







(Gen)AI for Official Statistics

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Outline

- What GenAl brought to the "Official Statistics" table?
- Is more traditional AI still relevant?
- Al endangering human rights
- What kind of AI seems to be coming in the near future?
- How Al Innovations propagate?
- Some insights into the Geopolitics of Al





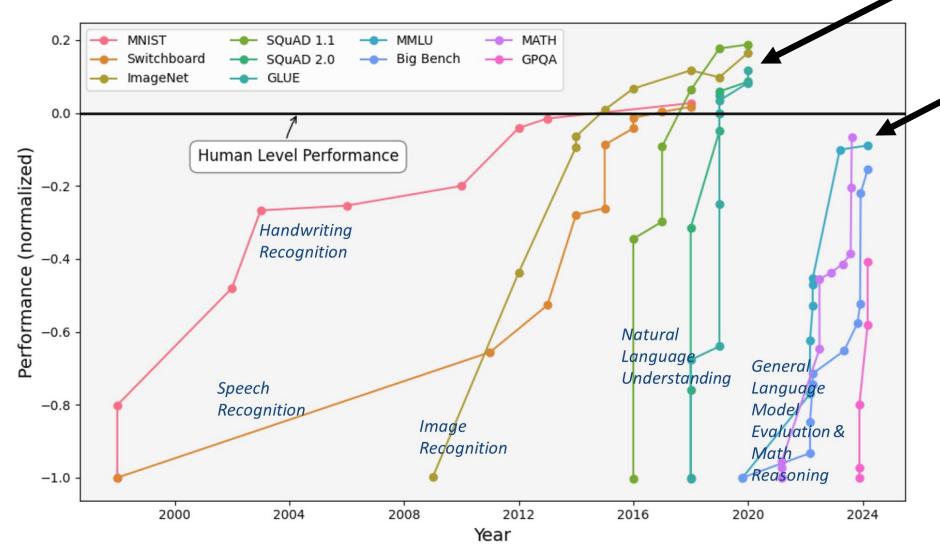
What happened in Al after 2010?

...why AI grew so fast and where it goes?

Al Systems vs. Human Capabilities

(Evolution of AI systems related to human skills)

Where we are (basic human skills)



Where we go (advanced human skills)

(Un)Known-(Un)Knowns – Model Representation vs. Phenomena Discovery

Phenomena Discovery

	Phenomena Known to Humans (what people already know, but want to model and understand)	Phenomena Unknown to Humans (what people typically don't know yet)
Human Interpretable (provided by a human to a machine)	Traditional Statistics, Traditional AI, Logic Reasoning	Advanced Statistical Methods, Unsupervised AI (e.g. anomaly detection)
Human Uninterpretable (created by a machine to optimize the solution)	Modern AI (after 2010), Deep Neural Networks, Transformers, Reinforcement Learning	Al to come, e.g., Al with "multihop" reasoning, Online Reinforcement Learning

...this would allow to reach yet undiscovered concepts and relations and reach insights far from what humanity knows today



What GenAl brought to the "Official Statistics" table?

...good and bad sides

What GenAl brought to the table for Official Statistics?

Extracting structure from unstructured data

- ...multiple data modalities: text, audio, images, video
- ...providing causality gives (sometimes) impressive results

Semantic Interoperability

- ...aligning data schemas
- ...contextual disambiguation and aggregation

Coding made easy

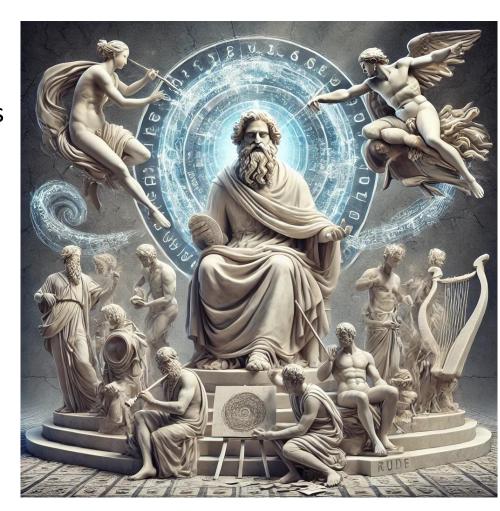
- ...generating code in programming languages (PL) from scratch
- ...translating code from one PL to another

Generation of synthetic data

• ...strong, but used with caution

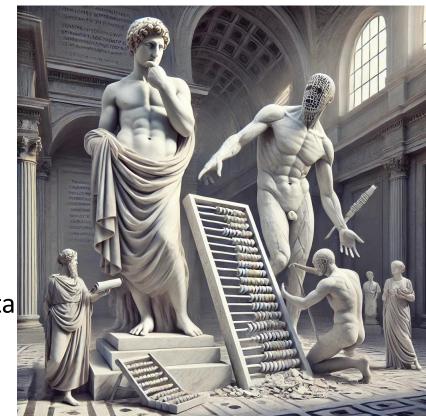
Uncontrolled uncertainty

- ...possible hallucinations at every step
- ...sampling and other techniques can help



Where GenAl/LLMs are not good?

- Do not use GenAI/LLMs to deal with numbers
 - ...e.g., do not use GenAl as a calculator
- LLMs are good in suggesting how to structure a solution
 - ...but cannot provide solutions themselves
 - ...e.g., good in generating code, but cannot execute the code
- LLMs are not (yet) good in reasoning of various kinds
 - ...i.e., whatever hasn't been seen yet, LLMs cannot invent
 - ...but are good in reproducing what has been seen in training data
 - Lots of investments recently are put in "LLM based reasoning"
- Whenever we need scale (e.g., big data), GenAI can become expensive
- LLMs are not good where theoretical guarantees are needed



One slide summary of LLMs & Official Statistics

Limitations of LLMs			Comments	
Hallucinations	LLMs can generate incorrect or fabricated information that	Official Statistics		
	appears plausible, leading to the spread of misinformation	Accuracy and	Official statistics must be	
Limited Reasoning Skills	LLMs may struggle with complex reasoning, logical deductions, and multi-step problem-solving	Reliability	accurate, reliable, and based on sound methodologies	
Limited Knowledge	LLMs are trained on static datasets and cannot update their knowledge in real-time	Relevance and Timeliness	The data should be relevant to user needs and provided in a	
Bias	LLMs can inherit and amplify biases present in their training data, leading to discriminatory or unfair outputs	Transparency	The production process and	
Lack of Transparency	LLMs operate as "black boxes," making it difficult to understand the reasoning behind their outputs	as "black boxes," making it difficult to and Impartiality		
-	LLMs require significant computational resources to operate,	Explainability	The models should incorporate mechanisms to provide insights	
Computational Constraints	which can limit their scalability	• • •		
Inconsistency	LLMs can generate different outputs for similar prompts or		processes	
•	even contradict themselves within the same response .	Accessibility	Official statistics should be	
Prompt Hacking	LLMs are vulnerable to manipulation through prompt	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	easily accessible to all users	
	hacking, where carefully crafted prompts can be used to influence the model's output or generate misleading results	Confidentiality	Individual data must be kept confidential and used	
Confidentiality	LLMs memorize and reproduce sensitive data from their training sets, potentially violating confidentiality		exclusively for statistical purposes	

