

[Tech University of Korea Special AI Lecture]
**The Complete AI Picture - Technology Breakthroughs,
Industry Transformation, Market Forces, and Strategic
Investment Insights**

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Highlight of Career Journey

- BS in Electrical Engineering (EE) @ Seoul National University
- MS & PhD in Electronics Engineering (EE) @ Stanford University
 - *Convex Optimization - Theory, Algorithms & Software*
 - advisor - *Prof. Stephen P. Boyd*
- Principal Engineer @ Samsung Semiconductor, Inc.
 - *AI & Convex Optimization*
 - collaboration with *DRAM/NAND Design/Manufacturing/Test Teams*
- Senior Applied Scientist @ Amazon.com, Inc.
 - *e-Commerce AIs* - anomaly detection, deep RL, and recommender system
 - *Jeff Bezos's project* - drove \$200M in sales via Amazon Mobile Shopping App
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Unpacking AI-Bio-Silicon Valley Entrepreneurship Landscapes

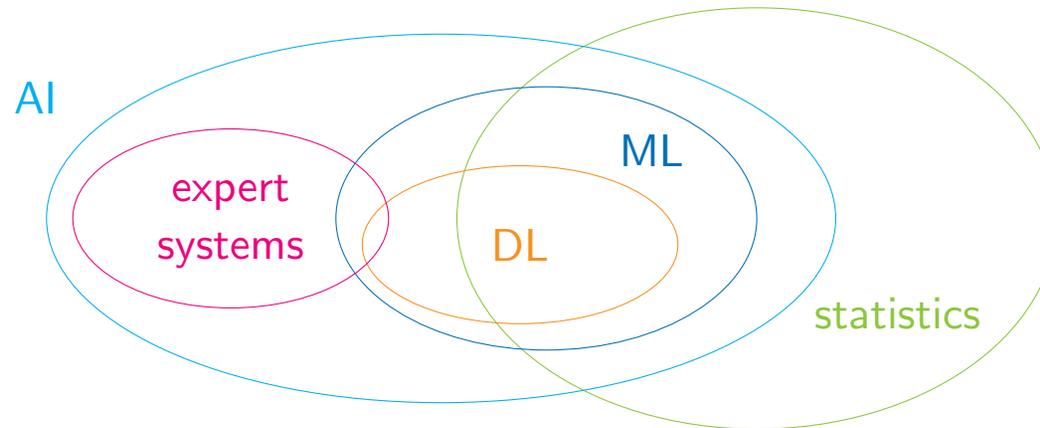
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Artificial Intelligence

Definition and History

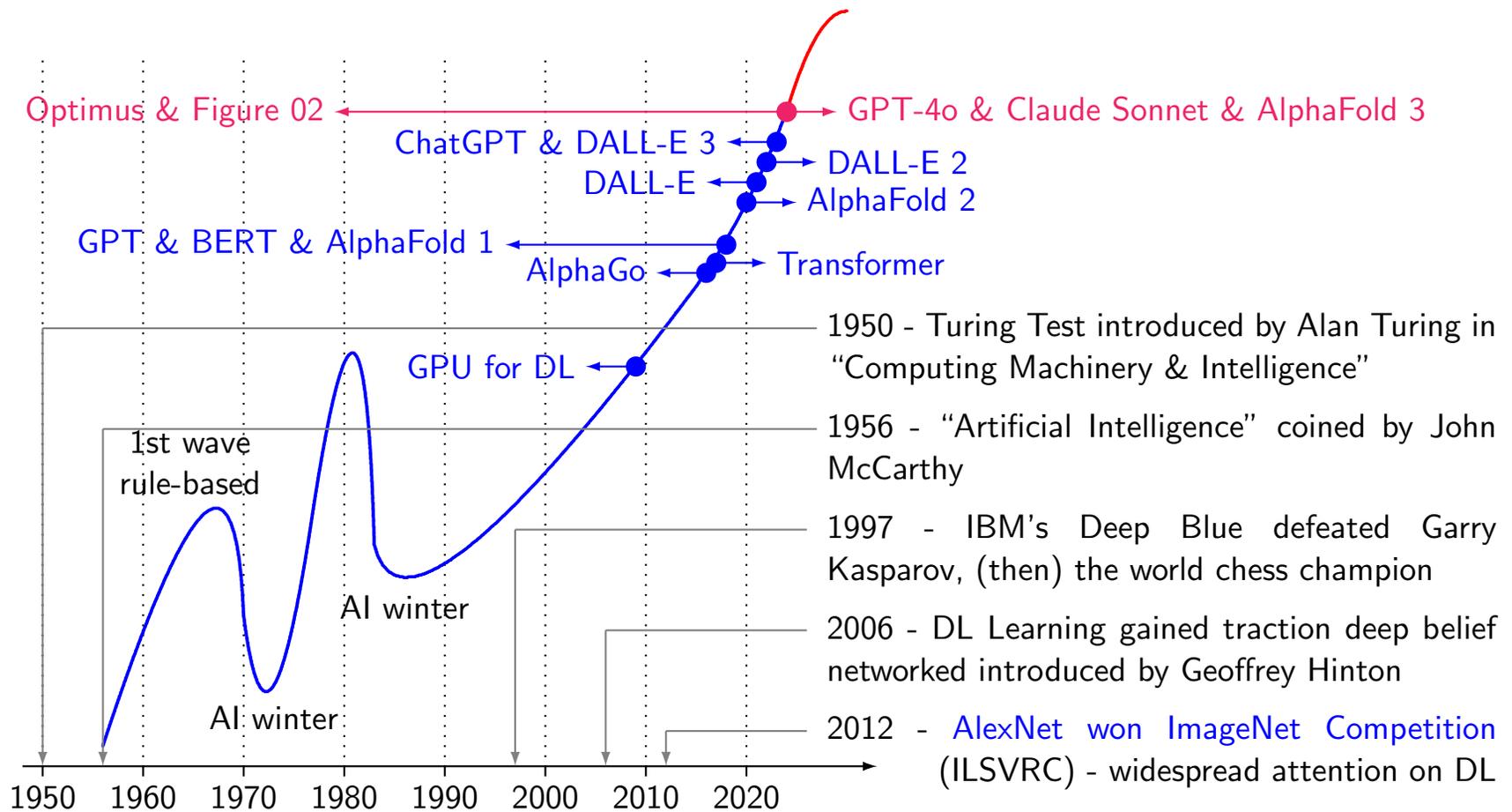
Definition & relation to other technologies

- AI
 - is technology doing tasks requiring human intelligence, such as learning, problem-solving, decision-making & language understanding
 - encompasses *range of technologies, methodologies, applications & products*
- AI, ML, DL, statistics & expert system¹ [HGH⁺22]



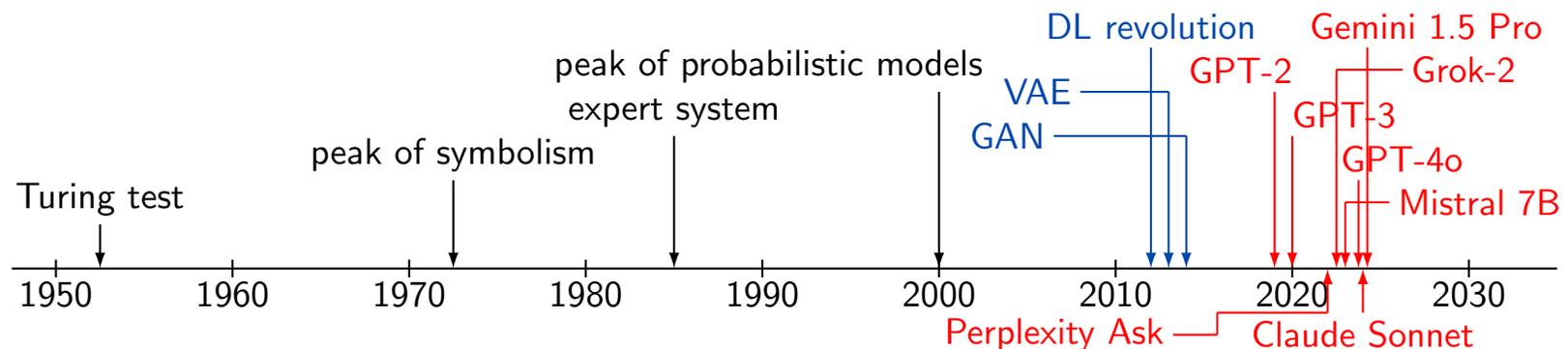
¹ML: machine learning & DL: deep learning

History



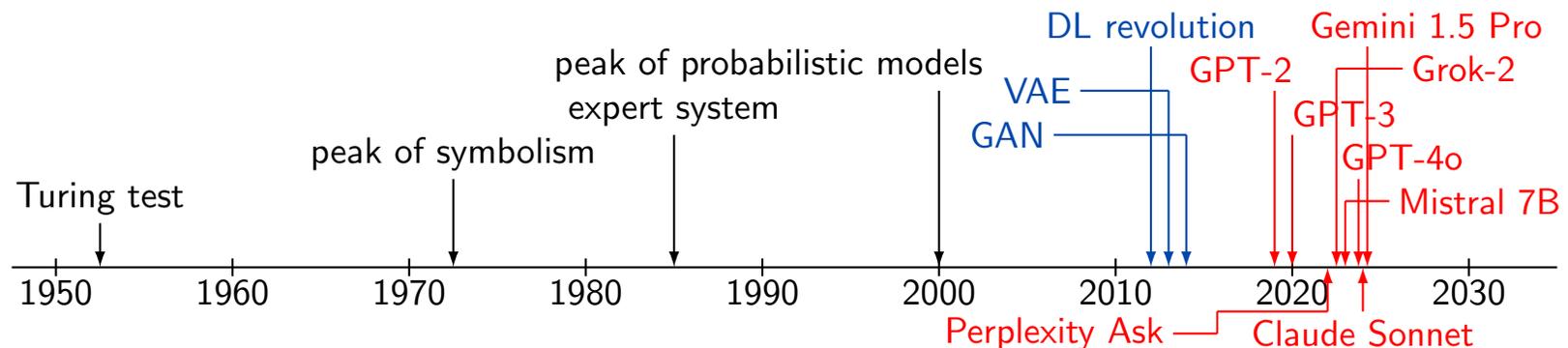
Birth of AI - early foundations & precursor technologies

- 1950s ~ 1970s
 - Alan Turing - concept of *“thinking machine”* & *Turing test* to evaluate machine intelligence (1950s)
 - *symbolists* (as opposed to connectionists) - early AI focused on symbolic reasoning, logic & problem-solving - Dartmouth Conference in 1956 by *John McCarthy, Marvin Minsky, Allen Newell & Herbert A. Simon*
 - precursor technologies - genetic algorithms (GAs), Markov chains & *hidden Markov models (HMMs)* - laying foundation for generative processes (1970s ~)



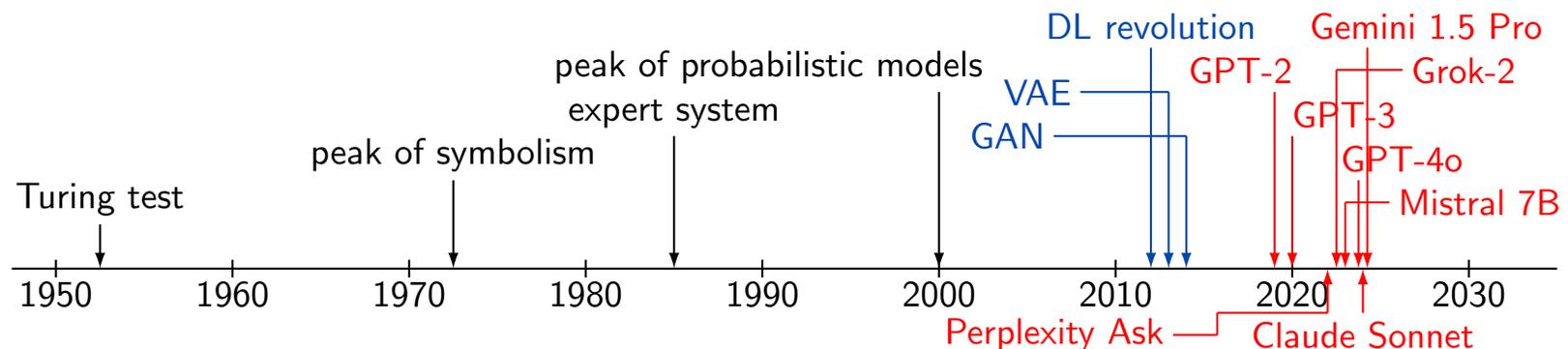
Rule-based systems & probabilistic models

