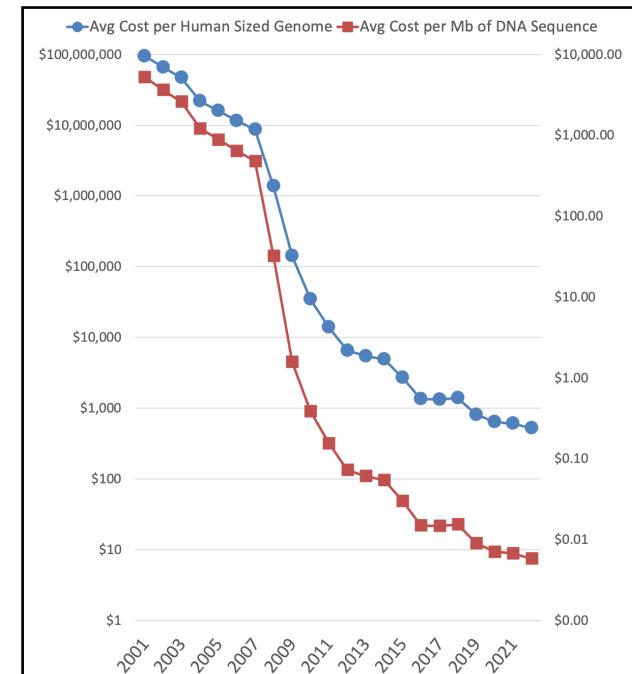
Volume and sequencing cost of DNA over time

- 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



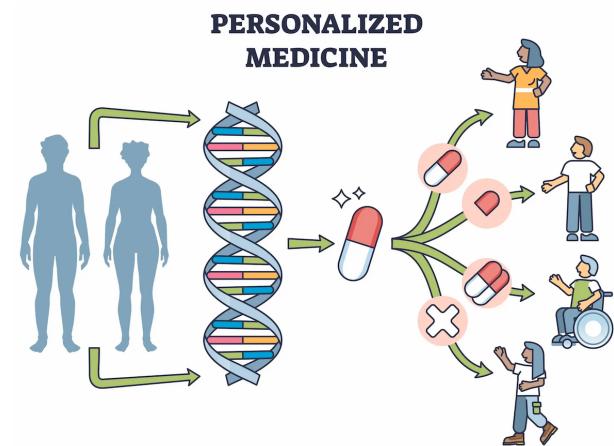
Bio data availability and bias

- 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

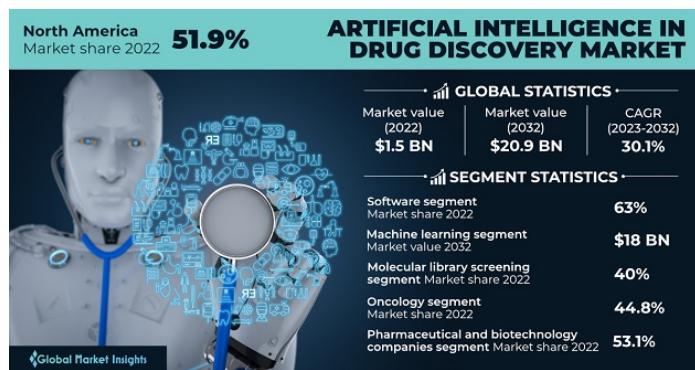
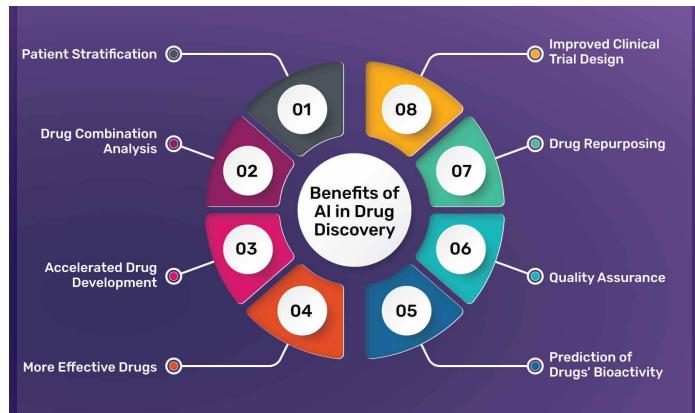
Emerging Trends in Biotech

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.



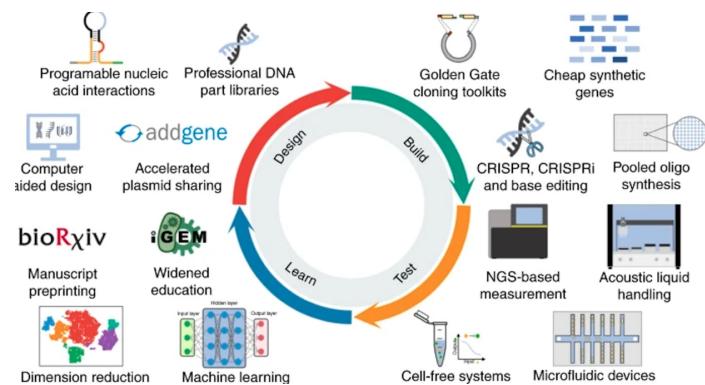
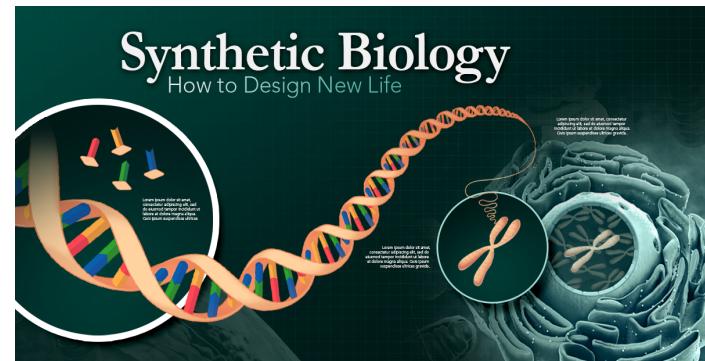
AI-driven drug discovery



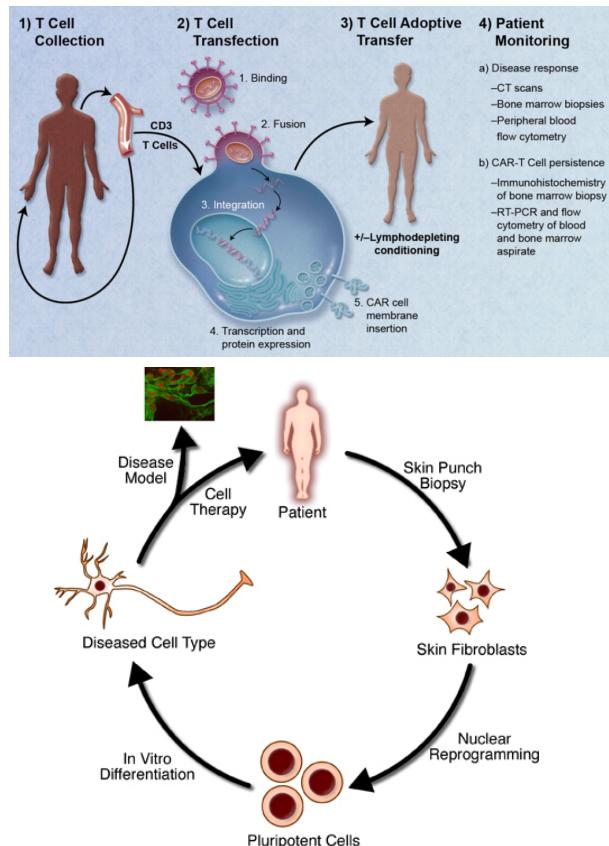
- traditional drug discovery process - time-consuming and costly often taking decades and billions of dollars
- AI streamlines this process by predicting the efficacy and safety of potential compounds with more speed and accuracy
- AI models analyze chemical databases to identify new drug candidates 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