Some Examples

Example Schema Matching isus record

English Census Schema o a household

Description

Data Type

Column Name

Person_ID	BIGINT	Unique i '
First_Name	VARCHAR(50)	First nan
Last_Name	VARCHAR(50)	Last nam
Age	INT	Age of tl
Gender	VARCHAR(10)	Gender (
Marital_Status	VARCHAR(20)	Marital s
Nationality	VARCHAR(50)	National
Ethnicity	VARCHAR(50)	Self-repo
Language_Spoken	VARCHAR(50)	Primary
Employment_Status	VARCHAR(50)	Employn
Occupation	VARCHAR(100)	Job title
Education_Level	VARCHAR(50)	Highest
Household_Size	INT	Number
Housing_Type	VARCHAR(50)	Type of I
Income_Bracket	VARCHAR(50)	Income (
Region	VARCHAR(50)	Administ
Urban_Rural	VARCHAR(10)	Classifica
Disability_Status	BOOLEAN	Whether
Migration_Status	VARCHAR(50)	Migratio
		Migrant)
Date_Recorded	DATE	Date wl

lazwa kolumny	Typ danych	Opis
ID_Spisu	BIGINT (PK)	Unikalny identyfikator rekordu spisowego
ID_Gospodarstwa	BIGINT	Identyfikator gospodarstwa domowego
ID_Osoby		11 9 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Polis	sh Cen	isus Schema prywatności)
Nazwisko		rony prywatności)
Wiek	INT	Wiek osoby
Płeć	VARCHAR(10)	Płeć (np. Mężczyzna, Kobieta, Inna)
Stan_Cywilny	VARCHAR(20)	Stan cywilny (np. Kawaler/Panna, Żonaty/Zamężna, Rozwiedziony/a, Owdowiały/a)
Obywatelstwo	VARCHAR(50)	Obywatelstwo osoby
Grupa_Etniczna	VARCHAR(50)	Samoidentyfikowana grupa etniczna
Język_Domowy	VARCHAR(50)	Główny język używany w domu
Status_Zatrudnienia	VARCHAR(50)	Status zawodowy (np. Zatrudniony/a, Bezrobotny/a, Emeryt, Student)
Zawód	VARCHAR(100)	Zawód, jeśli osoba jest zatrudniona
Poziom_Wykształcenia	VARCHAR(50)	Najwyższy ukończony poziom edukacji
Liczba_Domowników	INT	Liczba osób w gospodarstwie domowym
Typ_Zamieszkania	VARCHAR(50)	Rodzaj mieszkania (np. Blok, Dom jednorodzinny, Mieszkanie socjalne)
Przedział_Dochodowy	VARCHAR(50)	Kategoria dochodowa (np. Niski, Średni, Wysoki)
Województwo	VARCHAR(50)	Region administracyjny zamieszkania
Obszar	VARCHAR(10)	Typ obszaru (Miejski/Wiejski)
Niepełnosprawność	BOOLEAN	Czy osoba ma niepełnosprawność? (Tak/Nie)
Status_Migracyjny	VARCHAR(50)	Historia migracyjna (np. Autochton, Migrant wewnętrzny, Migrant zagraniczny)
Data_Obserwacji	DATE	Data zarejestrowania danych

English Schema (Census_Population)	Polish Schema (Spis_Ludności)	Description
Census_ID	ID_Spisu	Unique identifier for each census record
Household_ID	ID_Gospodarstwa	Identifier linking individuals to a household
Danie		

Mapping between Schemas

Age	Wiek	Age of the individual
Gender	Płeć	Gender of the person
Marital_Status	Stan_Cywilny	Marital status
Nationality	Obywatelstwo	Nationality
Ethnicity	Grupa_Etniczna	Self-reported ethnicity
Language_Spoken	Język_Domowy	Primary language spoken at home
Employment_Status	Status_Zatrudnienia	Employment status
Occupation	Zawód	Job title if employed
Education_Level	Poziom_Wykształcenia	Highest level of education completed
Household_Size	Liczba_Domowników	Number of individuals in the household
Housing_Type	Typ_Zamieszkania	Type of housing
Income_Bracket	Przedział_Dochodowy	Income category
Region	Województwo	Administrative region of residence
Urban_Rural	Obszar	Classification of the area (Urban/Rural)
Disability_Status	Niepełnosprawność	Whether the person has a disability
Migration_Status	Status_Migracyjny	Migration history
Date_Recorded	Data_Obserwacji	Date when the data was recorded

Here is a table of nonmatching fields between the two schemas:

Field in Census_Population (English Schema)	Field in Spis_Ludności (Polish Schema)	Reason for Non-Matching
Household_Size	(No exact match)	The Polish schema has Liczba_Domowników , but it may not be explicitly linked to Household_ID .
Region	Województwo (partial)	Województwo covers administrative regions, but Region in the English schema might include finer subdivisions (e.g., counties).
(No exact match)	Obszar	The English schema uses Urban_Rural , but Obszar

Differences between Schemas

Exceptional performance

Financial highlights

sar 604

2021: \$110

(billion)

Capital expenditures

SAR 141

\$38 2021: \$32

Gearing'

2021: 12.01

(billion)

SAR 1.149 \$307

2021: \$208

Dividends paid

SAR 281

2021: \$75

Earnings per share (basic and diluted)

SAR 2.72

2021: \$0.482

Free cash flow (billion)

Net cash provided by

operating activities

SAR 698

(billion)

\$186

2021: \$139

ROACE*

31.6

2021: 24.4

SAR 557

\$149 2021: \$107

Dividends paid

SAR 1.31

2021: \$0.37

Average realized crude oil price

100.2



1.Net income:

1. 2022: SAR 604 billion

2. 2021: \$161 billion

2.EBIT (Earnings Before Interest and Taxes):

1. 2022: SAR 1,149 billion

2. 2021: \$307 billion

3.Free cash flow:

1. 2022: SAR 557 billion

2. 2021: \$149 billion

4. Net cash provided by operating activities:

1. 2022: SAR 698 billion

2. 2021: \$186 billion

5. Capital expenditures:

1. 2022: SAR 141 billion

2. 2021: \$38 billion

6. Dividends paid:

1. 2022: SAR 281 billion

7. Dividends paid per share:

1. 2022: SAR 1.31

2. 2021: \$0.35

8.ROACE (Return on Average Capital Employed):

1. 2022: 31.6%

2. 2021: 24.4%

9.Gearing (a measure of financial leverage):

1. 2022: (7.9)%

2021: 12.0%

10.Earnings per share (basic and diluted):

1. 2022: SAR 2.72

2. 2021: \$0.72

11. Average realized crude oil price:

1. 2022: \$100.2/barrel

2. 2021: \$70.5/barrel

Text to Knowledge Graphs using Ontologies

Text2KGBench: A Benchmark for Ontology-Driven Knowledge Graph Generation from Text

https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.02357

Prompt to initialize GPT4 with the ontology:

Prompt:

Given the following ontology, examples and sentences, please extract the triples from the sentence according to the relations in the ontology. In the output, only include the triples in the given output format.