- 1980s ~ early 2000s
 - *expert systems* (1980s) - AI systems designed to mimic human decision-making in specific domains
 - development of neural networks (NN) w/ backpropagation *training multi-layered networks* - setting stage for way more complex generative models
 - *probabilistic models* (including network models, *i.e.*, Bayesian networks) & Markov models - laying groundwork for data generation & pattern prediction



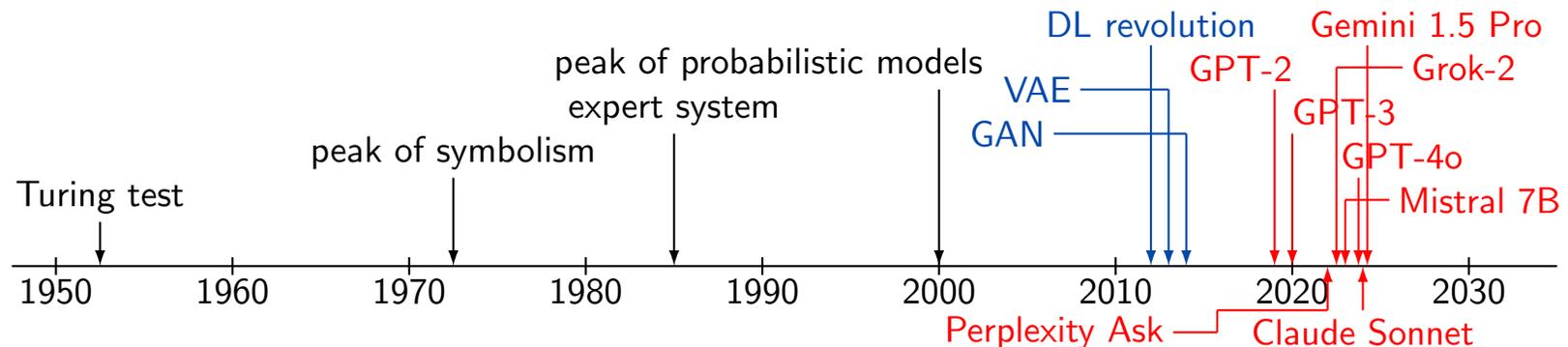
Rise of deep learning & generative models

- 2010s - breakthrough in genAI
 - *deep learning (DL) revolution* - advances in GPU computing and data availability led to the rapid development of deep neural networks.
 - *variational autoencoder (VAE)* (2013) - by Kingma and Welling - learns mappings between input and latent spaces
 - *generative adversarial network (GAN)* (2014) - by Ian Goodfellow - game-changer in generative modeling where two NNs compete each other to create realistic data
 - widely used in image generation & creative tasks



Transformer models & multimodal AI

- late 2010s ~ Present
 - Transformer architecture (2017) - by Vaswani et al.
 - *revolutionized NLP*, e.g., LLM & various genAI models
 - GPT series - generative pre-trained transformer
 - GPT-2 (2019) - generating human-like texts - *marking leap in language models*
 - GPT-3 (2020) - 175B params - set *new standards for LLM*
 - multimodal systems - DALL-E & CLIP (2021) - *linking text and visual data*
 - emergence of diffusion models (2020s) - new approach for generating high-quality images - progressively “denoising” random noise (DALL-E 2 & Stable Diffusion)



Significant AI Achievements - 2014 – 2025

Deep learning revolution

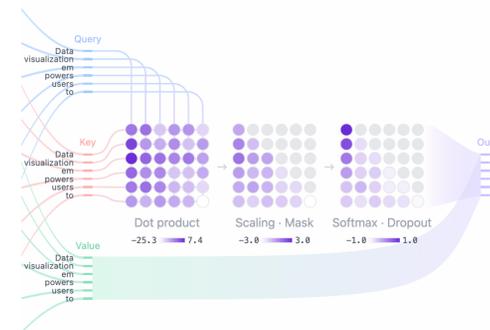
- 2012 – 2015 - DL revolution²
 - CNNs demonstrated exceptional performance in image recognition, *e.g.*, [AlexNet's victory in ImageNet competition](#)
 - widespread adoption of DL learning in CV transforming industries
- 2016 - AlphaGo defeats human Go champion
 - DeepMind's AlphaGo defeated world 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



²CV: computer vision, NN: neural network, CNN: convolutional NN, RL: reinforcement learning

Transformer changes everything

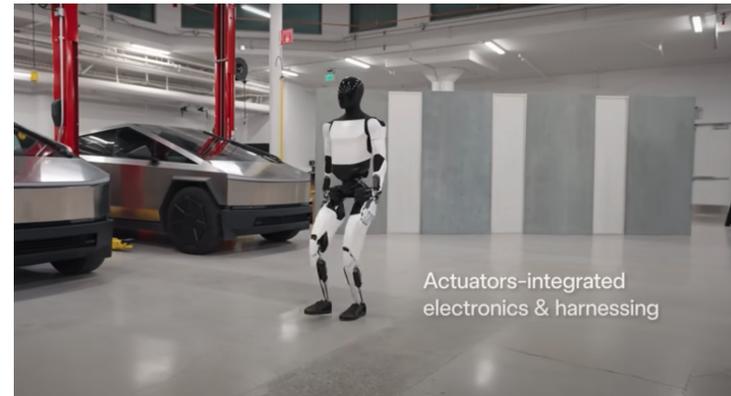
- 2017 – 2018 - Transformers & NLP breakthroughs³
 - *Transformer (e.g., BERT & GPT) revolutionized NLP*
 - major advancements in, e.g., machine translation & chatbots
- 2020 - AI in healthcare – AlphaFold & beyond
 - DeepMind's *AlphaFold solves 50-year-old protein folding problem* predicting 3D protein structures with remarkable accuracy
 - accelerates drug discovery and personalized medicine - offering new insights into diseases and potential treatments



³NLP: natural language processing, GPT: generative pre-trained transformer

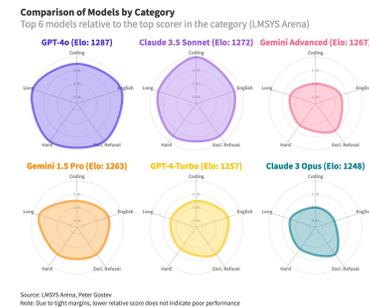
Lots of breakthroughs in AI technology and applications in 2024

- proliferation of advanced AI models
 - GPT-4o, Claude Sonnet, Claude 3 series, Llama 3, Sora, Gemini
 - *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*



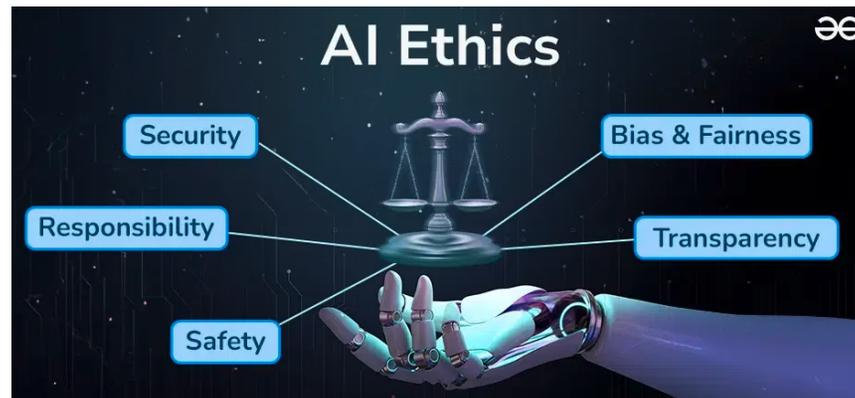
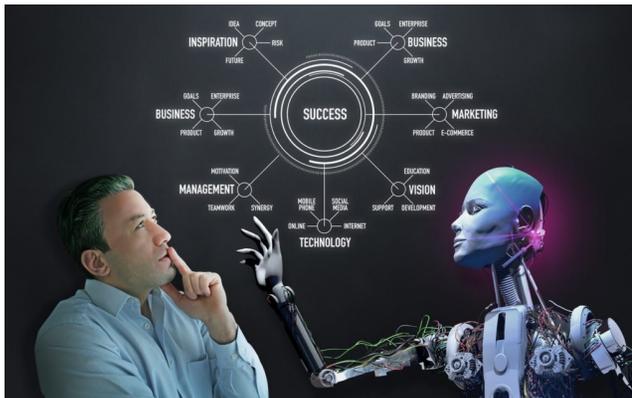
Major AI Breakthroughs in 2025

- next-generation foundation models
 - GPT-5 and Claude 4 demonstrate emergent reasoning abilities
 - open-source models achieving parity with leading commercial systems from 2024
- hardware innovations
 - NVIDIA's Blackwell successor architecture delivering 3-4x performance improvement
 - AMD's MI350 accelerators challenging NVIDIA's market dominance
- AI-human collaboration systems
 - seamless multimodal interfaces enabling natural human-AI collaboration
 - AI systems effectively explaining reasoning and recommendations
 - augmented reality interfaces providing real-time AI assistance in professional contexts



Transformative impact of AI - reshaping industries, work & society

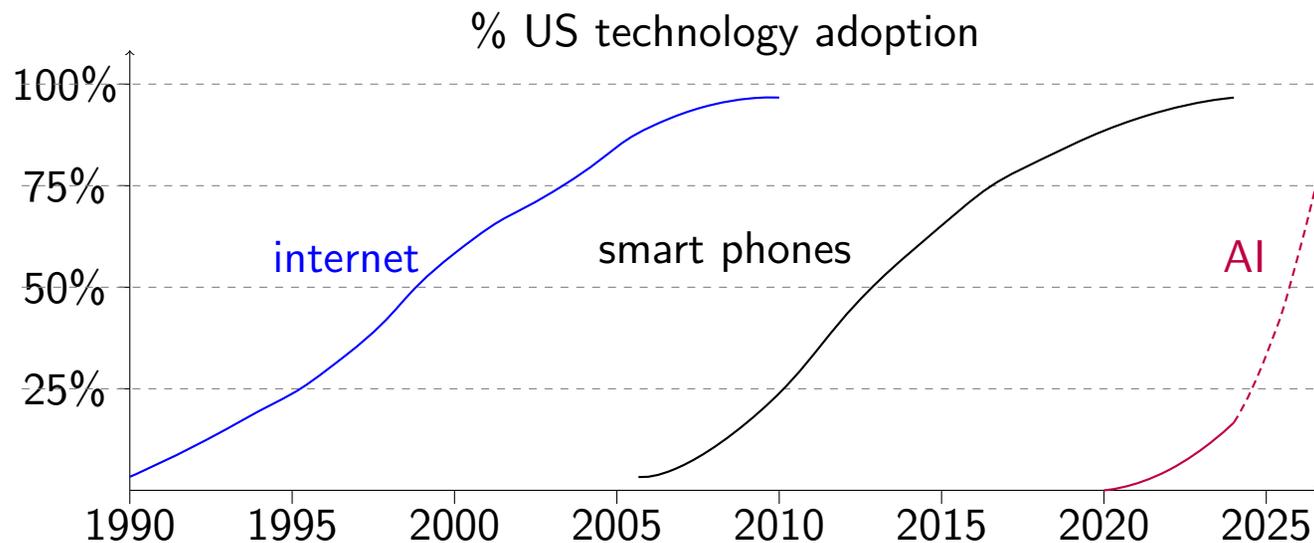
- accelerating human-AI collaboration
 - not only reshaping industries but *altering how humans interact with technology*
 - AI's role as collaborator and augmentor redefines productivity, creativity, the way we address global challenges, *e.g., sustainability & healthcare*
- AI-driven automation *transforms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



Measuring AI's Ascent

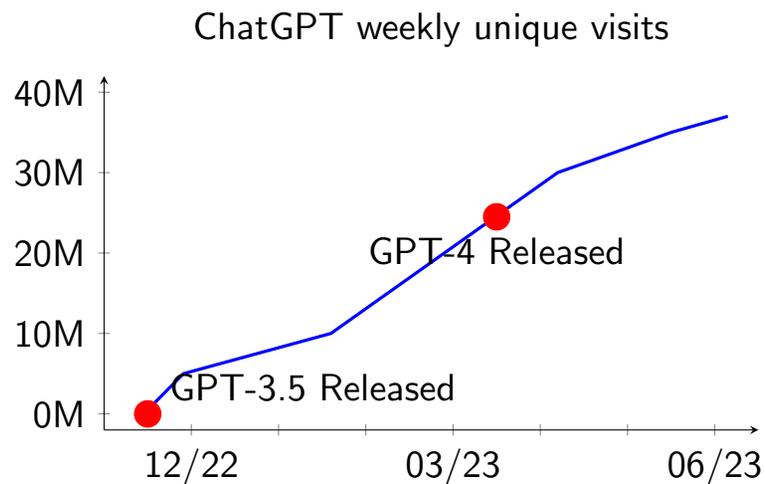
Where are we in AI today?