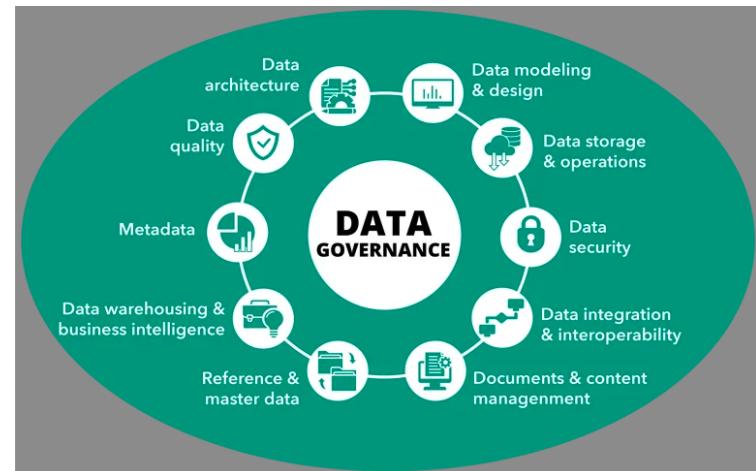
Regenerative medicine



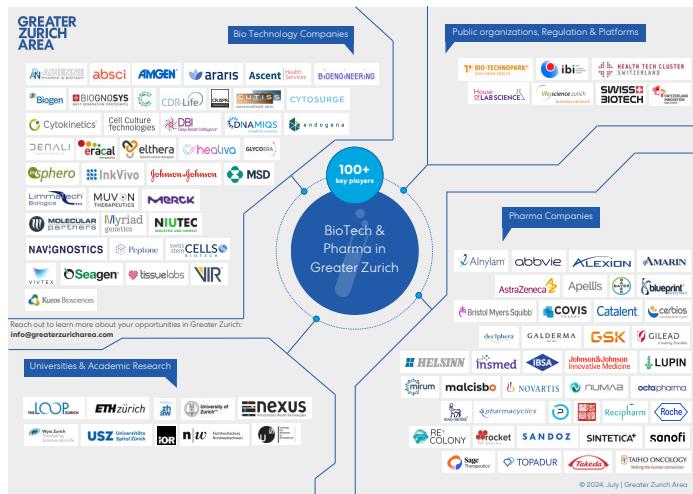
- AI advances development of stem cell therapies & tissue engineering
- AI algorithms assist in identifying optimal cell types, predicting cell behavior & personalized treatments
- particularly for conditions such as neurodegenerative diseases, heart failure and orthopedic injuries
- company - Organovo 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

Industrial AI

Industrial AI (inAI)

- inAI (collectively) refers to AI technology & software and their products developed for
 - *customer values creation, productivity improvement, cost reduction, production optimization, predictive analysis, insight discovery*
 - *semiconductor, steel, oil & gas, cement, and other various manufacturing industries* (unlike general AI, which is frontier research discipline striving to achieve human-level intelligence)



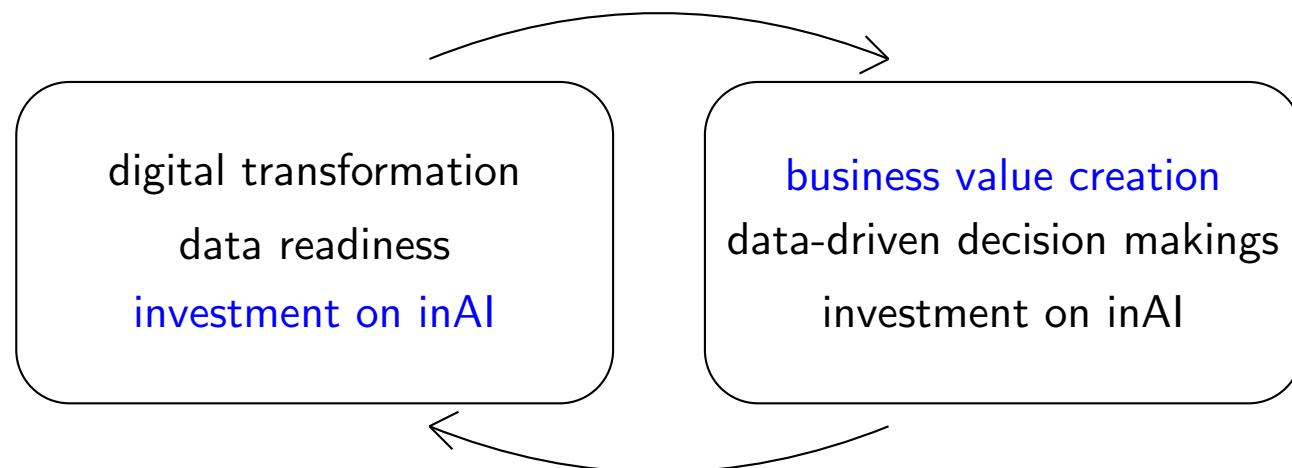
inAI fields

- product
 - product design & innovation, adaptability & advancement, product quality & validation, design for reusability & recyclability, performance optimization
- production process
 - *production quality*, process management, inter-process relations, process routing & scheduling, process design & innovation, *traceability*, *predictive process control*
- machinery & equipment
 - *predictive maintenance*, *monitoring & diagnosis*, component development, *ramp-up optimization*, material consumption prediction
- supply chain
 - supply chain monitoring, material requirements planning, customer management, supplier management, logistics, reusability & recyclability

Characteristics of inAI

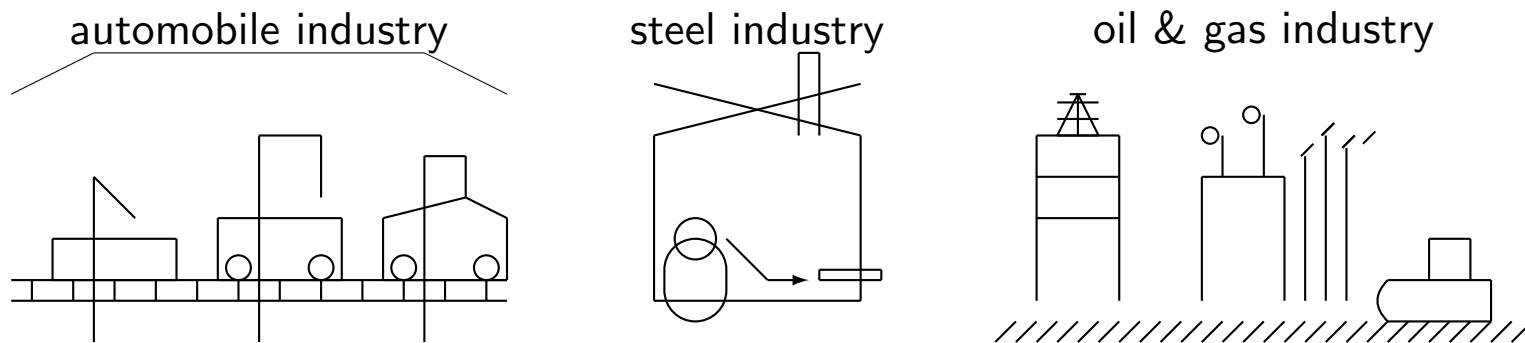
Vicious (or virtuous) cycle

- integration of inAI with customers' business creates monetary values and encourages data-driven decisions
- however, to do so, digital transformation with data-readiness is MUST-have
- created values, in turn, can be invested into infrastructure required for digital transformation and success of inAI!