CONTEXT:

Ontology Concepts: human, city, country, film, film genre, film production company, film award, award, written work, film character, film organization

Ontology Relations: cast_ member(film, human), director (film, human), screenwriter (film, human), producer(film, human), genre(film, genre), based_on(film, written work), award_received (film,award), production_company(film, film production company), country_of_origin(film, country), publication_date (film,date), characters(film, film character), narrative_location (film,city), filming_location (film, city), main_subject(film, thing), nominated_for(film, award), cost(film, number)

Prompt to extract KG from English Oppenheimer movie description:

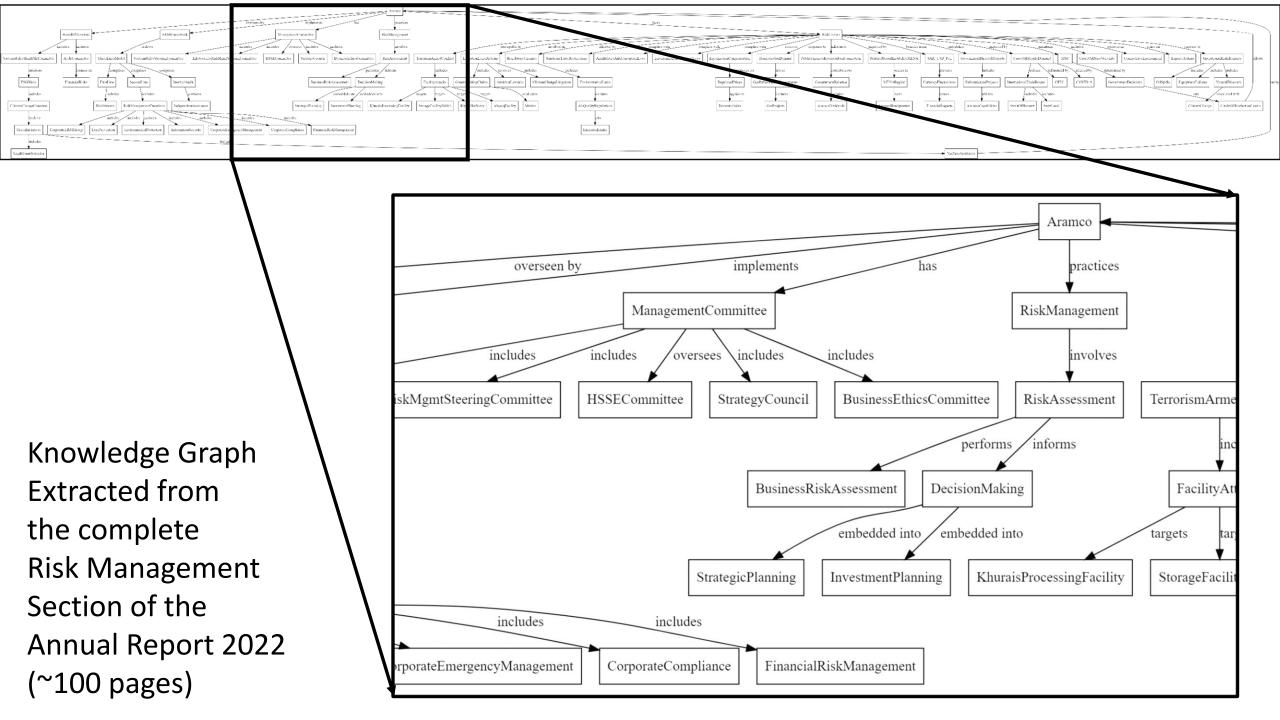
GPT4

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oppenheimer (film)

Test Sentence: Oppenheimer is a 2023 epic biographical drama film[5] written and directed by Christopher Nolan and starring Cillian Murphy as J. Robert Oppenheimer, the American theoretical physicist credited with being the "father of the atomic bomb" for his role in the Manhattan Project—the World War II undertaking that developed the first nuclear weapons. The film is based on the 2005 biography American Prometheus by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin, it chronicles the career of Oppenheimer; the story predominantly focuses on Oppenheimer's studies, his direction of the Manhattan Project during World War II, and his eventual fall from grace due to his 1954 security hearing. In addition to Murphy, the film stars Emily Blunt as his wife "Kitty", Matt Damon as head of the Manhattan Project Leslie Groves, Robert Downey Jr. as U.S. Atomic Energy Commission member Lewis Strauss, and Florence Pugh as Oppenheimer's communist lover Jean Tatlock. The ensemble supporting cast includes Josh Hartnett, Casey Affleck, Rami Malek, and Kenneth Branagh. The film was announced in September 2021 after Universal Pictures won a bidding war for Nolan's screenplay, following Nolan's conflict with longtime distributor Warner Bros. Murphy was the first cast member to sign on the following month, with the rest of the cast joining between November 2021 and April 2022. Pre-production was under way by January 2022, and filming took place from February to May. Oppenheimer was filmed in a combination of IMAX 65 mm and 65 mm largeformat film, including, for the first time, select scenes in IMAX black-and-white film photography. Like his previous works, Nolan made extensive use of practical effects, with minimal computer-generated imagery merely to perfect the former. Editing was handled by Jennifer Lame, and the score was composed by Ludwig Göransson. The film is Nolan's third to receive an R-rating in the United States, the first being Memento (2000) and the second being Insomnia (2002). Oppenheimer premiered at Le Grand Rex in Paris on July 11, 2023, and was theatrically released in the United States and United Kingdom on July 21 by Universal. Its simultaneous release with Warner Bros.'s Barbie led to the Barbenheimer cultural phenomenon, which encouraged audiences to see both films as a double feature. The film grossed \$903 million worldwide on a \$100 million production budget, becoming the third-highest-grossing film of 2023, the highest-grossing World War II-related film of all time,[6] the highest-grossing biographical film of all time, [7] and the second-highest-grossing R-rated film of all time.[8] It received critical acclaim, with particular praise for the cast performances, screenplay, and visuals.

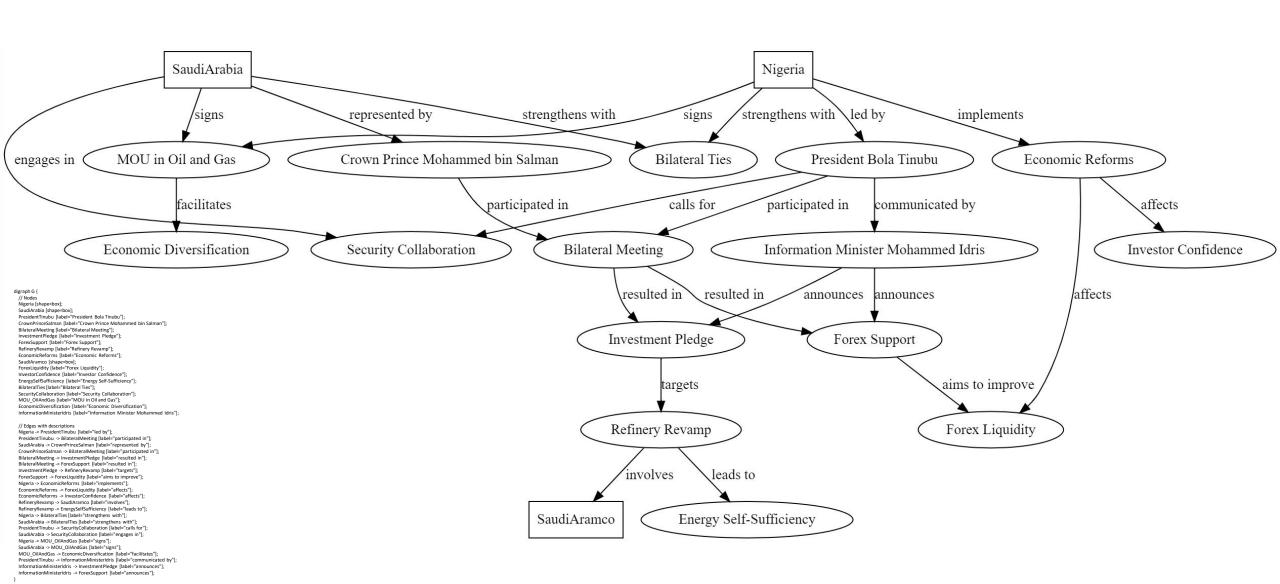
director(Oppenheimer, Christopher Nolan) screenwriter(Oppenheimer, Christopher Nolan) cast member(Oppenheimer, Cillian Murphy) cast member(Oppenheimer, Emily Blunt) cast_member(Oppenheimer, Matt Damon) cast member(Oppenheimer, Robert Downey Jr.) cast member(Oppenheimer, Florence Pugh) cast_member(Oppenheimer, Josh Hartnett) cast member(Oppenheimer, Casey Affleck) cast_member(Oppenheimer, Rami Malek) cast member(Oppenheimer, Kenneth Branagh) based_on(Oppenheimer, American Prometheus) production company(Oppenheimer, Universal Pictures) production company(Oppenheimer, Warner Bros.) publication date(Oppenheimer, 2023) narrative location(Oppenheimer, United States) narrative location(Oppenheimer, United Kingdom) narrative location(Oppenheimer, Paris) filming location(Oppenheimer, Le Grand Rex) cost(Oppenheimer, 100 million) award received(Oppenheimer, third-highest-grossing film of 2023) award received(Oppenheimer, highest-grossing World War II-related film of all time) award_received(Oppenheimer, highest-grossing biographical film of all time) award received(Oppenheimer, second-highest-grossing R-rated film of all time) genre(Oppenheimer, epic biographical drama film)