- 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

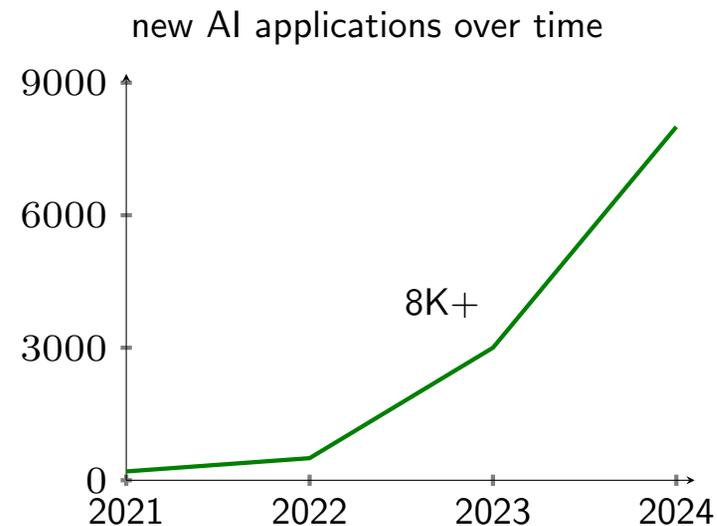
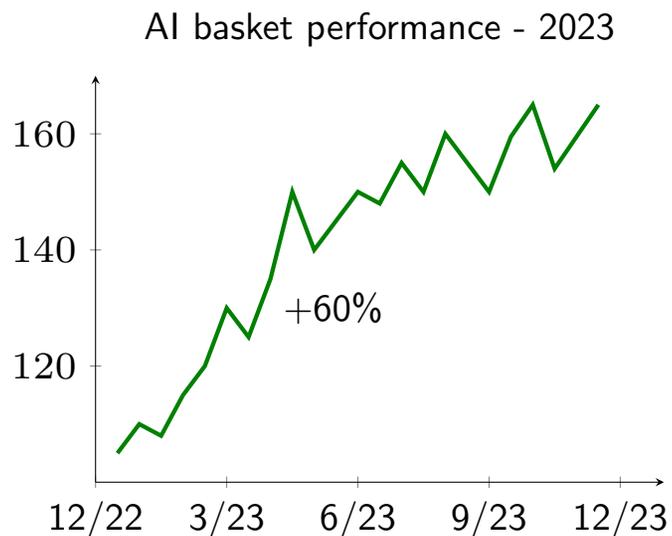
- took only *5 months for ChatGPT users to reach 35M*
- NVIDIA 2023 Q2 earning exceeds market expectation by big margin - \$7B vs \$13.5B
 - surprisingly, *101% year-to-year growth*
 - even more surprisingly *gross margin was 71.2%* - up from 43.5% in previous year⁴



⁴source - Bloomberg

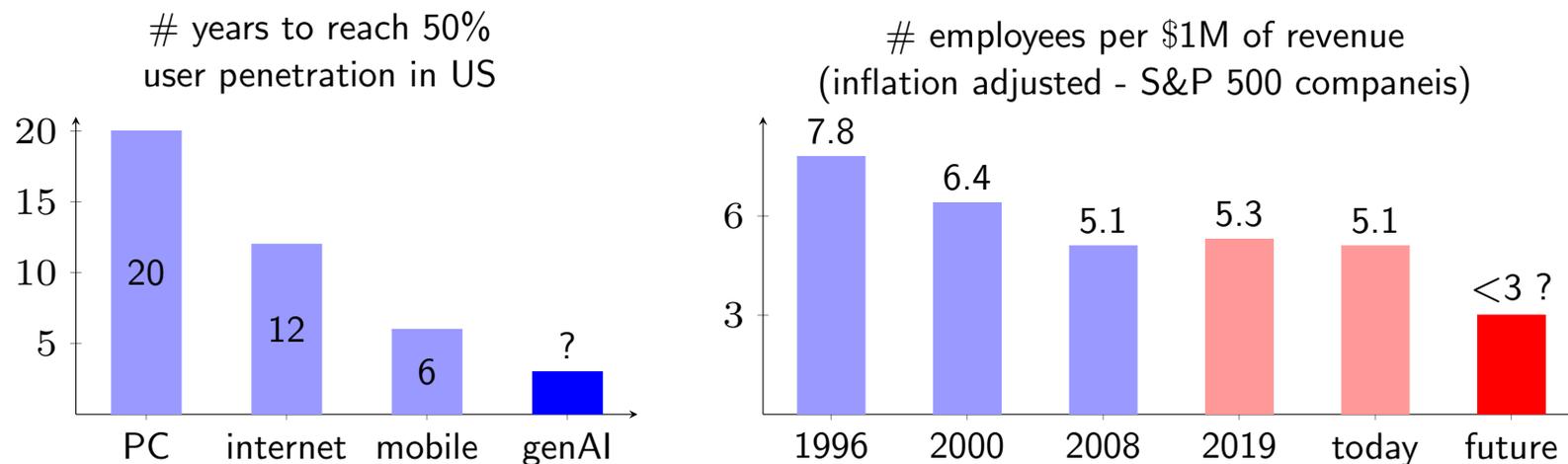
Explosion of AI ecosystems - AI stock market

- *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



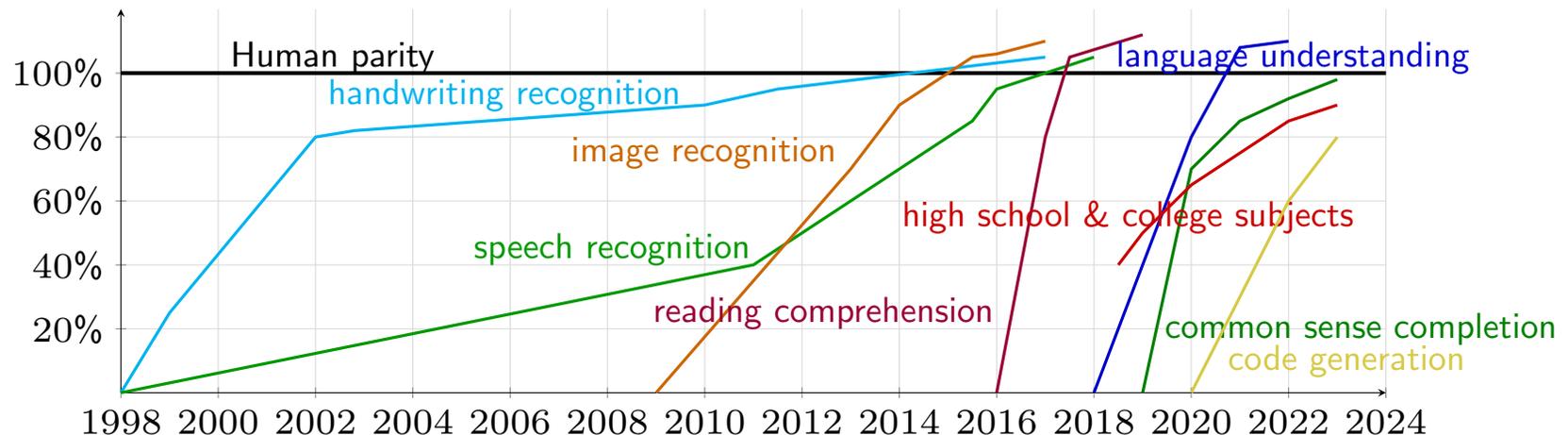
AI's transformative impact - adoption speed & economic potential

- 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



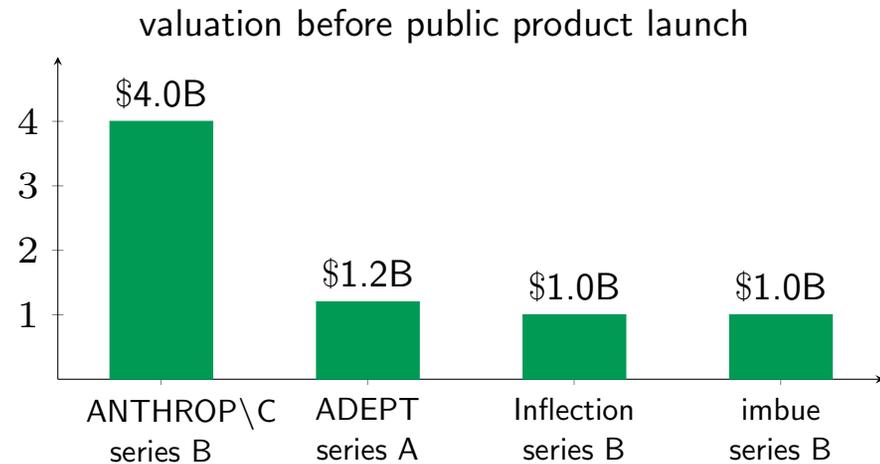
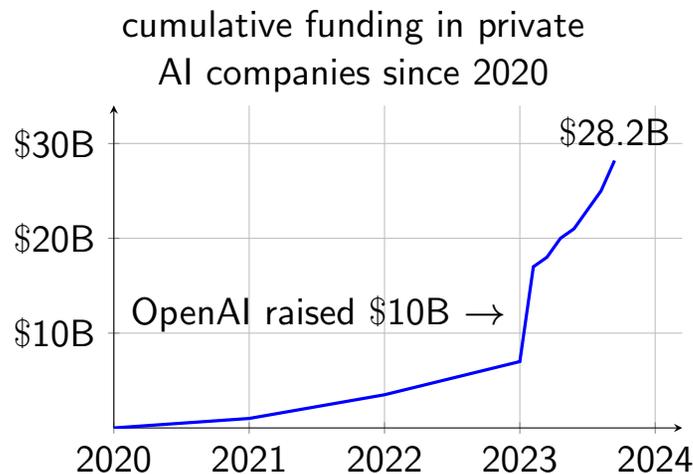
AI getting more & more faster