Data-centric AI

- unlike many ML disciplines where foundation models do generic representation learning, *i.e.*, learn universal features
- each equipment has (gradually) different data characteristics, hence need data-centric AI
 - “. . . need 1,000 models for 1,000 problems” - Andrew Ng
 - data-centric AI - discipline of systematically engineering the data used to build AI system



Challenging data characteristics

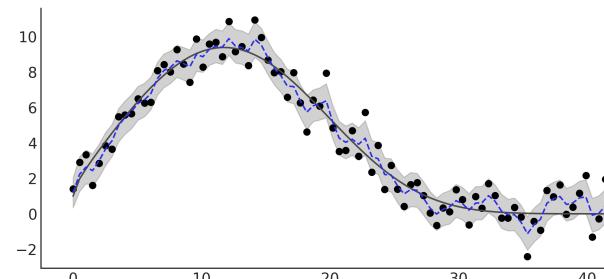
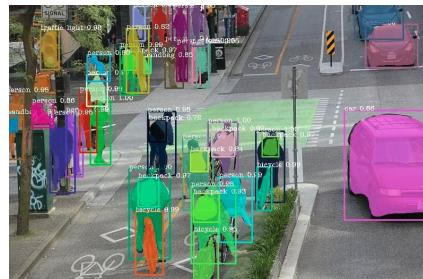
- huge volume
- data multi-modality
- high velocity requirement
- very fat data
- sever data shift & drift (in many cases)
- label imbalance
- data quality



Manufacturing AI

MLs in manufacturing AI (manAI)

- *image data* - huge amount of image data measured and inspected
 - SEM/TEM images, wafer defect maps, test failure pattern maps⁴
→ semantic segmentation, defect inspection, anomaly detection
- *time-series (TS) data* - all the data coming out of manufacturing is TS
 - equipment sensor data, process times, various measurements, MES data⁵
→ regression, anomaly detection, semi-supervised learning, Bayesian inference



⁴SEM: scanning electron microscope, TEM: transmission electron microscope

⁵MES: manufacturing execution system

CV ML in manAI

Computer vision ML in manAI

- measurement and inspection (MI)
 - metrology - measurement of critical features
 - inspection - defect inspection, defect localization, defect classification
 - failure pattern analysis
- applications
 - automatic feature measurement
 - anomaly detection
 - defect inspection

Automatic feature measurement

- ML techniques
 - image enhancement (denoising)
 - texture segmentation
 - repetitive pattern recognition
 - automatic measurement

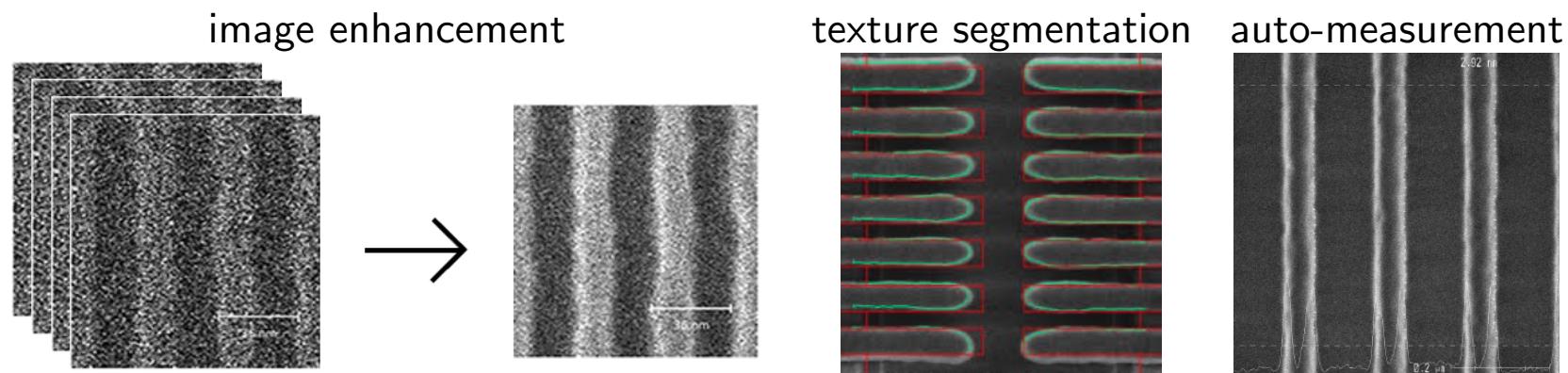


Image enhancement

- image enhancement techniques
 - general supervised denoising using DL
 - blind denoising using DL - remove noise without prior knowledge of noise adapting to various noise types
 - super-resolution - upscale low-resolution images, add realistic details for sharper & higher-quality images

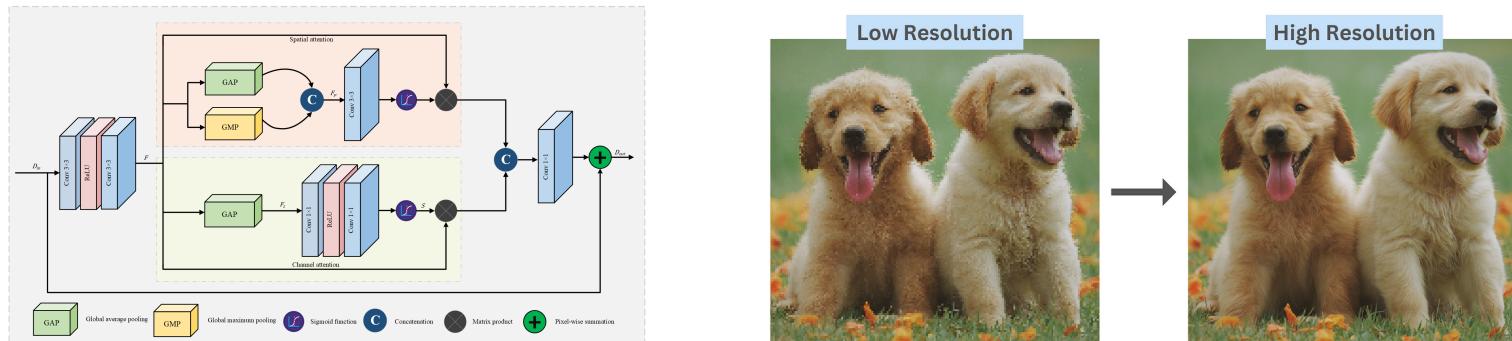
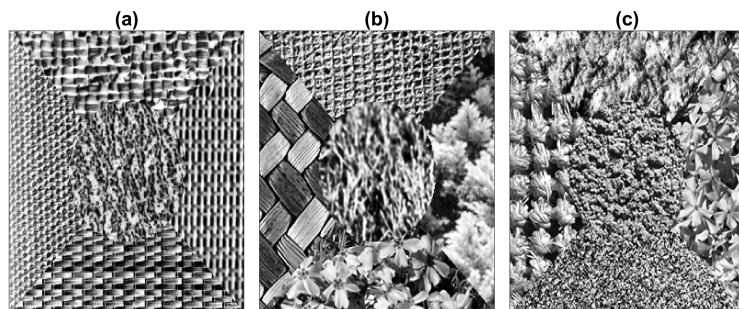