More Knowledge Graphs Examples



Knowledge Graph extracted from the article

https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/nigeria-gets-refineries-investment-forex-pledge-saudi-arabia-2023-11-10/



Article One

https://www.legit.ng/business-economy/energy/1563097-saudi-arabias-aramco-fix-nigerias-refineries-supply-cbn-foreign-exchange/

Saudi Arabia pledges FX support for CBN and refinery overhaul in Nigeria ADEKUNLE AGBETILOYE November 11, 2023 4:00 AM President Tinubu and the Kingdom's leader, Crown Prince, HRH Mohammed Bin Salman. President Tinubu and the Kingdom's leader, Crown Prince, HRH Mohammed Bin Salman. The Saudi Arabian government has pledged its support for the ongoing reforms initiated by the Central Bank of Nigeria. It also committed to rejuvenating the country's existing refineries in collaboration with its state-owned oil company, Aramco. Additionally, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia has pledged support to Nigeria in agriculture, renewable energy, and the oil industry. The Saudi Arabian government has pledged its support for the ongoing reforms initiated by the Central Bank of Nigeria, and also committed to rejuvenating the country's existing refineries in collaboration with its state-owned oil company, Aramco. ADVERTISEMENT RECOMMENDED ARTICLES Elon Musk and a Starlink set. Markets Nigeria in talks with Elon Musk's Starlink to create jobs in Nigeria Growth obstacles to family businesses in East Africa may be self-inflicted Markets Growth obstacles to family businesses in East Africa may be self-inflicted South Africa Markets South Africa plans to utilize \$12.5 billion loans to tackle grid overload This commitment was reached at a bilateral meeting between Nigerian President Bola Tinubu and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on the sidelines of the Saudi-Africa summit in Riyadh. This was revealed in a statement signed by the Minister of Information and National Orientation, Muhammed Idris. "To support the Central Bank's ongoing reforms of Nigeria's foreign exchange regime, the Saudi Government will make available a substantial deposit of foreign exchange to boost Nigeria's forex liquidity," the statement read. ADVERTISEMENT In addition, the Saudi government, via Saudi Aramco, will make investments in the renovation of Nigeria's four ailing state-owned refineries, with the anticipated completion of the project within two to three years. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman praised President Tinubu's economic reforms, expressing Saudi Arabia's commitment to supporting these efforts for Nigeria's full benefit. Under President Tinubu's leadership, Nigeria has implemented several economic reforms, including the removal of a popular petrol subsidy and the streamlining of the country's multiple exchange rates. Salman stressed Saudi Arabia's eagerness to witness Nigeria's success under President Bola Tinubu and its realization of its full potential as the economic giant of Africa. Additionally, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia has pledged support to Nigeria in agriculture, renewable energy, and the oil industry. Plans include the revitalization of Nigeria's refinery within a three-year timeframe.

Discrepancies in reporting

Article Two

https://africa.businessinsider.com/local/markets/saudi-arabia-pledges-fx-support-for-cbn-and-refinery-overhaul-in-nigeria/yww3zlv

Saudi Arabia's Aramco to Help Fix Nigeria's Refineries, Supply CBN With Forex to Strengthen Naira Updated Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 9:05 AM by Pascal Oparada The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has promised to help Nigeria's CBN with the current foreign exchange scarcity The Kingdom's Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman pledged during a visit by President Tinubu The country also promised to help fix Nigeria's refineries via its Saudi Aramco, the world's most prominent oil firm PAY ATTENTION: Unlock the best of Legit.ng on Pinterest! Subscribe now and get your daily inspiration! Pascal Oparada has over a decade of experience covering Tech, Energy, Stocks, Investments, and Economy. The government of Saudi Arabia has promised to support the reforms of the Central Bank of Nigeria and help fix Nigeria's refineries through its oil company, Aramco. The country pledged a bilateral engagement between President Bola Tinubu and Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman. Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Olayemi Cardoso, and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince, Mohammed Bin Salman Credit: FAYEZ NURELDINE / Contributor Source: Getty Images Saudi Arabia promises to help Nigeria with Forex liquidity and fix Nigeria's refineries The Minister of Information and National Orientation, Mohammed Idris, disclosed this in a press statement. READ ALSO FG replies to Peter Obi's criticism over supplementary budget PAY ATTENTION: Share your outstanding story with our editors! Please reach us through info@corp.legit.ng! The statement said that the Saudi Prince commended the reforms of the current CBN management and promised to support Nigeria in other areas. Per the statement, the Kingdom will support the CBN's FX reforms and help make available enough forex exchange to fix Nigeria's forex scarcity. Idris said that Prince Bin Salman commended the economic policies of President Tinubu and expressed the commitment of the Saudi government to supporting the reforms and helping Nigeria to benefit from the reforms. "Saudi Arabia is very eager to see Nigeria thrive under President Bola Tinubu and realize its full potential as the economic giant of Africa," the statement said. Reports say the Kingdom also promised to support Nigeria in agriculture, renewable energy, and the oil industry with plans to revamp Nigeria's refineries in three years. The two leaders committed to fashioning out a roadmap to develop discussed during the meeting. READ ALSO NNPC explains why India abandons Nigeria's crude oil for Russia's Saudi Arabia owns the world's most profitable oil company Saudi Arabia is the world's leading oil producer and has one of the most profitable state-owned oil firms, Saudi Aramco. Saudi Aramco is said to have the most significant bid in the world, the Wall Street Journal report said. Officials of the oil firm said it planned to sell about \$50 billion worth of shares, which will be the largest in the world if successfully executed. The country decided to hold any fresh Aramco offering on the Riyadh stock exchange to avoid regulatory concerns arising with international listings. Saudi Aramco is the world's largest oil firm, with a market value of \$2.25 trillion, with its shares up 20% in 2023. Saudi Aramco plans the world's most extensive share listing Reports say the company could hold the offer before the end of 2023 despite a final decision still being awaited. READ ALSO FG, NESG, other stakeholders synergise to improve Nigeria's food safety standards The oil firm has attempted stock listing, with the Kingdom's Crown Prince bin Salman staking his reputation on Aramco's vast IPO some years ago. The IPO includes a possible sale of New York Stock Exchange shares, but doubts about valuation and the risks concerning the 9/11 attacks delayed the offering. The move stopped the national oil company from pursuing the most extensive offer. It chose to list in Tadawul only on December 11, 2019, when 1.5% of its value began trading on the stock markets. According to available data, Saudi Arabia has some of the world's most robust forex reserves, with \$402 billion as of August 2023. Nigeria struggles with a paltry less than \$32 billion in reserves. "No be the same oil we dey Sell?" Nigerians ask as Saudi Arabia adds \$80BN oil money to its wealth fund Legit.ng reported that while the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL) struggles to remit money to the federation accounts, Saudi Arabia's Aramco has added \$80 billion worth of shares into the country's sovereign wealth fund. READ ALSO Jubilation as President Tinubu makes fresh appointment A sovereign wealth fund (SWF), also known as a social wealth fund, is the surplus money that a country accrues over time. According to a statement released by the official Saudi Press Agency, the shares were transferred to Sanabil Investments, a firm controlled by the kingdom's Public Investment Fund (PIF).