- 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



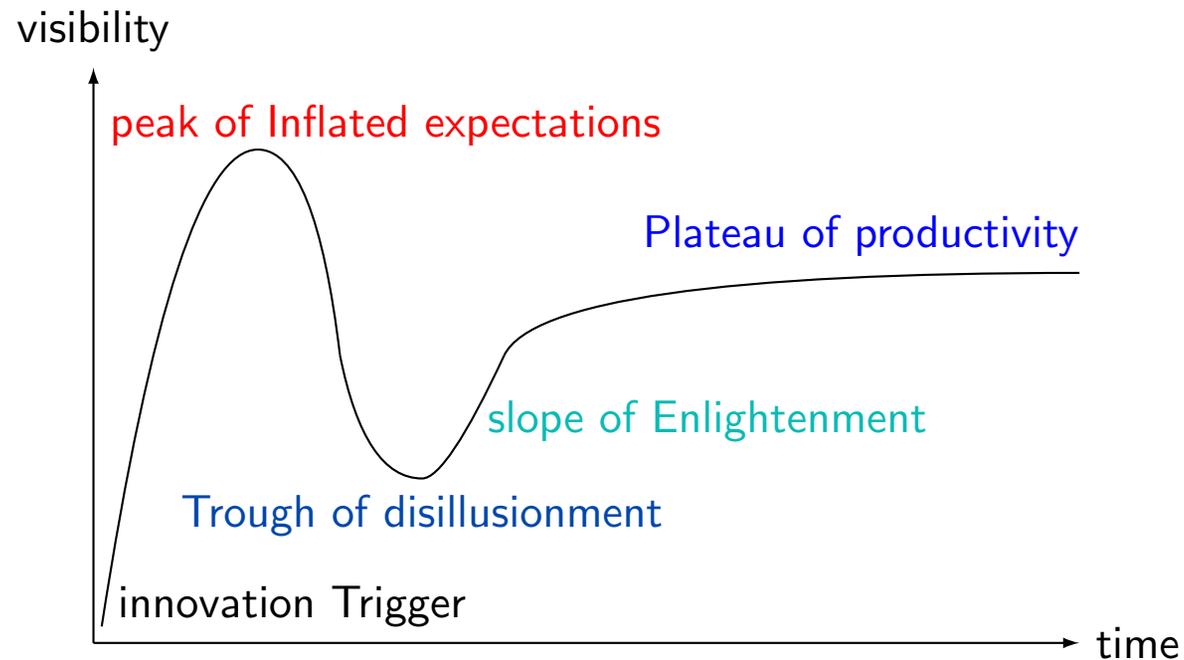
Massive investment in AI

- *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



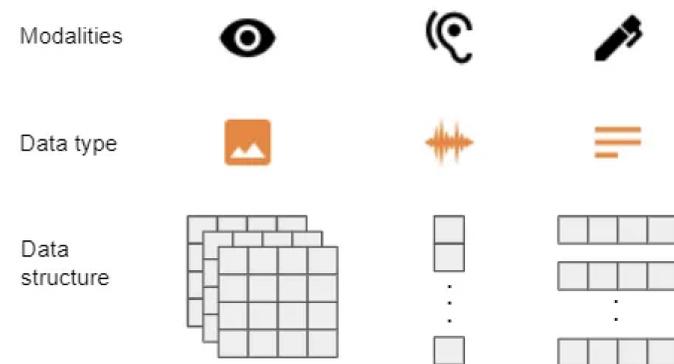
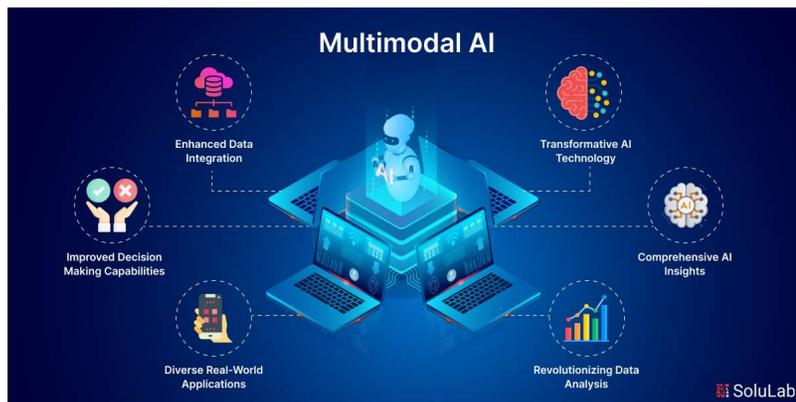
Yes & No

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 Agents

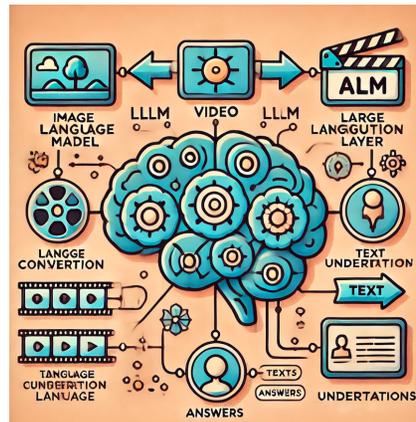
Multimodal learning

- understand information from multiple modalities, *e.g.*, text, images, audio, video
- representation learning methods
 - combine multiple representations or learn multimodal representations simultaneously
- applications
 - images from text prompt, videos with narration, musics with lyrics
- collaboration among different modalities
 - understand image world (open system) using language (closed system)



Implications of success of LLMs

- many researchers change gears towards LLM
 - from computer vision (CV), speech, music, video, even reinforcement learning
- *LLM is not only about NLP . . .* humans have . . .
 - evolved to optimize natural language structures for eons
 - handed down knowledge using *this natural languages* for thousands of years
 - internal structure (or equivalently, representation) of natural languages optimized via *thousands of generation by evolution*
- LLM *connects non-linguistic world (open system) via natural languages (closed system)*

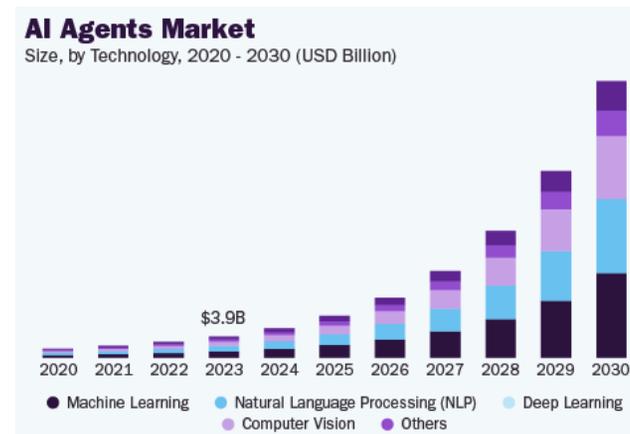
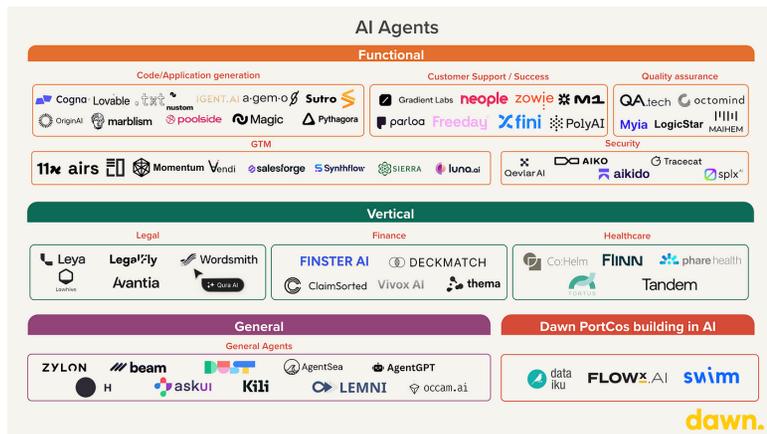


mmAI Technology

- core components
 - data preprocessing - images, text, audio & video
 - architectures - unified Transformer-based (*e.g.*, ViT) & cross-attention mechanisms / hybrid architectures (*e.g.*, CNNs + LLMs)
 - integration layers - fusion methods for combining data representations from different modalities
- technical challenges
 - data alignment - accurate alignment of multimodal data
 - computational demand - high-resource requirements for training and inferencing
 - diverse data quality - manage variations in data quality across modalities
- advancements
 - multimodal embeddings - shared feature spaces interaction between modalities
 - self-supervised learning - leverage unlabeled data to learn representations across modalities

AI agents powered by multimodal LLMs

- foundation
 - integrate multimodal AI capabilities for enhanced interaction & decision-making
- components
 - perceive environment through multiple modalities (visual, audio, text), process using LLM technology, generate contextual responses & take actions
- capabilities
 - understand complex environments, reason across modalities, engage in natural interactions, adapt behavior based on context & feedback



AI agents - Present & Future

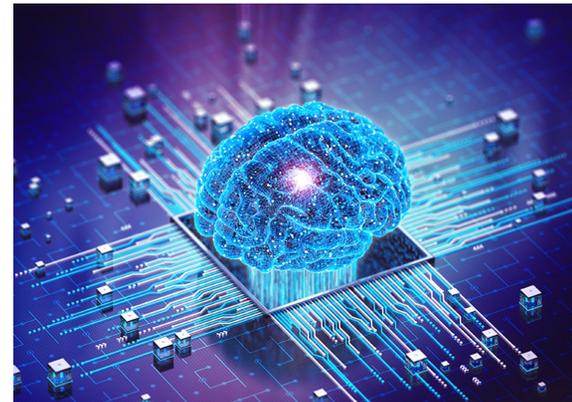
- emerging applications
 - scientific research - agents analyzing & running experiments & generating hypotheses
 - creative collaboration - AI partners in design & art combining multiple mediums
 - environmental monitoring - processing satellite sensor data for climate analysis
 - healthcare - enhanced diagnostic combining imaging, *e.g.*, MRI, with patient history
 - customer experience - virtual assistants understanding spoken language & visual cues
 - autonomous vehicles - integration of visual, radar & audio data
- future
 - ubiquitous AI agents - seamless integration into everyday devices
 - highly tailored personalized experience - in education, entertainment & healthcare



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



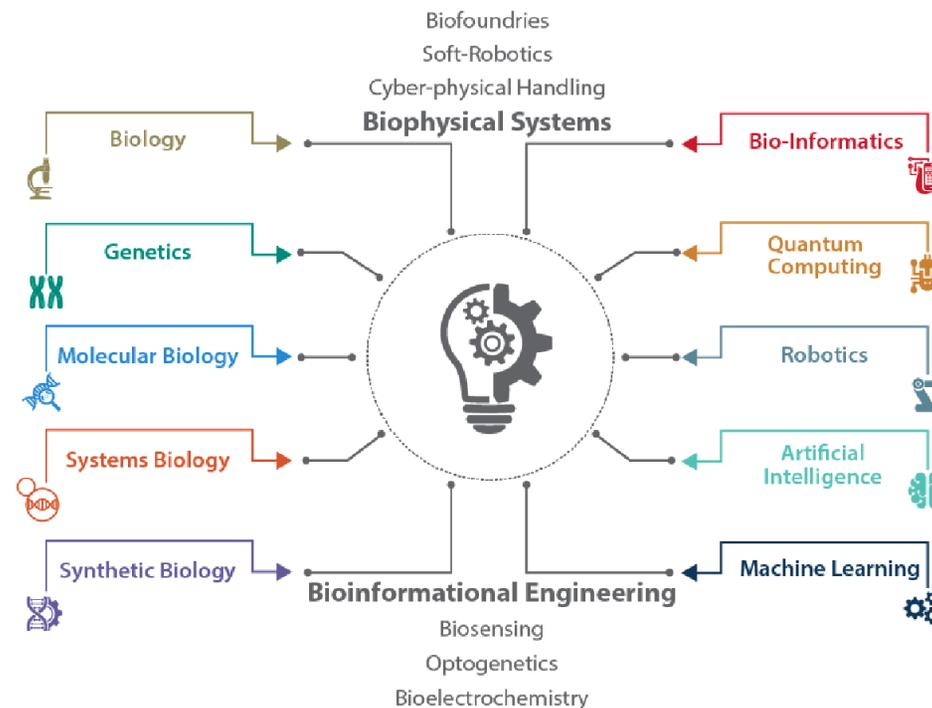
Biotech

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 take 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](#)]
 - *AI*, 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

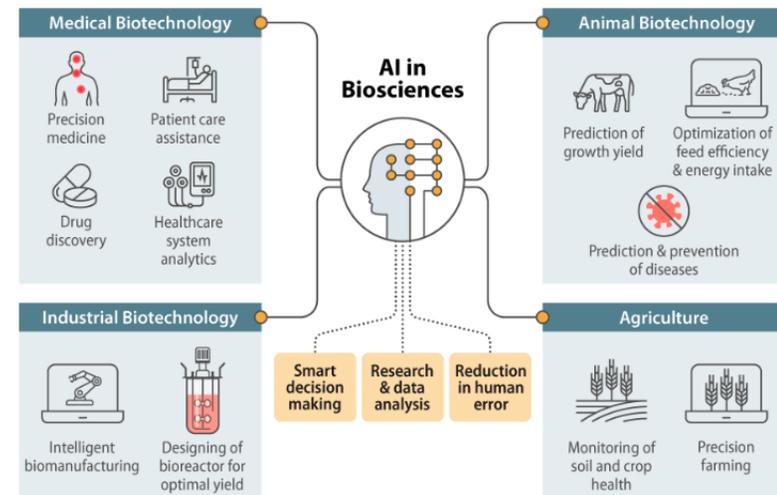
- sciences and technologies enabling biotechnology include (but not limited to)
 - (molecular) biology, genetics, systems biology, synthetic biology, bio-informatics, quantum computing, robotics [DFJ22]