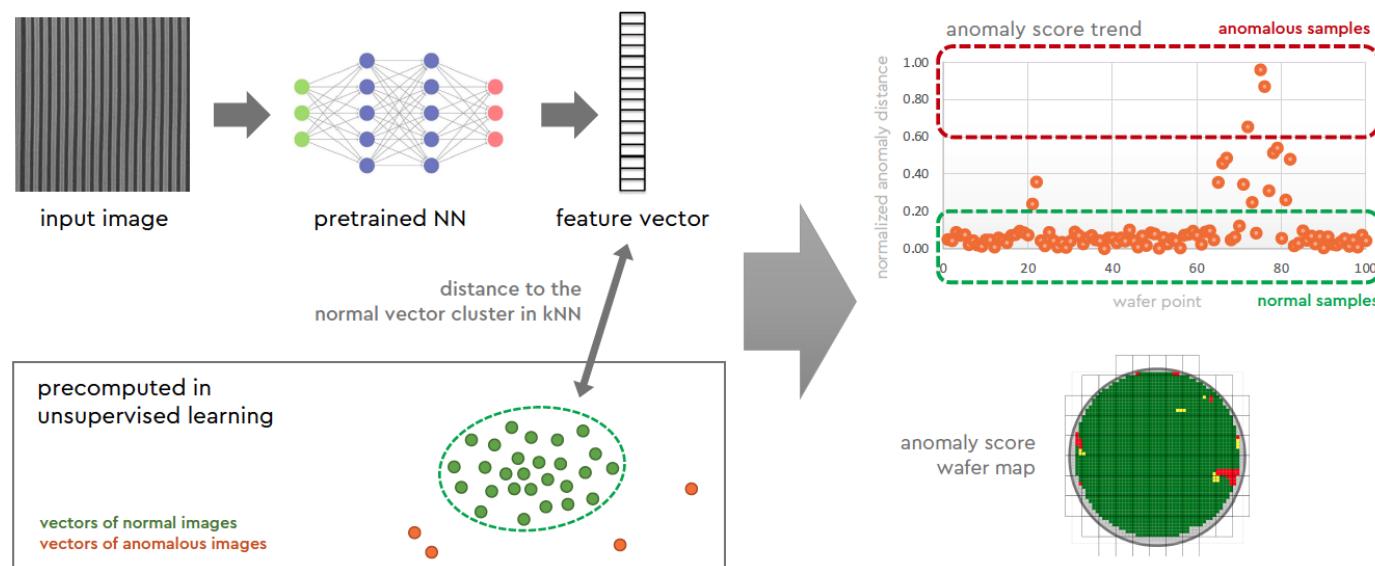
Image segmentation

- texture segmentation
 - distinguish areas based on texture patterns - identifying regions with similar textural features - used for material classification, surface defect detection, medical imaging
 - methods - Gabor filters, wavelet transforms, DL
- semantic segmentation
 - assign class labels to every pixel - enabling precise object and region identification - used for autonomous driving, scene understanding, medical diagnostics
 - methods - fully convolutional network (FCN), U-net, DeepLab



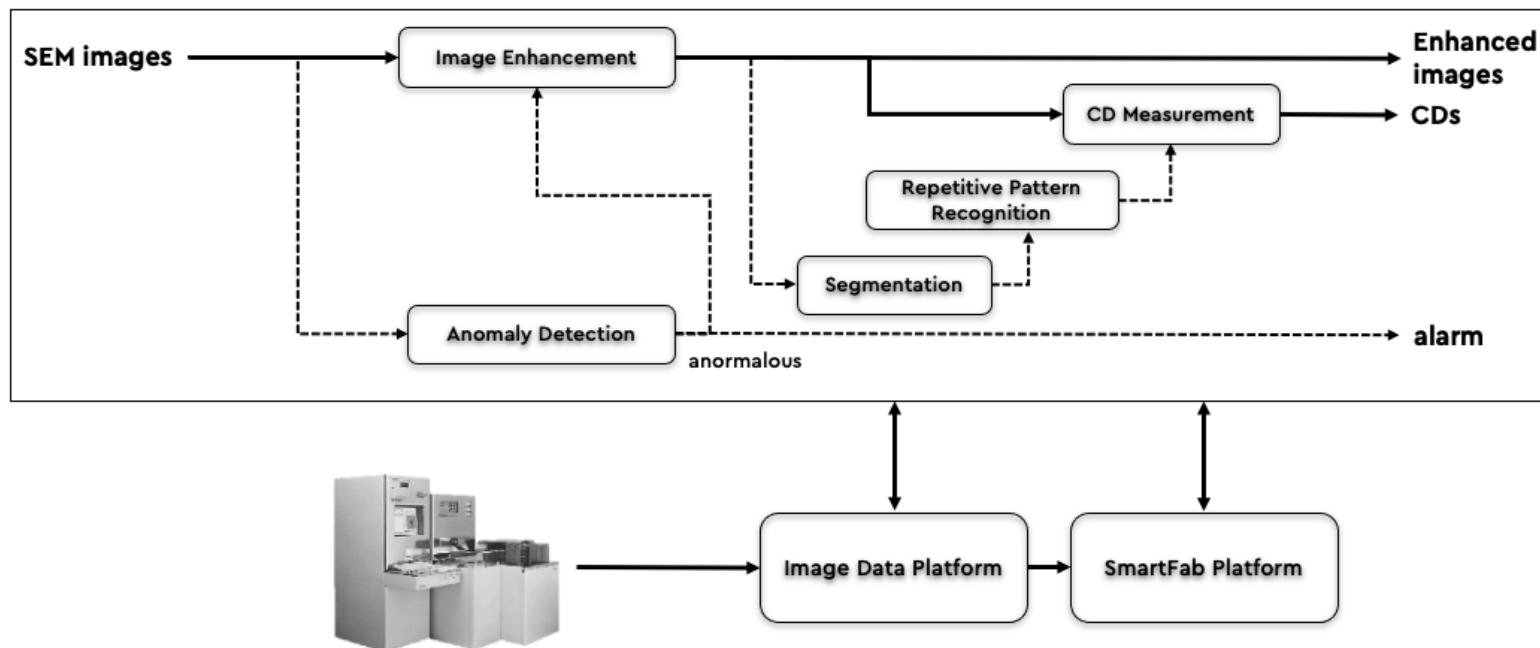
Anomaly detection using side product

- representation in embedding space obtained as side product from previous processes
- distance from normal clusters used for anomaly detection
- can be used for yield drop prediction and analysis