Aspect	Article One	Article Two
Focus on Collaboration	Emphasizes Saudi Arabia's support for Nigeria's economic reforms and the renovation of state-owned refineries.	Highlights Saudi Aramco's specific role in fixing Nigeria's refineries and aiding with Forex scarcity.
Details on Economic Support	Mentions broader economic support, including agriculture and renewable energy.	Specifically focuses on Forex liquidity support and the refurbishing of refineries.
Scope of Saudi Involvement	Broader, including multiple sectors like agriculture, energy, and oil.	More focused on the oil industry and financial support.
Completion Timeframe for Projects	Refers to a general timeframe for the completion of refinery renovations.	Does not specify a timeframe for the completion of refinery renovations.
Emphasis on Saudi Leadership	The role of Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman is mentioned but not deeply elaborated.	Highlights the personal commitment and involvement of Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman in the initiatives.
Detailing of Nigeria's Reforms	Provides context about President Tinubu's leadership and economic reforms in Nigeria.	More focus on the Saudi Arabian perspective and support, with less detail on Nigeria's internal reforms.

27 pages

50 sentences

20 sentences

10 sentences

5 sentences

1 sentence

Understanding risks Section from Aramco

Annual Report

1. Saudi Aramco acknowledges a multitude of operational and strategic risks that may not be immediately

2. The company's financial health is heavily influenced by international crude oil prices, which can fluctuate widely due to market dynamics. 3. Aramco's revenue is highly dependent on crude oil sales, making it vulnerable to shifts in global supply

4. External factors like economic conditions, geopolitical events, and trade policies significantly affect crud-

5. OPEC decisions, natural disasters, and pandemics like COVID-19 can create drastic changes in the demand and supply of oil.

Technological advancements in oil extraction and transportation can impact the oil market and Aramco's operations.

7. The company faces risks related to climate change, which could reduce global hydrocarbon demand and

necessitate costly investments.

9. The potential emergence of alternative energy sources could impact the crude oil market and Aramco's sales.

10. Electrification of transport and advancements in electric vehicle technology pose risks to the traditional

11. Currency fluctuations, particularly in the value of the U.S. dollar, can influence Aramco's global pricing and revenue

12. Aramco's operations are susceptible to ris between 2016 and 2022.

13 OPEC+'s production cuts and geopolitical 14. Competition in the crude oil market is in international and national companies.

apparent but could become material in the future.

15. Crude oil pricing competition affects Aramco's market share and revenue from sales outside the Kingdom.

16. Refining and petrochemical plants also face competition based on operating efficiencies and production

17. Climate concerns are leading to actions intending to reduce fossil fuel use, such as international

agreements to lower GHG emissions. To contribute to Saudi Arabia's climate goals, Aramco has set an ambition to achieve net-zero Scope 1

and Scope 2 GHG emissions by 2050. 19. Aramco's facilities are at risk from terrorism and ongoing conflict, with past attacks having disrupted

political stability

 Shifts in Asia's economies, adversely affected by COVID-19, could lead to decreased demain amco's hydrocarbons.

regulatory risks.

24. The company faces operational risks like spills, accidents, and natural disasters, impacting and incurring liabilities.

25. Risks of industrial accidents pose threats to human safety, the environment, and Aramco's financial and operational efficiency.

incidents or attacks 27. The COVID-19 pandemic and potential future health crises show the susceptibility of Aramco's business

28 Issues stemming from health emergencies can affect Aramon's workforce, operations, and produc

incorrect, could impact its asset valuation

30. The company's financial performance could suffer from deviations in the estimated quantity or value o

31. Aramco's legal entity structure and insurance coverage may not fully mitigate risks from catastrophic events and liabilities

and profitability targets

Aramco's historical financial performance cannot be relied upon due to changes in the fiscal regime

34. Acquisitions, such as the stake in SABIC, present risks including integration difficulties and unexpected costs or liabilities.

fluctuations, and political developments. 36. The loss or turnover of Senior Management and key personnel could hamper the company's ability to

37. Reliable and secure IT systems are crucial for Aramco, with cyber threats posing a risk to operations and data integrity

participation in OPEC

39. Lawsuits related to climate change risk could bring financial liabilities and damage Aramco's reputation and market value.

40. Trade restrictions or measures against Aramco's exports could adversely affect its business 41. Regulatory changes within Saudi Arabia's oil and gas sector may impact Aramco's rights under the

42. Compliance with sanctions and anti-bribery laws in different jurisdictions could subject Aramco to

mean penalties and operational interruptions. 44. Environmental regulations concerning products and production methods may incur costs and promp

45. Changes to the government's equalization compensation mechanism for domestic sales could affect Aramco's earnings.

46. The government-mandated separation of Aramco's downstream business has tax implications and must be achieved within a specified period. 47. The Saudi government's decisions on crude oil production levels and maintenance of MSC impac

48. Aramco's financial outcomes are connected to the health of Saudi Arabia's economy, which relie

significantly on oil revenues 49. Aramco's central location in MENA exposes it to regional political and social instability, which can affect

50. Any discontinuation of the SAR peg to the U.S. dollar could affect Aramco's costs and dividends

1 Saudi Aramon faces a diverse array of risks, some not currently apparent, that may later materialize to affect its operations, financial health, and market share valuations.

2. As a major oil company, Aramco's financial outcomes are closely tied to international crude oil demand and pricing, which are driven by factors such as global economic conditions and geopolitical events.

Aramco's revenue is primarily reliant on crude oil sales, with market 5. Environmental and climate change concerns, including regulators

responses like the Paris Agreement, are influencing demand for fossil fuels and compelling Aramco towards clean energy investments. 6. Aramco's facilities have been targets of terror attacks and armed conflicts, with incidents in recent years affecting operations and underscoring the threat to its business model

7. The Asian market, as the primary consumer of Aramco's exports his crucial to its success; political and economic instability in Asia could lead to decreased demand and revenue.

8 Aramon is subject to various operational risks such as equipment failures, and natural disasters, each of which operational disruptions and financial liabilities.

9. The COVID-19 nandemic demonstrated the notential

diseases to negatively affect economic conditions and d Aramco's products, impacting business and operating re 10. Fluctuating global capital markets and investor sentiment can a Aramco's access to financing and its ability to execute its strategic

growth objectives and maintain profitability. 11. Changes in estimates of proved hydrocarbon reserves due to inaccuracies or changing conditions could adversely affect the valuation of Aramco's reserve assets and financial position.

12. The company's significant litigation exposure, especially in the US regarding antitrust laws related to OPEC membership, could result in substantial penalties and impact business operations.

13. Aramco's operations and growth are dependent on obtaining and maintaining relevant governmental licenses, permits, and approvals, any disruption of which could adversely affect its business.

14. The notential impact of stricter environmental protection, health and safety regulations could introduce new operational challenges and increase compliance costs for Aramco.

15. Aramco must comply with an equalization mechanism set by the Saudi government for domestic energy sales, which balances revenues lost to regulated pricing but could change unfavorably.

16. To achieve its strategic objectives. Aramco relies on the successful delivery of projects, which are at risk from market forces, funding availability, and technical challenges.