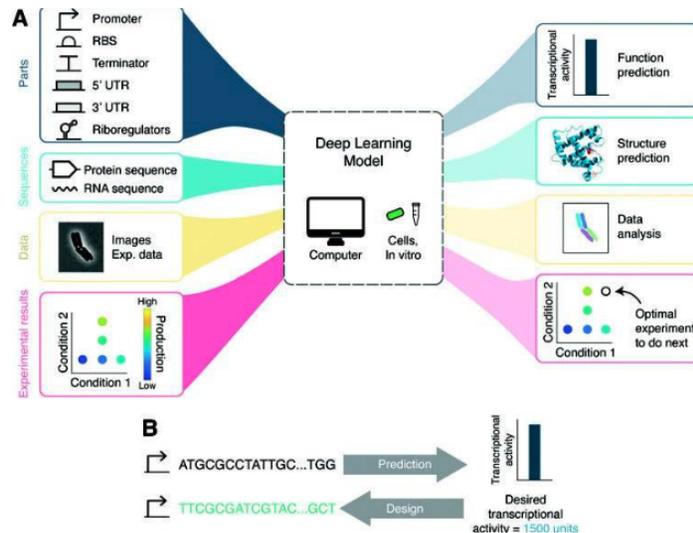
Convergence of AI and biological design

- AI & biological sciences converging [BKP22]
 - each building upon the other’s capabilities for new research and development across multiple areas
- Demis 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, 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 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



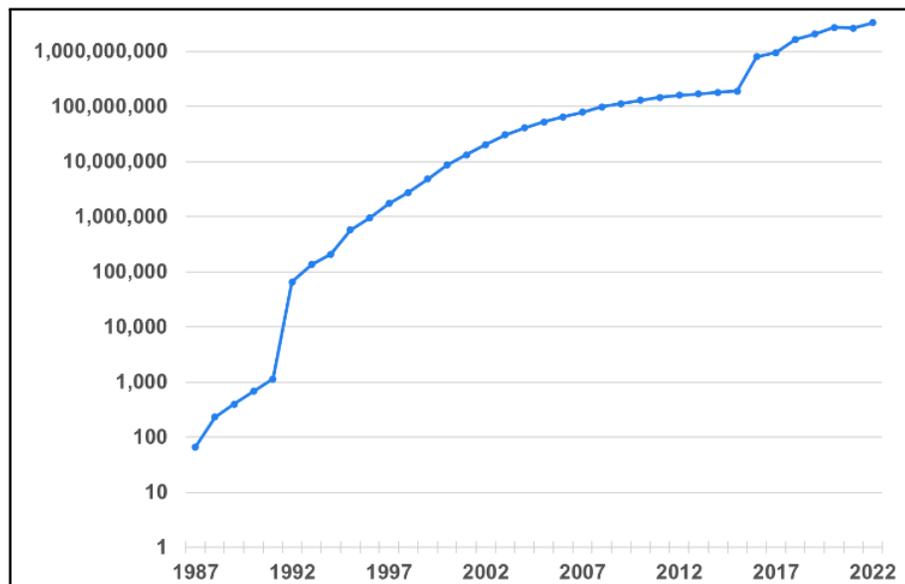
Rapid growth of biological data

- volume of genetic sequence data grown exponentially as sequencing technology 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 - more than *terabyte of three-dimensional structure data* for biological molecules, *e.g.*, proteins, DNA, RNA
 - proprietary database
 - Ginkgo Bioworks - 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

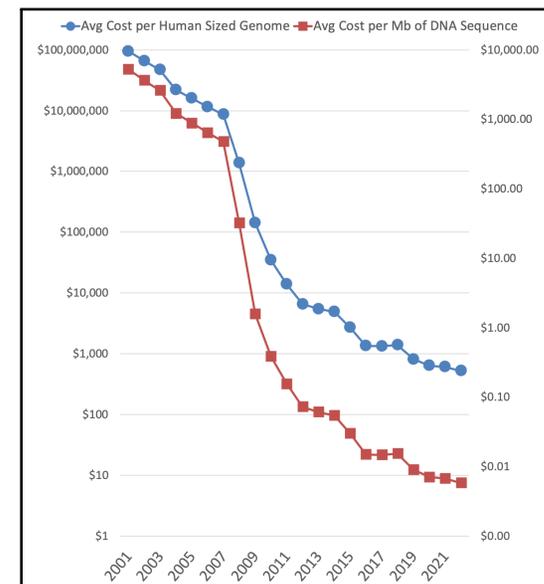
Volume and sequencing cost of DNA over time

- volume of DNA sequences & DNA sequencing cost
 - data source: National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) [Wet23] & International Nucleotide Sequence Database Collaboration (INSDC)
- *more dramatic than Moore's law!*

sequences in INSDC



DNA sequencing cost



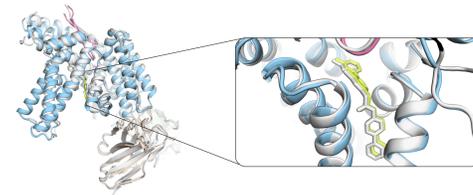
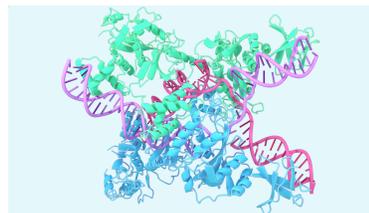
Bio data availability and bias

- 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

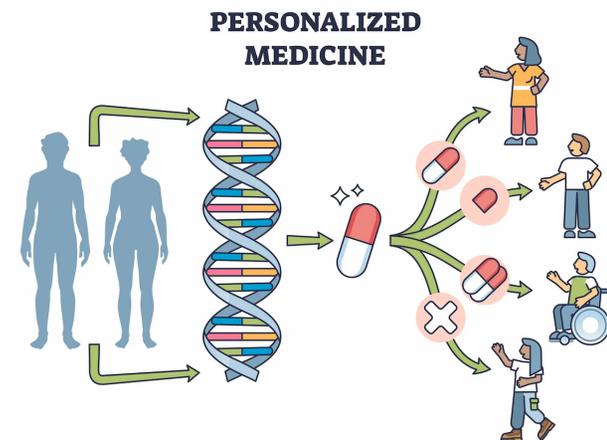
AlphaFold

- solving 50-year-old protein folding problem, *“one of biology’s grand challenges”*
 - definition - given amino acid sequence, predict how it folds into a 3D structure
 - proteins fold in microseconds, but predicting computationally nearly impossible
- AlphaFold 1 (2018) - DL + physics-based energy functions → AlphaFold 2 (2020)
 - attention-based NN solving protein folding “in principle” → AlphaFold 3 (2024) - diffusion-based DL, drug-protein interactions, protein complexes
- AlphaFold protein structure database
 - >200MM protein structures - nearly every known protein, used by >2MM researchers
- Applications & implications
 - drug discovery - target identification, lead optimization, side effect prediction
 - enzyme engineering, agriculture, environmental, vaccine development

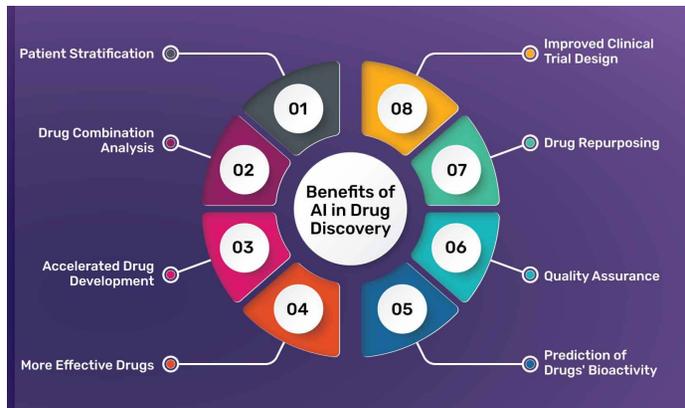


Personalized medicine

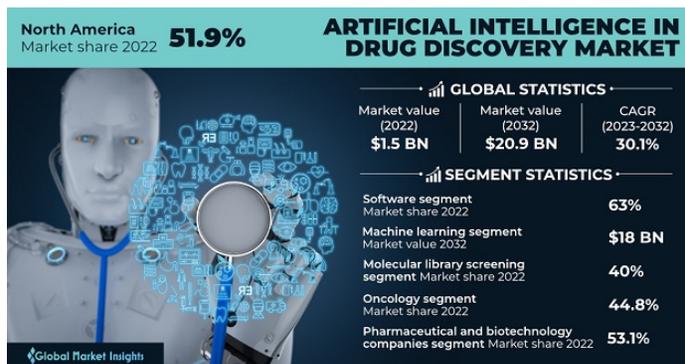
- *shift from one-size-fits-all approach to tailored treatments*
- based on individual genetic profiles, lifestyles & environments
- AI enables analysis of vast data to predict patient responses to treatments, thus enhancing efficacy and reducing adverse effects
- *e.g.*
 - custom cancer therapies
 -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



AI-driven drug discovery

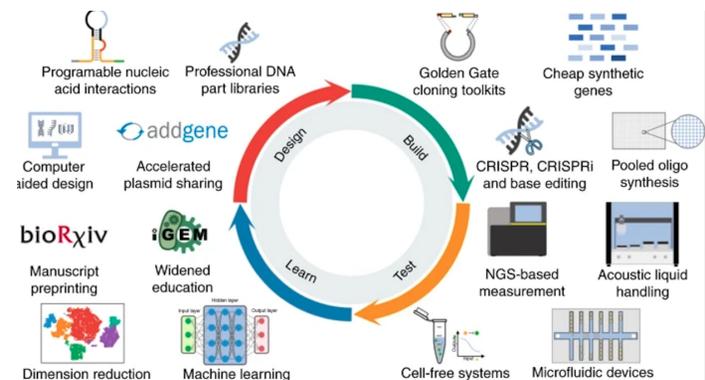
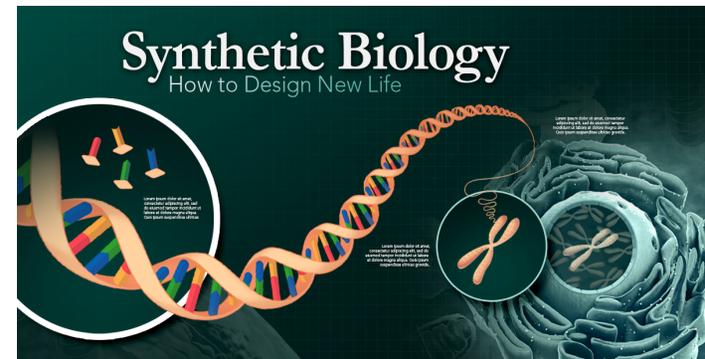


- traditional drug discovery process - time-consuming and costly often taking decades and billions of dollars
- AI streamlines this process by predicting the efficacy and safety of potential compounds with more speed and accuracy
- AI models analyze chemical databases to identify new drug candidates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