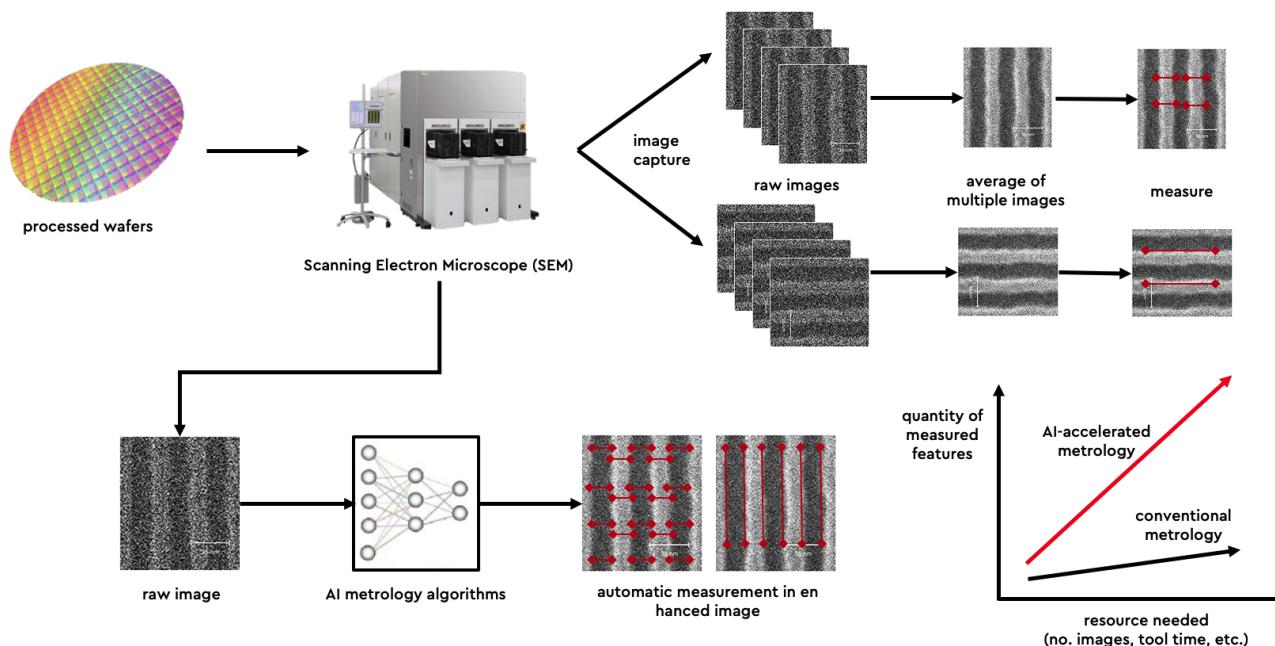
AI-enabled metrology system

- integration of separate components creates AI-enabled metrology system



Benefits of new system

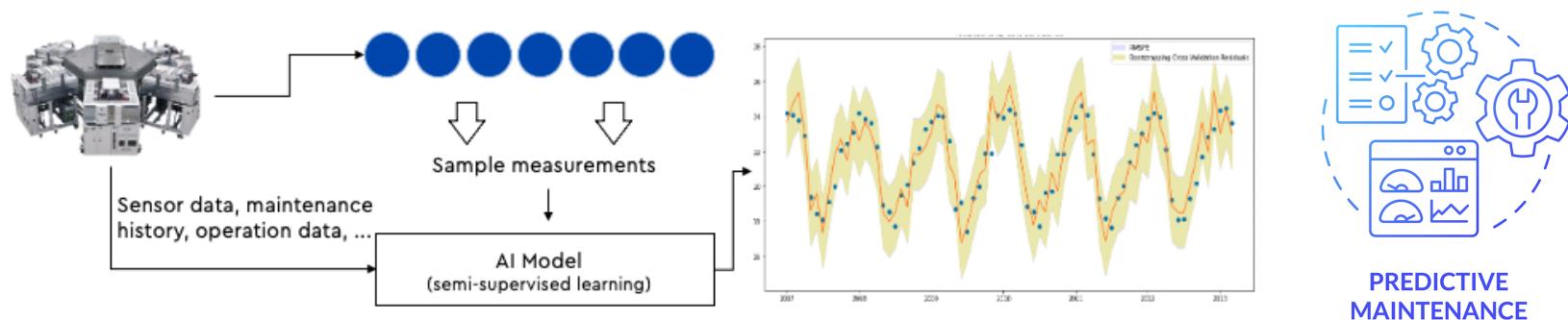
- new system provides
 - improved accuracy and reliability
 - improved throughput
 - savings on investment on measurement equipment



TS ML in manAI

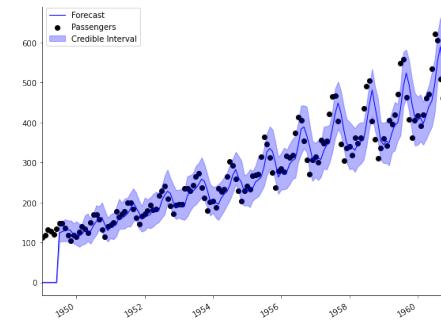
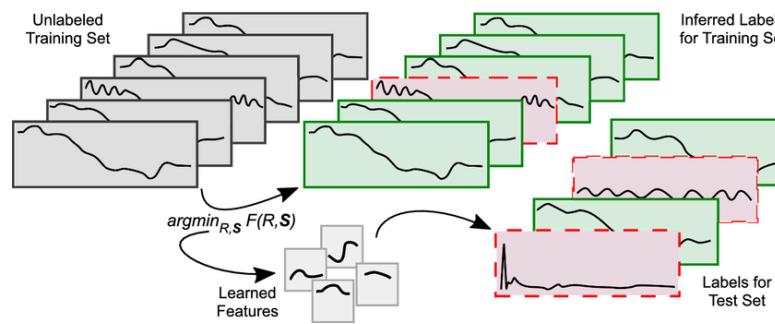
Time-series ML applications in manAI

- estimation of TS values
 - virtual metrology - estimate measurement without physically measuring things
- anomaly detection on TS
 - predictive maintenance - predict maintenance times ahead
- multi-modal ML using LLM & genAI
 - root cause analysis and recommendation system



TS MLs in manAI

- TS regression/prediction/estimation
 - LSTM, GRU, attention-based models, Transformer-based architecture for capturing long-term dependencies and patterns
- anomaly detection
 - isolation forest, autoencoders, one-class SVM
- TS regression providing credibility intervals
 - Bayesian-based approaches offering uncertainty estimation alongside predictions

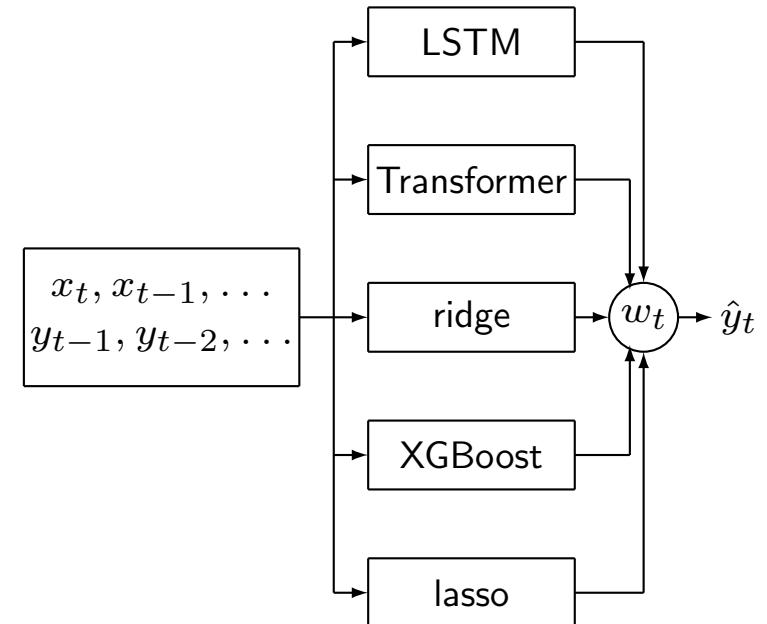


Difficulties with TS ML

- no definition exists for general TS data
- data drift & shift
 - $p(x_{t_k}, x_{t_{k-1}}, \dots)$ changes over time
 - $p(y_{t_k} | x_{t_k}, x_{t_{k-1}}, \dots, y_{t_{k-1}}, y_{t_{k-2}}, \dots)$ changes over time
- (extremely) fat data, poor data quality, huge volume of data to process
- not many research results available
- none of algorithms in academic papers work / no off-the-shelf algorithms work

Online learning for TS regression

- use multiple experts - $f_{1,k}, \dots, f_{p_k,k}$ for each time step $t = t_k$ where $f_{i,k}$ can be any of following
 - seq2seq models (e.g., LSTM, Transformer-based models)
 - non-DL statistical learning models (e.g., online ridge regression)
- model predictor for t_k , $g_k : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ as weighted sum of experts