17. The company's financials are impacted by the governmentmandated separation of Aramco's downstream business, a process that must be completed within a specified timeframe or face retroactive

18. Government control over Saudi Arabia's crude oil production and Maximum Sustainable Capacity (MSC) poses risks to Aramco's operational autonomy and profitability

19. The fiscal dependency of the Saudi government on the hydrocarbon industry connects Aramco's financial performance directly to the national economy's stability and growth.

20. Lastly, given its central headquarters and operations in the MENA region, Aramco is susceptible to regional instability, which can directly influence its operational and financial outcomes

1. Saudi Aramco faces numerous risks, some known and others that may currently be considered immaterial, which could potentially affect its financial position, operations, and share value in the future. 2. The company's financial results and cash

flow are significantly dependent on the fluctuating international crude oil market, which is influenced by factors outside of Aramco's control.

3. Aramco operates in a highly competitive oil industry, with numerous international and national companies vying for market

4. Growing concerns about climate change and the regulatory responses to it could reduce the global demand for hydrocarbons, posing risks to Aramco's business model and necessitating significant investment in lower carbon intensity technologies.

5. Terrorism and regional conflicts material risks to Aramco's operatio evidenced by past attacks on its fac which could disrupt operations and adversely affect its business and share

6. The economic health and political stability of Asian markets are critical for Aramco, as a substantial portion of its exports are destined for that region, making it susceptible to regional downturns or policy shifts.

7. Aramco's operations are fraught with inherent industry hazards, such as spills, leaks, and disruptions from natural disasters, which could impose significant remediation costs or operational setbacks. 8. The COVID-19 pandemic's impact on global economic conditions has demonstrated the potential for infectious diseases to adversely affect the demand for Aramco's products and disrupt its

operations. 9. The article also highlights the potential financial and operational implications of litigation, regulatory changes, and insurance limitations that Aramco may face.

10. Aramco's strategic growth, including plans to separate its downstream operations and achieve stated climate goals, relies on successful project delivery, which is subject to the risks of increased costs, delays, and shifting market demands. 1. Saudi Aramco is exposed to a multitude of risks including volatile oil prices, geopolitical instability, and competitive pressures that can materially impact its revenue and operations.

2. The company's reliance on crude oil sales, which are subject to global supply and demand dynamics, significantly influences its financial results and cash flows.

3. Concerns over climat hange and regulatory responses may lead to reduced hydrocarbon demand and require Aramco to invest in alternative energy solutions.

4. Aramco's facilities are at risk from terrorism and conflicts in the Middle East. with previous attacks highlighting the potential for operational disruptions.

5. The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the vulnerability of Aramco's business to public health crises, which can affect market conditions and reduce demand for oil and gas products.

The article outlines the various risks and challenges that Saudi Aramco faces, including market volatility, competition, climate change, geopolitical conflicts, and operational hazards, that could significantly impact its business operations and financial performance.

Original text 175 words

Global

Despite geopolitical tensions, high inflation and sharply rising interest rates that formed strong economic headwinds, the global economy expanded by an estimated 3.1% in 2022, compared to 6.1% in 2021. Global GDP growth is expected to slow to a meager 1.5% in 2023 as these headwinds are expected to continue into 2023.1 In 2022 worldwide oil demand is estimated to have increased by 2.5 mmbpd to 99.8 mmbpd, while global oil supply is estimated to have averaged 100.8 mmbpd.2 Despite this oversupplied position, the ICE Brent crude oil price averaged \$99 per barrel in 2022, approximately 39.8% higher than the average of \$71 per barrel in 2021, as market conditions in the first half of the year drove prices to a peak of \$128 per barrel.

Anti-Summarization/Text Expansion – more text with the same meaning

308 words

In 2022, the global economy faced significant challenges including geopolitical tensions, high inflation, and rising interest rates, yet it expanded by an estimated 3.1%, down from 6.1% in 2021. This slowdown is attributed to the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain disruptions, and international conflicts, which have impacted global trade and investment. Despite these obstacles, certain sectors like technology and healthcare remained robust, though industries sensitive to interest rates, such as real estate, experienced more strain. Looking ahead, 2023 is expected to see a further slowdown in global growth, with projections of a mere 1.5% increase. This anticipated decline is due to persistent factors such as inflation and geopolitical instability, compounded by ongoing supply chain challenges and potential trade disruptions.

In the energy domain, 2022 witnessed a significant rise in oil demand, estimated at 2.5 million barrels per day, reaching 99.8 mmbpd. This increase was largely fueled by the economic recovery post-pandemic, as industrial and transportation activities surged. However, the global oil supply also rose, averaging 100.8 mmbpd.

Despite this apparent oversupply, the average ICE Brent crude oil price was \$99 per barrel in 2022, a 39.8% increase from \$71 in 2021. This hike in prices was influenced by production cuts, geopolitical tensions in oil-producing regions, and currency fluctuations. The first half of the year saw prices peak at \$128 per barrel, driven by high demand and concerns over supply interruptions. These fluctuations in oil prices had broad economic impacts, contributing to inflation and affecting various sectors, especially transportation and manufacturing. Conversely, oilproducing nations benefited from increased revenues, potentially aiding in economic diversification and stabilization. Overall, 2022's economic landscape was shaped by a blend of

resilience and challenges, with the energy sector, particularly oil, playing a crucial role. As 2023 unfolds, the ongoing and emerging factors will continue to influence the global economic and energy outlook.

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Looking ahead to 2023, there's a widespread expectation of a further slowdown in global economic growth. Analysts predict a modest 1.5% expansion, as the factors that dampened growth in 2022, particularly inflation and geopolitical tensions, are likely to persist. This projection is underpinned by concerns about ongoing supply chain issues and the potential for further disruptions in international trade.

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The fluctuating oil prices had wide-ranging implications for the global economy. Higher energy costs contributed to the overall inflationary pressures, impacting both businesses and consumers. Transportation and manufacturing sectors, in particular, felt the strain of increased operational costs. On the other hand, oil-producing countries benefited from higher revenues, which could potentially be reinvested into diversifying their economies or stabilizing their financial positions.

In conclusion, 2022 was a year marked by significant economic challenges, yet the global economy demonstrated a level of resilience. The energy sector, particularly oil, played a pivotal role in shaping economic conditions, with its dynamics reflecting broader global trends. As we move into 2023, the lingering effects of these challenges, alongside new developments, will continue to shape the global economic and energy landscapes.

Aramco's approach Original text from Annual Report

Commitment to act responsibly

Sustainability is embedded within the Aramco strategy. The long-term sustainability of the business will be driven by the Company's ability to leverage its competitive position while reducing its emissions. Acting responsibly across all aspects of its business will enable Aramco to successfully navigate and benefit from a lower emissions future.

Sustainability governance

Aramco's Board of Directors oversee sustainability efforts through the Sustainability, Risk and Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Committee. The Committee reviews and provides oversight on sustainability, risk and HSE policies and practices to ensure they are discussed, understood, owned, and promoted at the Board level. The Committee receives quarterly updates from management regarding the Company's performance across a range of sustainability key performance indicators (KPIs), and provides oversight with respect to strategy, goals, and important areas of focus. The Sustainability, Risk and HSE Committee reports its findings to the Board.

At a management level, the Company's Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC) aligns all sustainability-related activities under the guidance and oversight of a single body. The SSC is comprised of Aramco Senior Vi

Presidents representing business lines and administrative areas, and is led by in Braits | In TOCUS Vice President of Strategy and Corporat Development. The SSC reports to both the Strategy Council and Management Coninities 1 e 2022 and is responsible for identifying sustainability issues and their impact on long-term value creation for the business and stake concurrent TO See Section 4: Risk for more information o

Section 5: Corporate governance for the 2023 Sustainability, Risk and HSE Committee Report.