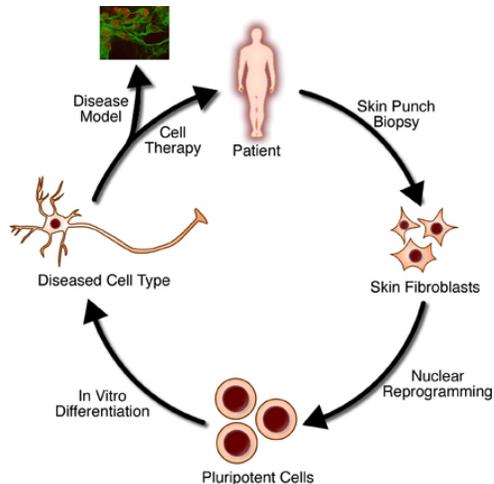
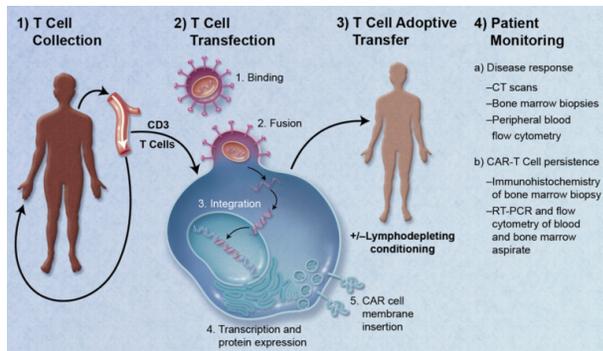


Synthetic biology

- 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



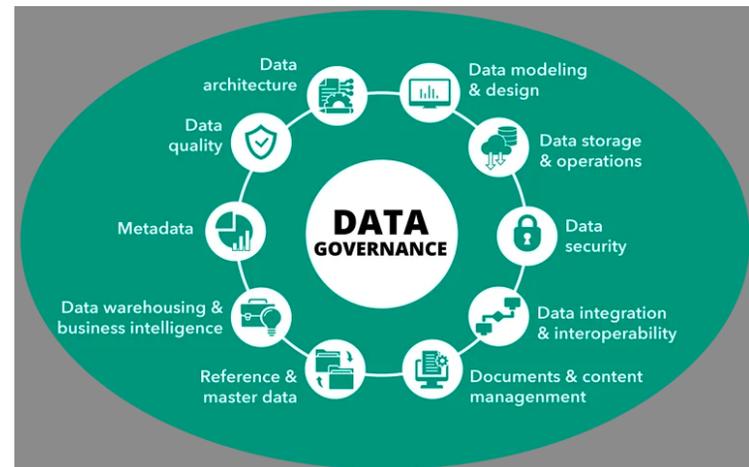
Regenerative medicine



- 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



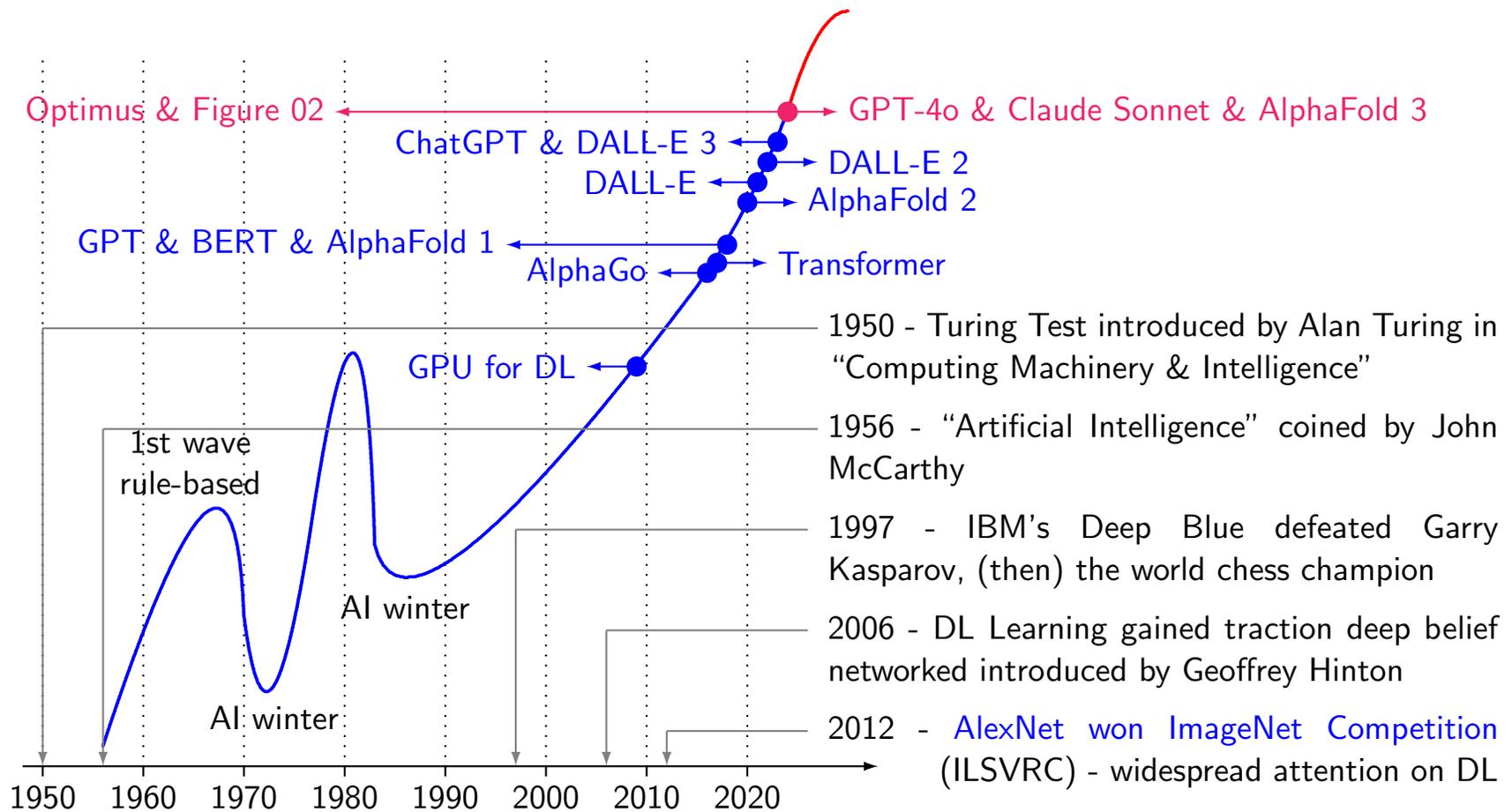
Silicon Valley's Cultural Engine of Innovation and Disruption

My journey from Samsung & Amazon to Gauss Labs & Erudio Bio

- Samsung Semiconductor, Inc.
 - inception into industry from academia, the world's best memory chip maker!
- Amazon.com, Inc.
 - experience so-called Silicon Valley big tech culture and technology
 - set tone for my future career trajectory!
- Gauss Labs, Inc.
 - found & operate AI startup, shaping corporate culture & spearheading R&D as CTO
 - inherent challenges of Korean conglomerate spin-off startup - cultural constraints, over-capitalization, and leadership limitations
- Erudio Bio, Inc.
 - concrete & tangible bio-technology in addition to AI
 - great decisions regarding business development; business models, market fit, go-to-market (GTM) strategies based on lessons learned *in a hard way* 😊

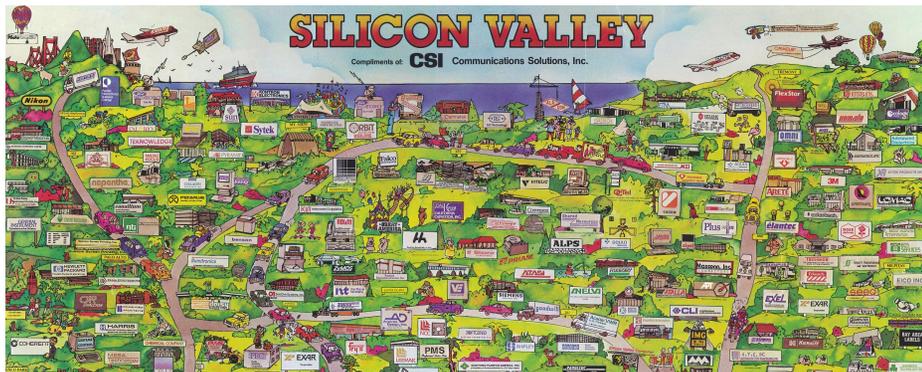


Joining Amazon.com, Inc. at the inflection point of AI



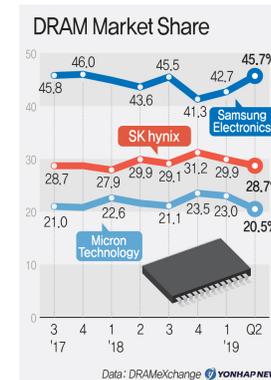
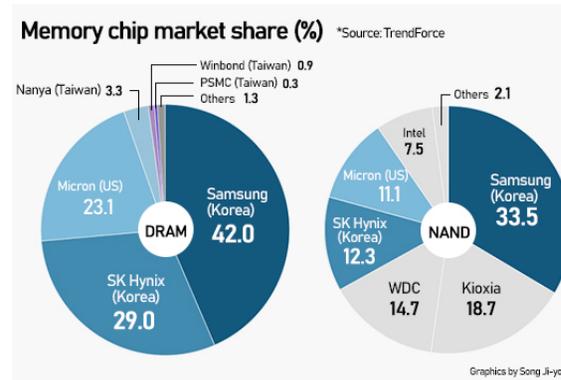
Innovation ecosystem of Silicon Valley

- key characteristics
 - risk-taking culture, *trust* in technology → *genuine* respect for engineers and scientists
 - easy access to huge capital - VCs, angel investors alike
 - talent density - engineers, researchers, scientists, entrepreneurs, PMs, TPMs, . . .
 - diversity, “collision density” of ideas
 - ecosystem of collaboration and competition - startups, academia, industry leaders
- what they mean for global big tech
 - set trends in AI, software & hardware (and or hence) product & industry innovation
 - act as testing ground for disruptive ideas



Case study: Amazon - amazing differentiators of big techs

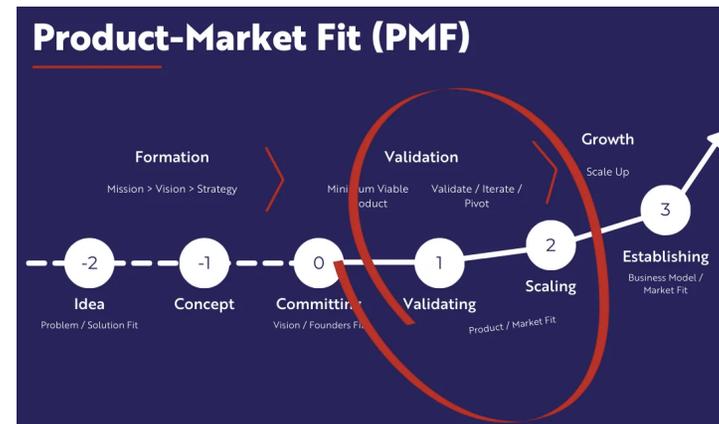
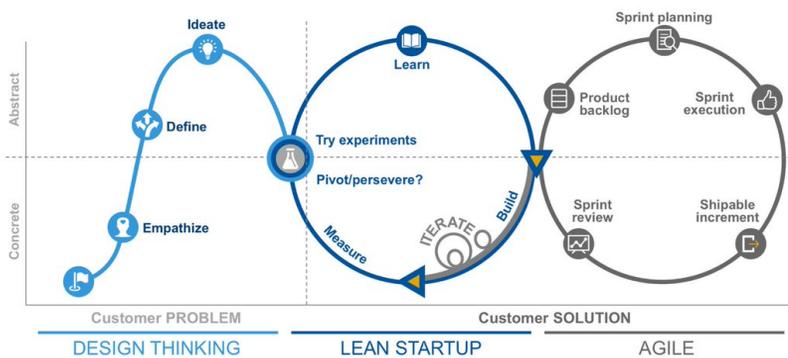
- Amazon’s culture & leadership principles
 - customer obsession as driver of innovation
 - high standards & ownership culture, disagree & commit
 - bias for action and long-term thinking - sounds contradictory?
 - mechanisms like “two-pizza teams” & “Day One” for (or rather despite) scalability
- lessons for Korean corporations
 - applying customer-centric innovation in hardware & AI, *e.g.*, on-device AI
 - balancing agility with long-term R&D
 - *build / adapt / apply on the core strength of Samsung that no other company has!*



Founding and scaling startups

- challenges
 - competence of and chemistry among co-founders crucial
 - technology & great team are *necessary*, but *not sufficient (at all!)* for success
 - business models, market fit, timing, agility, flexibility for pivoting / perseverance
- insight
 - importance of domain expertise in addition to AI
 - balancing innovation with good business decisions

Combine Design Thinking, Lean Startup and Agile



Bridging Silicon Valley & Korea

- cultural differences
 - risk appetite & failure tolerance
 - decision-making speed vs hierarchy
 - innovation vs execution focus
- opportunities for collaboration
 - leveraging Korea's manufacturing expertise with Silicon Valley's software/AI strengths
 - building global teams with diverse perspectives



To be successful . . .