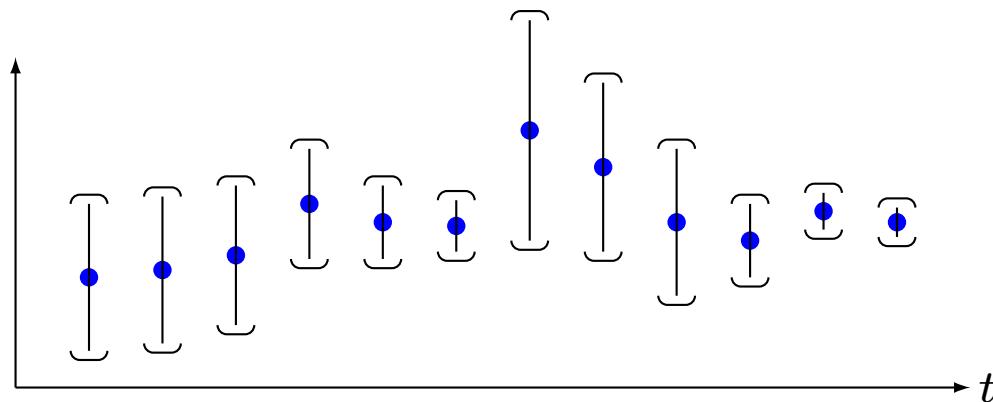
$$g_k = w_{1,k}f_{1,k} + w_{2,k}f_{2,k} + \dots + w_{p_k,k}f_{p_k,k} = \sum_{i=1}^{p_k} w_{i,k}f_{i,k}$$

Credibility intervals

- every point prediction is wrong, *i.e.*

$$\text{Prob}(\hat{y}_t = y_t) = 0$$

- reliability of prediction matters, however, *none* literature deals with this (properly)
- critical for our customers, *i.e.*, *such information is critical for downstream applications*
 - e.g.*, when used for feedback control, need to know how reliable prediction results are
 - sometimes *more crucial than algorithm accuracy*



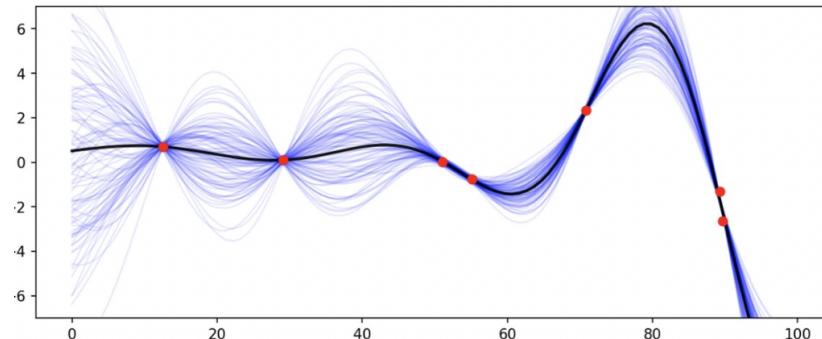
Bayesian approach for credibility interval evaluation

- assume conditional distribution i th predictor parameterized by $\theta_{i,k} \in \Theta$

$$p_{i,k}(y(t_k) | x_{t_k}, x_{t_{k-1}}, \dots, y(t_{k-1}), y(t_{k-2}), \dots) = p_{i,k}(y(t_k); x_{t_k}, \theta_{i,k})$$

- depends on prior & current input, *i.e.*, $\theta_{i,k}$ & x_{t_k}
- update $\theta_{i,k+1}$ from $\theta_{i,k}$ after observing true $y(t_k)$ using Bayesian rule

$$p(w; \theta_{i,k+1}) := p(w | y(t_k); x_{t_k}, \theta_{i,k}) = \frac{p(y(t_k) | w, x_{t_k}) p(w; \theta_{i,k})}{\int p(y(t_k) | w, x_{t_k}) p(w; \theta_{i,k}) dw}$$



Virtual Metrology

VM

- background
 - every process engineer wants to (so badly) measure every material processed - make sure process done as desired
 - *e.g.*, in semiconductor manufacturing, photolithography engineer wants to make sure diameter of holes or line spacing on wafers done correctly to satisfy specification for GPU or memory chips
 - however, various constraints prevent them from doing it, *e.g.*, in semiconductor manufacturing
 - measurement equipment requires investment
 - incur intolerable throughput
 - fab space does not allow
- GOAL - *measure every processed material without physically measuring them*

VM - problem formulation

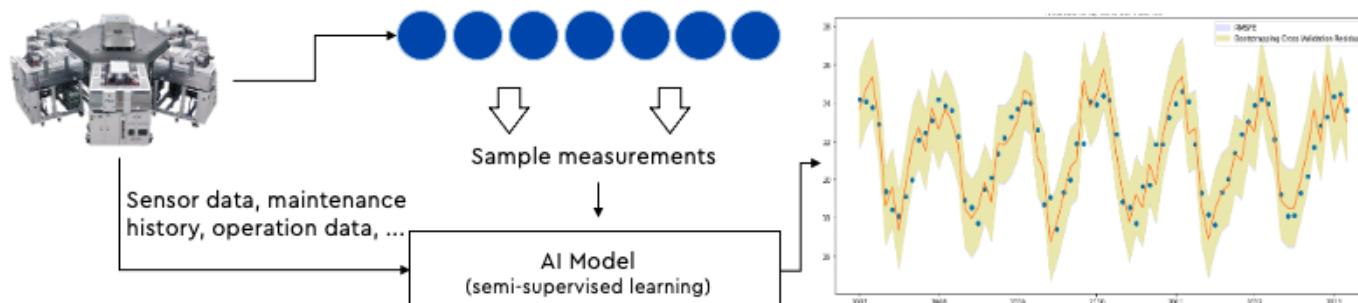
- problem description

(stochastically) predict y_{t_k}
 given $x_{t_k}, x_{t_{k-1}}, \dots, y_{t_{k-1}}, y_{t_{k-2}}, \dots$

- our problem formulation

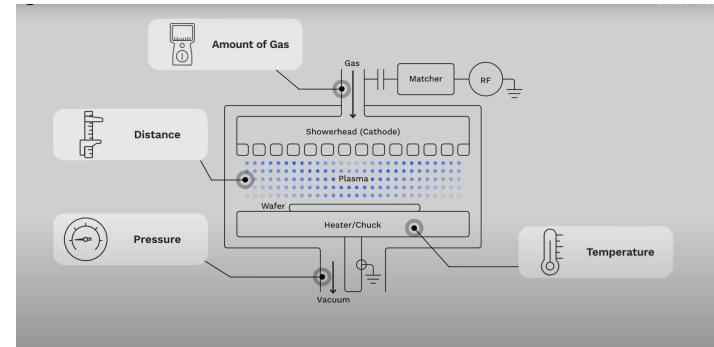
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \sum_{k=1}^K w_{k,K-k} l(y_{t_k}, \hat{y}_{t_k}) \\ & \text{subject to} && \hat{y}_{t_k} = g_k(x_{t_k}, x_{t_{k-1}}, \dots, y_{t_{k-1}}, y_{t_{k-2}}, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

where optimization variables - $g_1, g_2, \dots : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$



VM - Gauss Labs' inAI success story

- **Gauss Labs' ML solution & AI product**
 - fully home-grown online TS adaptive ensemble learning method
 - outperform competitors and customer inhouse tools, e.g., *Samsung, Intel, Lam Research*
 - published & patented in US, Europe, and Korea
- business impacts
 - improve process quality - reduction of process variation by tens of percents
 - (indirectly) contribute to better product quality and yield
 - Gauss Labs' main revenue source



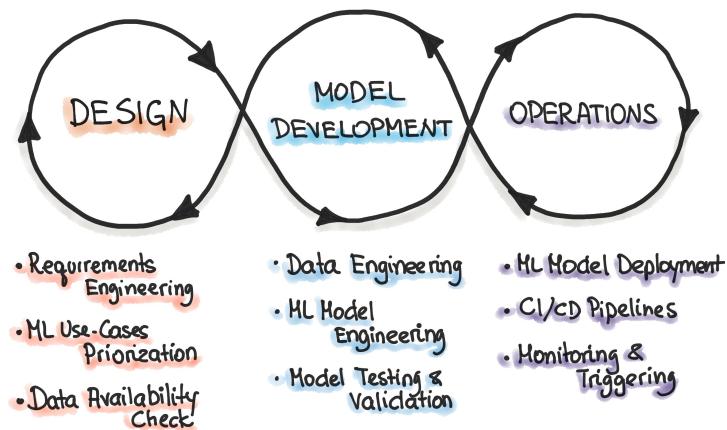
Manufacturing AI Productionization

Minimally required efforts for manAI

- MLOps - for CI/CD
- data preprocessing - missing values, inconsistent names, difference among different systems
- feature extraction & selection
- monitoring & retraining
- notification, via messengers or emails
- mainline merge approvals by humans
- data latency, data reliability, & data availability