Four areas of focus

Aramco has identified the following four sustainability focus areas to oversee its sustainability performance:

- Climate change and the energy transition;
- Safe operations and people development;
- · Minimizing environmental impact; and
- · Growing societal value.

Aramco takes both a strateg approach as it seeks to addre areas, and has identified KPI A high-level overview of the performance is provided in t will elaborate on its overall s Sustainability Report.

performance and plans in its upcoming 2022

Example – inclusion of Alin Aramco for 2023:

The major addition should be intensive usage of responsible Artificial Intelligence into all major business processes of the Aramco company. Emphasize the innovative capabilities of Generative Artificial Intelligence. Emphasize ethical and transparent use of Al.

In 2023, Aramco has further embedded sustainability within its strategy, with a significant new dimension: the intensive use of responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) in all major business processes. This approach underscores the company's commitment to long-term sustainability, driven by leveraging its competitive position while responsibly reducing emissions. Aramco's integration of innovative Generative AI technologies, used ethically and transparently, marks a new era in its operational efficiency and environmental stewardship.

Sustainability governance has evolved to include the oversight of AI applications. The Board of Directors, through the Sustainability, Risk and Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Committee, now also examines the ethical deployment of AI in sustainability efforts. This committee ensures AI technologies are discussed, understood, and promoted at the Board level. They receive quarterly updates on AI-enhanced sustainability key performance indicators (KPIs), providing critical oversight on strategy and goals in this new technological frontier.

At the management level, the role of the Company's Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC) has expanded. Now, in addition to aligning sustainability activities, it oversees the integration and ethical use of AI across the company. The SSC, comprising Senior Vice Presidents from various business lines and led by the Executive Vice Rresident of Strategy and Corporate Development, reports on Al advancements to both the Strategy Council and Management Committee. This body is crucial in identifying sustainability issues and their interplay with AI, focusing on long-term value creation for the business and stakeholders.

Refer to Section 4: Risk for more on Aramco's Al-enhanced risk management framework, and Section 5: Corporate governance for the detailed

Sustainability, Risk and HSE Committee Report incorporating AI governance.
Four areas of focus: Aramco's commitment to sustainability and AI integration is evident in its four key focus areas:

Gina 192 ge and the energy transition, with Al-driven solutions;

Safe operations and people development, enhanced by AI analytics;

Minimizing environmental impact through AI-optimized processes; and

Growing societal value, leveraging AI for community engagement and support. Each area now includes AI-specific KPIs, reflecting Aramco's pioneering approach in harmonizing Alinnovation with sustainable development goals.

In 2023, Aramco's strategy continues to be deeply rooted in sustainability, with a notable enhancement: the moderate yet impactful integration of responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) into its major business processes. This evolution underscores Aramco's commitment to balancing long-term sustainability with technological innovation, particularly through the ethical and transparent use of AI. The company's focus remains on leveraging Moderate Inclusion And reducing emissions, now augmented with AI to enhance efficiency and decision-making processes.

System in the Board of Directors, through its Sustainability, Risk and Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Committee, now includes the oversight of AI applications in its remit. This committee ensures that the use of AI in sustainability initiatives is consistent with Aramco's ethical standards, aligning with the company's long-standing commitment to responsible business practices. The inclusion of AI is carefully managed to complement, rather than overshadow, the core sustainability objectives. At the management level, the Company's Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC) plays a crucial role in integrating AI into sustainability efforts. The SSC, comprising Senior Vice Presidents from different business lines, ensures that AI tools are used to optimize sustainability outcomes while being cognizant of their broader impacts. The Executive Vice President of Strategy and Corporate Development, who leads the SSC, ensures that AI applications are aligned with both Aramco's sustainability goals and ethical standards.

See Section 4: Risk for more information on Aramco's risk management framework, now enhanced with AI insights, and Section 5: Corporate governance for the detailed Sustainability, Risk and HSE Committee Report, which includes aspects of AI governance.

Four areas of focus: Aramco maintains its dedication to sustainability, now with a moderated AI integration, across four key areas:

Climate change and the energy transition;

Safe operations and people development;

Minimizing environmental impact; and

Growing societal value. In each area, AI plays a supportive role, augmenting Aramco's capabilities in monitoring, analysis, and strategic planning, thereby reinforcing its commitment to sustainability and responsible business practices.

Is more traditional Al still relevant?

...yes, in many aspects



What remained from a more traditional AI?

- Non-GenAI/LLM type of AI still exists and is still very useful!
 - ...due to the GenAI hype "old-AI" lives in a shadow, but generates lots of value
- Traditional AI is based largely on statistical methods (+search/optimization) and on logic
 - ...it can be often understood as a "narrow AI"



...as a reminder — examples of "Traditional Al"?

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Approach	Properties	Example Use Cases
Regression Models (GLM, Bayesian)	Explainable AI, Theoretical Guarantees	GDP forecasting, small area estimation
Probabilistic Graphical Models	Explainable AI, Reasoning	Causal inference, economic projections
Decision Trees (Random Forest, XGBoost)	Scalable, Partial Explainability	Tax fraud detection, sector classification
Linear/Integer Programming	Rigorous AI, Theoretical Guarantees	Budget allocation, survey scheduling
Big Data Al	Pig Data Al Scalable Bool Time	Census processing, stock market

Big Data AI, Scalable, Real-Time

Dynamic systems, Explainable Al

Reasoning Techniques, Explainable AI

Explainable AI

Real-Time AI, Scalable

(Hadoop, Online Learning)

(Fuzzy Logic, Ontologies)

Digital Twins

Real-Time Al

(CEP, Kalman Filters)

Explainable AI (SHAP & LIME)

Reasoning AI / Semantic Web

monitoring

simulation

analysis

monitoring

Credit scoring, GDP modeling audits

Al compliance, subjective well-being

Economic shock detection, live traffic

Urban planning, macroeconomic



Technical triggers of Al endangering human rights

(Some of) the basic properties of AI systems which could endanger human rights

Managing large scale of complexity (recursive AI agents)

- ...using the scale of data in the size of all human digital content
- Humans cannot manage complexity beyond certain scale

Black-box models / lack of transparency

- ...suitable for machine, but not for human
- Humans don't have feedback into machine (by explanation)

Speed of inferencing

- Surpassing humans in reaction time
- The Speed of computers increases ~4 times per year

Autonomous Decision-Making (Human 'Out of Loop')

• ...due to misalignment of human vs. machine value systems

Unclear accountability

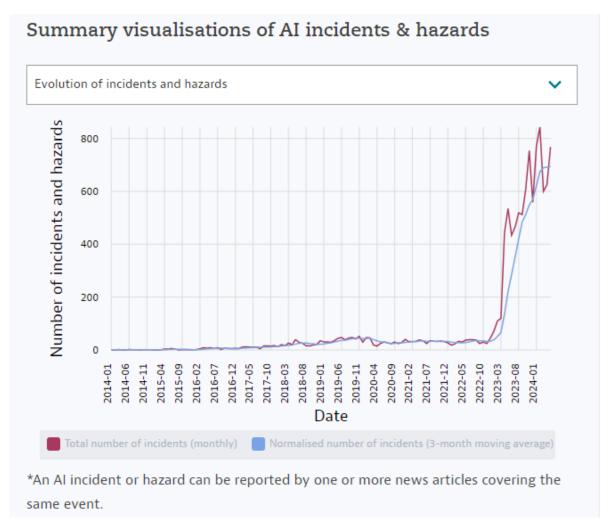
• ...the chain of stakeholders in the process is long