- embrace customer/market-centric mindset in innovation and for business decisions
- balance agility with long-term vision
- foster cross-cultural collaboration for global impact
- ((very) strategically and carefully) leverage AI to solve real-world industrial challenges



Appendices

**K-PAI - Silicon Valley
Privacy-Preserving AI Forum**

Silicon Valley Privacy-Preserving AI Forum (K-PAI)

- pioneering community of professionals dedicated to building privacy-preserving AI solutions, products, and systems
- comprehensive expertise across AI domains
 - biotechnology, healthcare, and medical research
 - industrial applications and data centers
 - cloud infrastructure, storage solutions, mobile technologies
 - customer service platforms, multi-agent systems
 - RAG implementations, vector databases, agentic AI frameworks
- vision
 - *shaping future where AI innovation and privacy protection go hand in hand*
- active community with [homepage](#) & KakaoTalk collaboration platform for members



Our journey - forum history

- Nov-Dec 2024 - “The AI Strikes Back” & “Free Your Data”
 - Prof. Jung Hee Cheon (homomorphic encryption revolution)
- Jan 2025 - “The AI Knight Rises”
 - [Sunghee Yun](#) @ Erudio Bio on deep learning to flourishing societies
- Feb 2025 - “Silicon Citadel”
 - Chanik Park @ MangoBoost on AI data infrastructure
- Mar 2025 - “Blockchain Awakens”
 - Daejun Park @ a16z crypto on decentralized AI
- Apr 2025 - “Advancing Humanity”
 - Stanford Medicine team on bio/medical AI
 - co-hosting with K-BioX
- May 2025 - “The Autonomous Alliance”
 - Microsoft, GitHub, Uclone, SK Hynix on AI agents

Our journey - forum history

- Jun 2025 - “Silicon Companions”
 - Altos Ventures on robotics & smart devices
- Aug 2025 - “The Human-Centric AI Revolution”
 - address legal and ethical issues related to AI
- Nov 2025 - “The AI Silicon Race”
 - Korea-US Innovation Leadership at K·ASIC



Strategic partnerships & ecosystem

- *Perpetual Partnership with KOTRA Silicon Valley as Strategic Alliance*
- 2026 co-hosting partners
 - K-ASIC (Korea AI & IC Innovation Center)
 - K-BioX (biotech innovation)
 - KOTRA Silicon Valley (trade & investment)
 - Korean Consulate General, San Francisco (diplomatic support)
 - KABANC (Korean American Bar Association of Northern California - legal expertise)
- building bridges between Silicon Valley innovation and Korean institutional networks
- creating comprehensive support ecosystem: technical, legal, business, diplomatic



Community & engagement

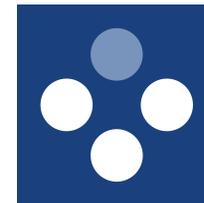
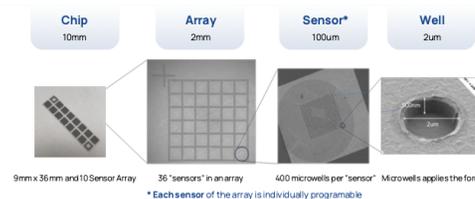
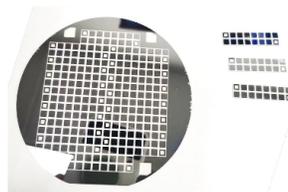
- membership requirements
 - attend 2+ K-PAI Forums to qualify
- member benefits
 - networking with AI professionals across all domains
 - knowledge sharing and collaboration opportunities
 - direct access to world-class speakers and experts
- forum format - 5pm-8pm, typically Wednesdays at premier Silicon Valley venues
- venues - Stanford, KOTRA, SK Hynix, Altos Ventures, K-ASIC, and more
- active community engagement and professional development



Erudio Bio

Powering AI-driven medicine with ground-truth binding data

- problems we solve
 - 90% of drugs fail in clinical trials due to poor early-stage prediction
 - multiplexed diagnostics suffer from false positives and cross-reactivity
- *Erudio Bio's Innovation*
 - VSA platform uses patented “dynamic force spectroscopy” to generate 1000x more high-quality binding data from single sample ($\sim 10\mu\text{L}$)
 - measuring not just presence, but *strength* and *kinetics* of molecular interactions
- *dual business model*
 - diagnostics - multi-cancer biomarker detection with clinical institutions & hospitals (Seoul National University Hospital Bundang, Keimyung University Dongsan Hospital)
 - drug discovery - bioTCADTM platform providing ground-truth labels to train & validate pharma AI models, reducing preclinical cycles



Validated technology, proven team, clear path to market

- validated impact
 - *\$1M Gates Foundation Grant* (2025) to democratize drug development for global health
 - partnerships with top research institutions (KRIBB, KAIST)
- unique team - *Stanford-trained founders* combining
 - semiconductor TCAD expertise & force spectroscopy innovation (20+ years)
 - AI & optimization leadership (Samsung, Amazon, SK hynix, Gauss Labs)
- market entry
 - *Korea → Asia hub & US* strategy with 2026 regulatory milestones and expanding pharma partnerships

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Biological assays struggle with scale & accuracy

Data is expensive

- so we make decisions with *incomplete* picture
- status quo
 - limited, small-scale testing confirms diagnosis
 - outcome only as good as doctor's ability to determine which tests, limiting the picture
 - cross reactivity prevents larger scale testing
- Erudio creates
 - *comprehensive, large-scale* testing will drive diagnosis without assumptions
 - increased scale enables enhanced scientific discovery leading to
 - *better patient care*
 - *reduced time to diagnosis*
 - *cost reduction*



Erudio Bio starting Revolution

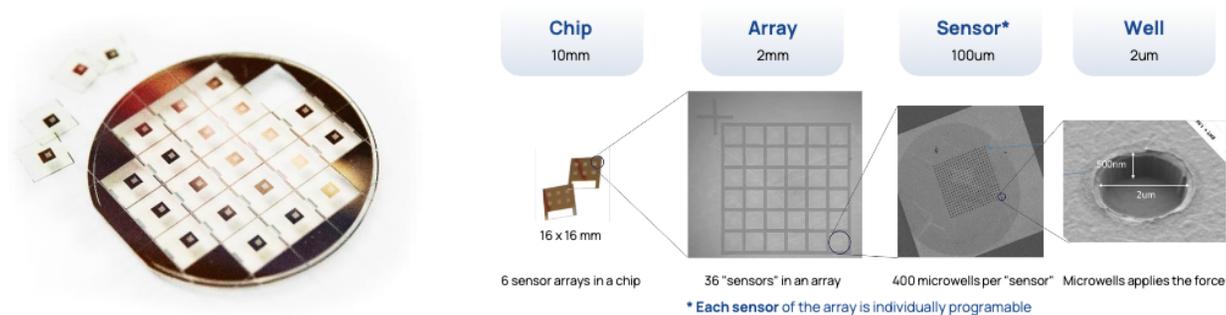
Erudio Bio starts revolution with Gates Foundation's support

- more data
 - comprehensive data from single biological sample
 - multiplexed analysis of nucleic acid, protein, cells, and more!
 - *multi-omic platform*
- actionable data
 - combined quality score from all data sources for comprehensive & conclusive assessment
- earlier data
 - complete data early to drive accurate decision making



Versatile Smart Assay (VSA) Platform

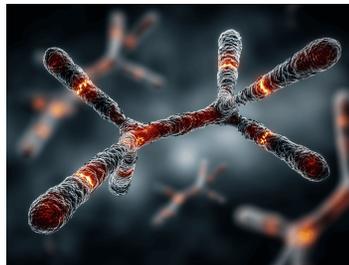
VSA technology



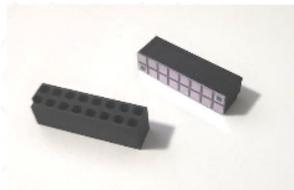
- generates *1000x more data* than the prevailing technology
 - scalable multi-omic microarray sensor
- *21 patents* in US, Canada, China, and Europe
- indicates how good the data is in real time
 - patented “dynamic force spectroscopy” and “powerful Bayesian inference” method provides our data *quality score* to know their accuracy for actionable data
- AI software extracts a detailed, interpretable picture for quick diagnosis
 - leads to *AI knowledge discovery* resulting in *data-driven diagnosis*

Enabling comprehensive data acquisition

- antibodies - versatile tools in biology
 - can engineer to target virtually *anything* we want
 - problem
 - indiscriminate interactions severely limits use of antibodies in multiplex formats
 - error-prone results due to non-specific binding
- solution - comprehensive data with *dynamic force spectroscopy*
 - comprehensive binding strength to distinguish specific from non-specific binding
 - *quality score* discerns noise from useful data to enable multiplexing



Erudio Bio's business models



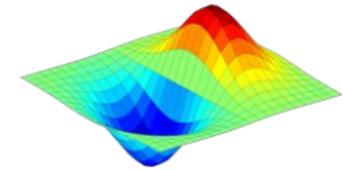
Consumable chip
& flowcell



Instrument



Consumable
reagent kit



Software
AI/ML & SaaS

- VSA platform
 - instrument - recurring revenue with high margin
 - modular licensable software - AI based data interpretation and feature extraction
- SaaS
 - subscription based pre-validation of reagent database
 - AI feature extraction and knowledge discovery

Milestones

Erudio Bio key milestones

- IP developed at Stanford School of Medicine under mentorship by father of microarrays
- Dr. Ronald Davis
- data vetted by Analog Devices (\$115B market cap semiconductor company), Harvard Medical School & Massachusetts General Hospital
- commercial partnership with Analog Devices to manufacture at scale
- JDA with Shanghai General Hospital's National Clinical Research Center for Eye Diseases
- JDA with Seoul National University General Hospital (SNUBH) for multiplexed cancer biomarker detections
- partnerships with
 - Keimyung University Dongsan Hospital, KRIBB, KAIST NanoFab, Lulumedic



Competitive landscape



- Erudio Bio
 - *only company* providing both high quality data and large data output
- efficient workflow integration facilitates customer adoption

Erudio Bio engaging with Customers

Validating out technology in clinical settings



- joint development agreement signed with *Shanghai General Hospital's National Clinical Research Center for Eye Diseases*
 - co-develop multiplexed diagnostic test for uveitis
 - addresses low sample volume and diagnostic inaccuracies
- globally unique partner, customer so large that it is a market by itself
 - 45 large hospitals with 83M patient visits per year
 - standard of care for smaller hospitals in Shanghai to access additional 280M patients

Clinical validation to market leadership in Korean preventive care



- market opportunity - *preventive care* is foundation of Korean healthcare
 - ~ 15M health screenings performed in S. Korea testing
 - ideal market segment for Erudio Bio's multi-omic multiplexed VSA platform
 - multi-billion dollar addressable market for multi-cancer early detection
- joint development agreed with *Seoul National University Hospital Bundang (SNUBH)*
 - premier hospital of national importance
 - enabling expansive proactive health assessment for efficient health care system
 - collaboration with target of *multiplexed cancer biomarker medical equipment business*

Teams

Team & advisory board

- team
 - Sunghee Yun, Ph.D. (CTO) - AI, optimization, business development, software
 - Kee-Hyun Paik, Ph.D. (CEO) - chip, microfluidics, instrumentation
 - Susanne Baumhueter, Ph.D. - biology, immunology, project management
 - Leon Chen, MBA, CFA (COO) - business development, product, operations
 - Jin Young Huh (CLO) - chief legal officer, business development in Korea
- advisory board
 - Michael Cola - CEO of AEVI Genomic Medicine (\$62B sales to Takeda)
 - Tim Germann - CCO of Carterra Bio
 - Karyn Eliot - retired CIA Sr. Executive
 - Ronald W. Davis - Director of Stanford Genome Tech Center (\$15B+ exits)
 - William J. Greenleaf - Prof. Genetics and Applied Physics, Stanford University