MLOps for manAI

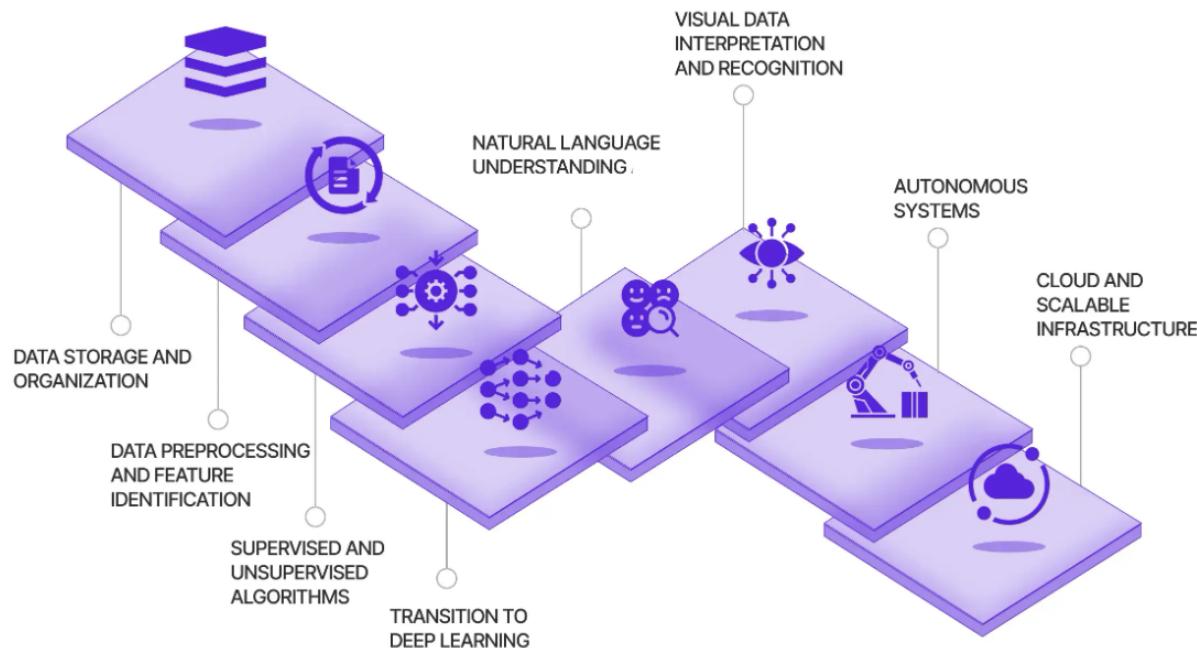
- environment for flexible and agile exploration - EDA⁶
- fast & efficient iteration of algorithm selection, experiments, & analysis
- correct training / validation / test data sets critical!
- seamless productionization from, e.g., Jupyter notebook to production-ready code
- monitoring, *right* metrics, notification, re-training



⁶EDA - exploratory data analysis

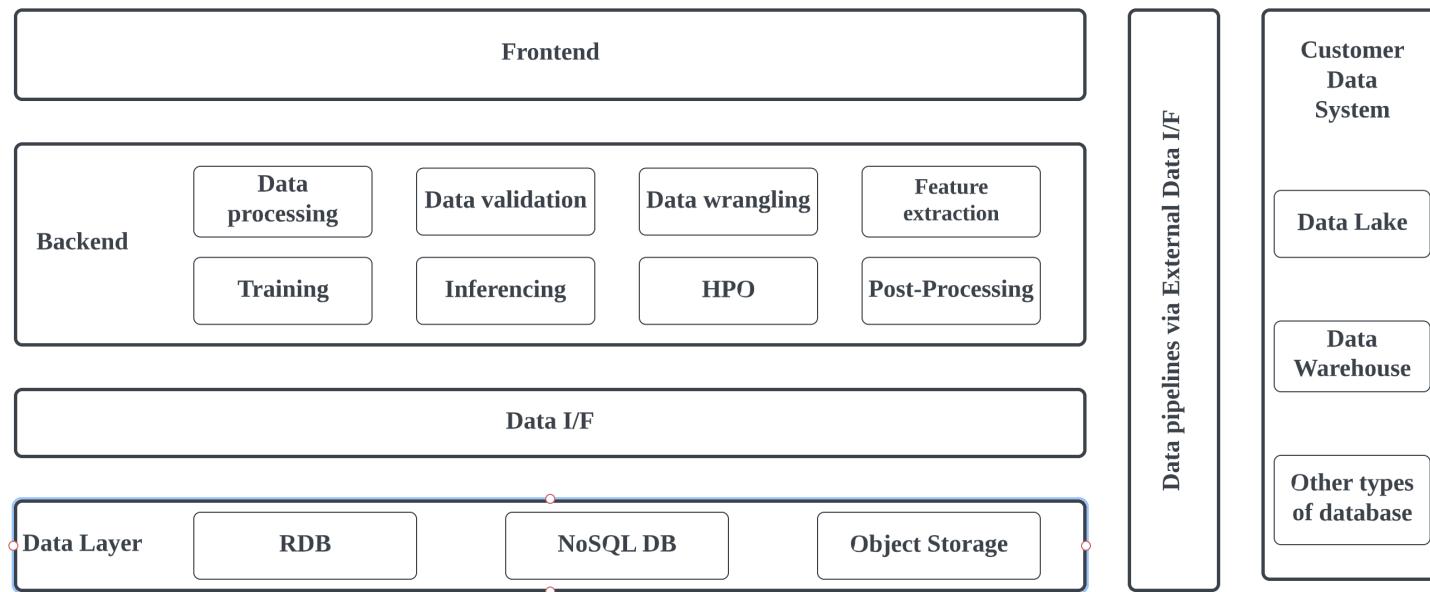
manAI software system

- data, data, data! – store, persist, retrieve, data quality
- seamless pipeline for development, testing, running deployed services
- development environment should be built separately