Gates Foundation Grant

Erudio Bio wins \$1M Gates Foundation Grant - scaling bioTCAD

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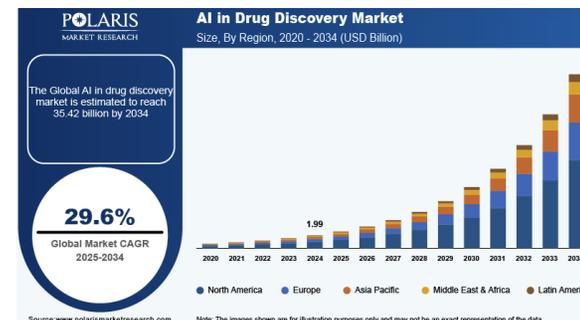
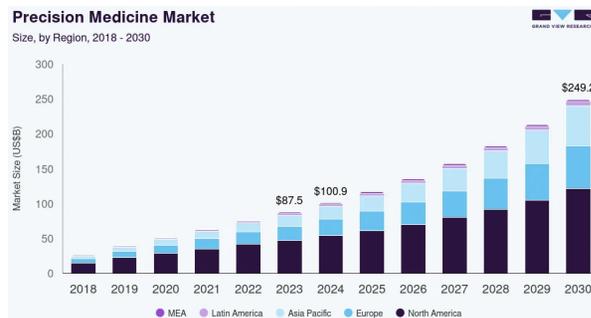


- \$1M Grant Award (August 2025)
 - Gates Foundation recognizes Erudio Bio’s potential to transform drug development for global health
- mission alignment - democratizing medicine by making preclinical drug design faster, yet reliable & accessible
 - lowering development costs for diseases affecting low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)
 - addressing the 90% clinical trial failure rate that drives up drug costs
- funded project - scale bioTCADTM platform to generate ground-truth binding datasets
 - expand force spectroscopy measurements across high-burden disease targets
 - train AI models with kinetics-resolved binding data (on/off rates, unbinding forces)
 - enable pharma/biotech to prioritize candidates earlier with higher confidence

The Trillion Dollar Opportunities

The market is real - and enormous

- AI in biotech/pharma market size
 - AI in drug discovery - \$4B (2023) → \$50B+ by 2034 (Global Market Insights)
 - AI diagnostics market - \$1.2B (2023) → \$5-12B by 2030
 - precision/personalized medicine - \$80B (2023) → \$230B by 2030
 - synthetic biology - \$15B (2023) → \$100B by 2032
 - *combined TAM approaching \$1T by mid-2030s* - conservative estimate
- why biotech AI multiples exceed pure software AI
 - software AI competes on marginal cost → commoditizes fast
 - biotech AI - irreversible IP - novel molecules, validated biomarkers, proprietary assay
 - every successful clinical trial is a data moat that cannot be reverse-engineered

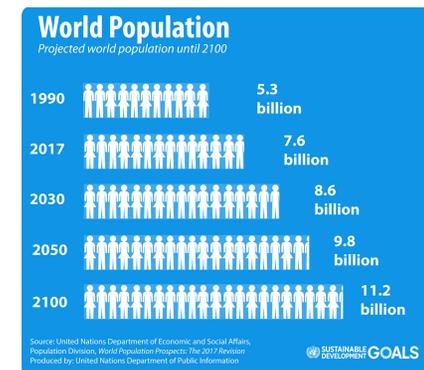


Macro tailwinds amplifying these opportunities

- aging global population - over 2.1 billion people over 60 by 2050 (UN DESA)
 - cancer, neurodegeneration, cardiovascular disease scale accordingly
- post-COVID regulatory acceleration
 - FDA's AI/ML action plan, EMA adaptive pathways
- government prioritization - US CHIPS & Science Act includes biotech
 - Gates Foundation, NIH, BARDA deploying billions in non-dilutive capital
- historical parallel
 - genomics wave (Human Genome Project) unlocked \$1T in economic value
 - *AI-biotech convergence is at least one order of magnitude larger*



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Three exponential curves converging now

- *curve 1 - LLMs & genAI*
 - language models operating natively on biological “languages” - protein sequences (ESM-2, ESMFold), SMILES molecular notation, genomic sequences
 - generative AI can propose novel drug candidates - Insilico Medicine’s INS018_055 went from AI-generated candidate to Phase II in 4 years vs industry avg of 10–15 yrs
 - multi-modal AI integrating imaging, omics, and clinical notes simultaneously
- *curve 2 - biochemical & biological breakthroughs*
 - AlphaFold 3 (2024) - extends beyond proteins to DNA, RNA, small molecules, and their interactions — the full drug-target interface
- *curve 3 - data availability*
 - DNA sequencing cost reduction, INSDC database, electronic health records digitized, wearables & continuous monitoring
- *The rarity of this moment - all three curves peaking simultaneously is historically unprecedented*

Cross-domain inevitabilities - The Technical Moat

- core insight
 - fundamental mathematical structures recur across seemingly unrelated domains
 - recognizing these - strategic advantage - optimization → biological energy landscapes
 - protein folding is fundamentally an energy minimization problem over high-dimensional conformational space
- information theory → cellular signaling
 - mutual information and channel capacity concepts (Shannon, 1948) map directly onto how cells encode and transmit signals through biochemical cascades
 - LLM training optimizes cross-entropy loss over token distributions
 - cellular gene regulatory networks optimize analogous information-theoretic objectives over transcription factor binding distributions
 - researchers who understand why transformers work can transfer those architectural intuitions to biological sequence modeling

What separates Unicorn Potential from incremental progress

- *dimension 1 - platform vs point solution*
 - point solution - AI model predicting one biomarker for one cancer type - narrow addressable market & low defensibility
 - *platform* - technology applicable across multiple disease areas, multiple biomarker classes, multiple assay modalities — TAM compounds with each new application
 - litmus test - “Can this technology be redirected to new disease areas in a few months without rebuilding from scratch?”
- *dimension 2 - is AI load-bearing or decorative?*
 - “AI-washing” - ML used for marketing positioning, not scientific differentiation
 - *load-bearing AI* - the AI component creates a result impossible or uneconomic to achieve otherwise
 - *e.g.*, Erudio Bio’s dynamic force spectroscopy + AI detecting cancer biomarkers at concentrations below conventional immunoassay thresholds
- *dimension 3 - pathway to clinical and regulatory reality*
 - computational elegance that cannot survive contact with clinical data is worthless

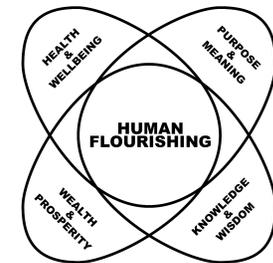
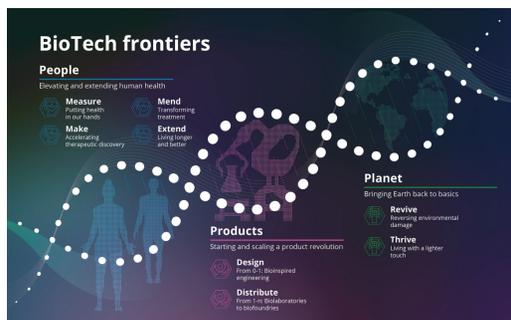
- regulatory strategy must be designed into product from day one - not retrofitted after technical development
- FDA's 510(k) vs De Novo vs PMA pathways have entirely different clinical evidence requirements — choice of pathway is a strategic decision made at founding
- *hospital partnerships (e.g., SNUBH) not just validation - they are the pipeline for clinically grounded training data!*
- *dimension 4 - proprietary data moat*
 - the most durable competitive advantage in AI-biotech is *the data no one else can access or replicate*
 - e.g., proprietary assay platforms generating novel measurement types, exclusive hospital partnerships, patient cohorts with longitudinal follow-up, rare disease registries
- *dimension 5 - human welfare at the center; not a constraint, but a strategic asset!*
 - mission alignment with patient outcomes unlocks - NIH/Gates/BARDA non-dilutive funding, academic medical center partnerships, favorable regulatory posture, and - increasingly - LP mandates in impact-oriented VC funds

Investment landscape & white spaces

- where capital is concentrating - crowded but justified
 - *AI-native drug discovery platforms* - Insilico Medicine, Recursion Pharmaceuticals, Exscientia, Schrödinger - well-capitalized, public or late-stage
 - *protein engineering and design* - Absci, Generate Biomedicines, Cradle - foundation model approach to antibody and enzyme design
 - genomics interpretation - large language models trained on genomic sequences (Evo, Nucleotide Transformer)
 - risk - these spaces are getting crowded - differentiation increasingly difficult, capital efficiency under pressure
- underinvested white spaces - higher risk-adjusted opportunity
 - *AI-native diagnostic assays* - most diagnostic AI is retrofitted onto existing assay platforms - companies building AI-first measurement modalities have structural advantages in sensitivity, cost, and data proprietary
 - AI for *rare and neglected diseases* - Gates Foundation, Wellcome Trust, BARDA actively funding — orphan drug designation provides 7-year market exclusivity, priority review vouchers worth \$100M+ on the market

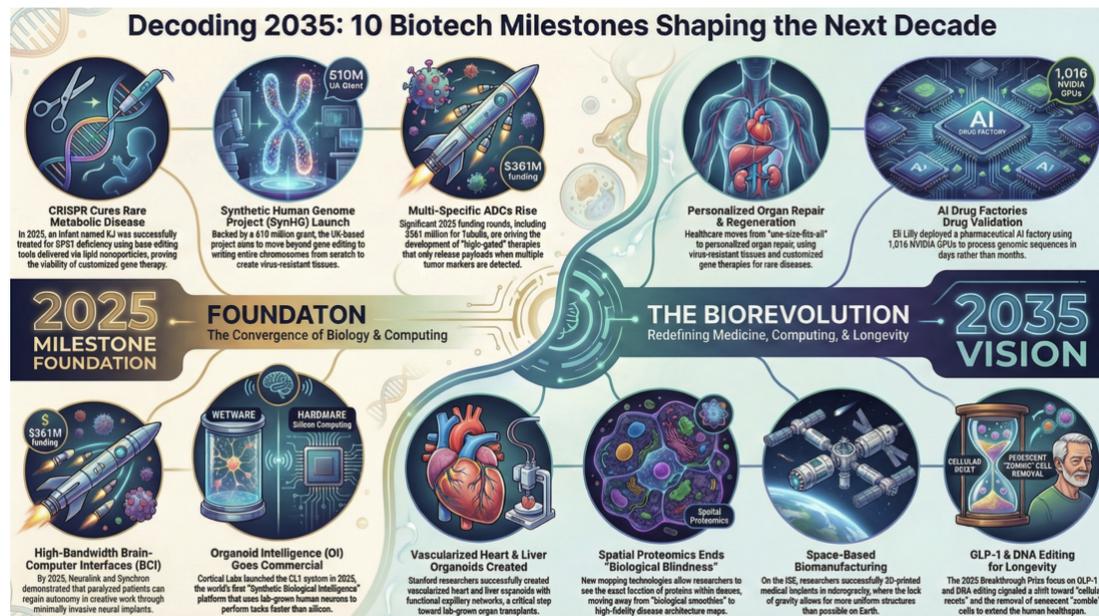
The Rare Entrepreneur This Moment Demands

- three simultaneous operating modes – all required
 - *deep technologist* - must understand inner workings well enough to know what AI can and cannot do & *spot when a competitor's technical claim is hollow*
 - *business strategist* - must navigate regulatory complexity, reimbursement strategy, partnership structuring, and capital allocation under uncertainty simultaneously
 - *advocate for human flourishing* - must hold *patient outcome as the north star* – not as marketing message, but as decision criterion resolving conflicts between speed, cost, and scientific rigor



What MIT GSW audience in this room should take away

- *the convergence is real, the market is massive, and the technical foundations are now mature enough to build on*
- the scarcest resource is not capital, nor compute, nor biological data – it is *founders holding the full stack - theory, biology, engineering, clinical reality, and human purpose*
- companies that will define human health in 2035 being founded in the next 24 months



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