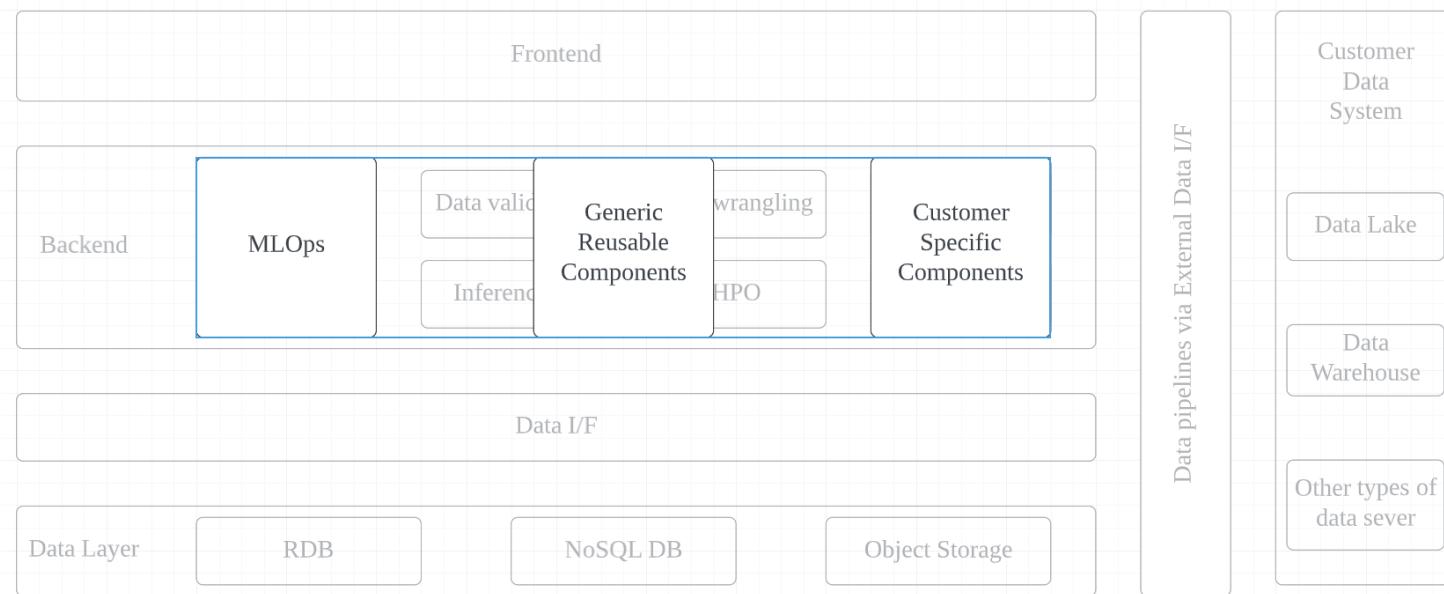
manAI system architecture

- frontend / backend / data I/F / data layer
- efficient and effective MLOps in backend or development environment



Reusable components vs customer specific components

- make sure to build two components separate - generic reusable and customer specific
- generic models should be tuned for each use case
- generic model library grows as interacting with more and more customers



My Two Cents

Recommendations for maximum impact via inAI

- concrete goals of projects
 - north star – yield improvement, process quality, making engineers' lives easier
 - hard problem – scheduling and optimization
- be strategic!
 - learn from others – lots of successes & failures of inAI
 - ball park estimation for ROI crucial – efforts, time, expertise, data
 - utilities vs technical excellency / uniqueness vs common technology
 - home-grown vs off-the-shelf

Remember . . .

- data, data, data! – readiness, quality, procurement, pre-processing, DB
- *never* underestimate domain knowledge & expertise – data do NOT tell you everything
- EDA
- do *not* over-optimize your algorithms – ML is all about trials-&-errors
- overfitting, generalization, concept drift/shift - way more important than you could ever imagine
- devOps, MLOps, agile dev, software development & engineering

Conclusion

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- various CV MLs used for inAI applications
- TS ML applications found in every place in manufacturing
- drift/shift & data noise make TS MLs very challenging, but working solutions found
- in reality, crucial bottlenecks are
 - data quality, preprocessing, monitoring, notification, and retraining
 - data latency, availability, and reliability
 - excellency in software platform design and development using cloud services

Appendices

Serendipities around Als

Serendipity or inevitability?

- What if Geoffrey Hinton had not been a persistent researcher?
- What if symbolists won AI race over connectionists?
- What if attention mechanism did not perform well?
- What if Transformer architecture did not perform super well?
- What if OpenAI had not been successful with ChatGPT in 2022?
- What if Jensen Huang had not been crazy about making hardware for professional gamers?
- Is it like Alexander Fleming's Penicillin?
- Or more like Inevitability?

Empowering Humanity for Future Enriched by AI

Blessings & Curses of AI

Blessings

- advancements in healthcare & improved quality of life
 - much faster & more accurate diagnosis, far superior personalized medicine, accelerated drug discovery, assistive technologies
- economic growth & efficiency
 - automation to increase productivity and reduce cost, far superior decision-making
- environmental solutions
 - climate change prediction, global warming effect mitigation, solutions for sustainability
- safety & security
 - natural disaster prediction & relief, cybersecurity



Curses

- job displacement & overall impacts on labor market
 - millions of jobs threatened, wealth gap widened
- bias & inequality, misinformation & manipulation
 - existing human biases, both conscious and unconscious, perpetuated through AIs, asymmetric accessibility to advanced AI technologies by nations & corporations
- ethical dilemmas
 - infringing privacy & human rights, accountability for weapon uses and damages by AI
- environmental costs
 - significant energy for training AI models, waste generated by obsolescent AI hardware



Salzburg Global Seminar

KFAS-Salzburg Global Leadership Initiative

- “Uncertain Futures and Connections Reimagined: Connecting Technologies” - 41 global leaders convened from 4-Dec to 8-Dec, 2024 @ Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg, Austria
- My working group was “Technology, Growth, and Inequality: The Case of AI”
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 - Assistant Professor @ Lincoln Alexander School of Law (Canada)
 - Research Associate @ Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research
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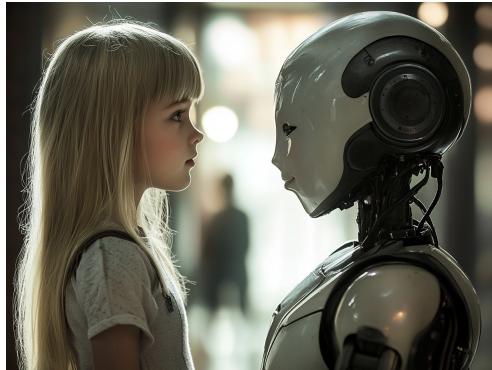
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Empowering Humanity

AI capacity building - scientists, engineers & practitioners

- ethics and responsible AI education or campaign via interdisciplinary collaboration
 - foster continuous learning programs on AI risks, bias & societal impacts
- bias detection & mitigation
 - bias-detection tools to identify & reduce discrimination in data & models
 - regular fairness audits
- transparency & explainability
 - explainable AI (xAI) techniques, frameworks like Model Cards for transparency
- environmental impact awareness
 - reduce AI's carbon footprint, advocate for sustainable AI development practices



AI capacity building - lawmakers & policy makers

- problems
 - difficulties in understanding of rapidly evolving AI technologies
 - lead to reactive or insufficient regulation
- proposed solutions
 - develop comprehensive regulatory frameworks addressing transparency, bias & privacy concerns
 - gender bias, racial bias, hallucinations
 - foster public debates on ethical AI use & societal implications
 - introduce policies to limit spread of AI-generated misinformation,



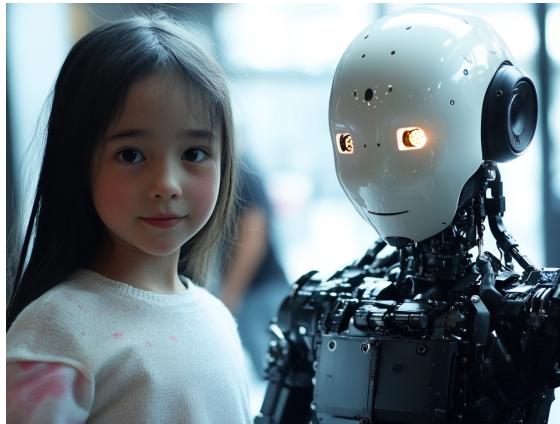
Participatory social agreements

- open data frameworks including data sovereignty, regulation of data transfer, storage & localization
- corporate social responsibility, extra-territorial obligations & environmental protection
 - including outside the jurisdiction of the country
- labour and employment displacements, tax cuts & algorithmic impact assessments
 - including remedies for AI harms and enforcements



Reclaiming technology for Humanity

- strategic approach to AI development
 - *leverage very technologies alienating humans to strengthen human connection*
 - transform automation from replacement to *enhancement of human capabilities*
 - leverage technological scale to address fundamental human needs
- *paradigm shift* in technological implementation
 - recognize the duality of advanced technologies
 - *systematically channel AI capabilities toward human-centric solutions*
 - convert technological challenges into opportunities for human advancement



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