Robustness

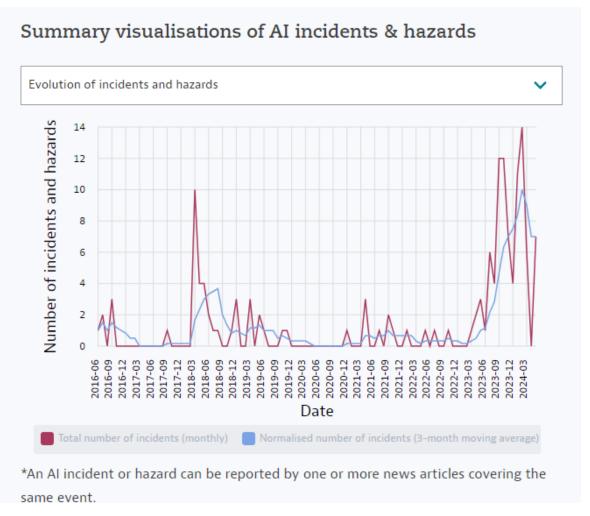
• ...Al systems are not perfect and is hard to guarantee stable results



Brief statistics of AI incidents (https://oecd.ai/incidents)







Number of deaths and physical harm stayed mostly stable

Likely future Al developments



Speed of computers: computers are ~4 times faster every year

- If computers will be expectedly much faster in the near future, what can we do with such capacity?
- ...what fundamental AI problems could be addressed and what consequences this could have?



Jensen Huang, NVIDIA CEO, March 19, 2024:

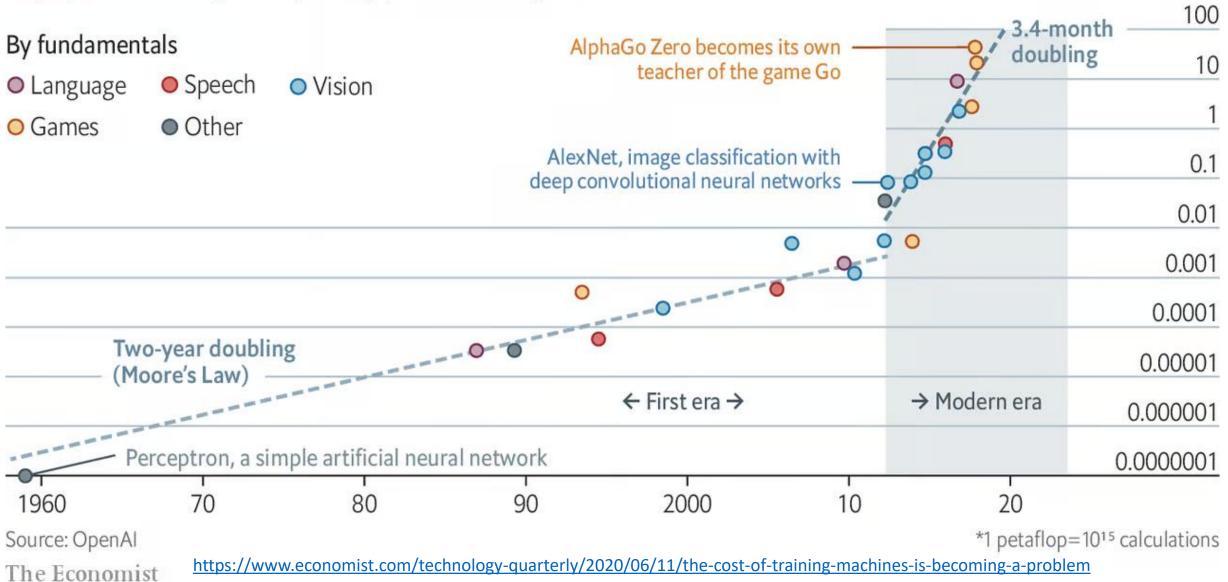
"Moore's Law, in its best days, would have delivered 100x in a decade," Huang explained. "By coming up with new processors, new systems, new interconnects, new frameworks and algorithms and working with data scientists, AI researchers on new models, across that entire span, we've made large language model processing a million times faster."

https://siepr.stanford.edu/news/nvidias-jensen-huang-incredible-future-ai https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEg8cOx7UZk

Deep and steep

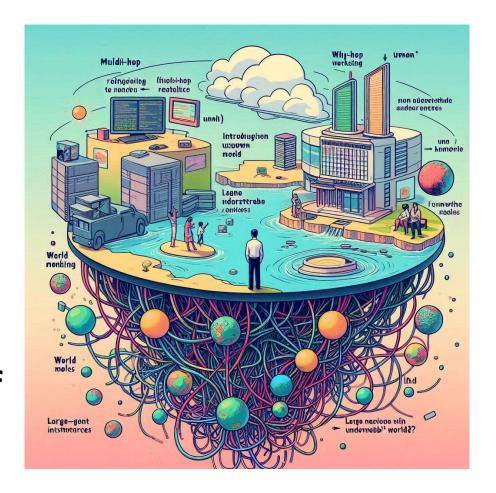
Computing power used in training AI systems

Days spent calculating at one petaflop per second*, log scale



(Near- to Mid-)future AI challenges

- 1. Advanced reasoning capabilities to reach (un)known (un)known knowledge
- 2. Why GenAI/LLMs works at all?
- Introducing "World Models" to relate with human understandable world
- 4. Large (recursive) Al agent infrastructures with autonomous emergent behaviors
- 5. Integrating new data modalities (types of data) beyond the usual ones



First-Order-Logic World-Model grounding

Reminder: Traditional process of fitting data to a model

analogy to be used on the text

Model:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \epsilon$$

Data:

X	У
1	50
3	60
4	70
6	80
8	90

Fitting Data to the Model

The intercept (β_0) of the line is approximately 44.38. The slope (β_1) of the line is approximately 5.82.

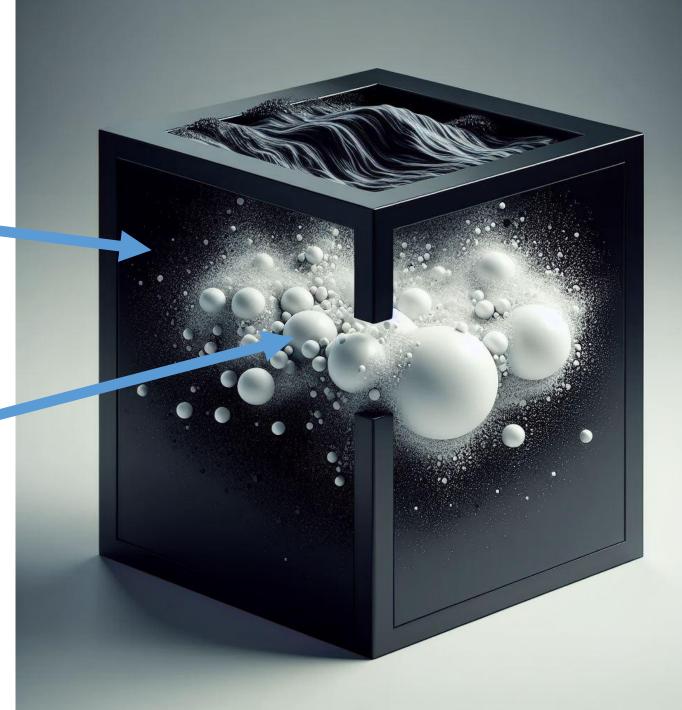
$$y = 44.38 + 5.82x$$

...instead of a numeric regression model we want to have a First-Order-Logic model, and instead of data we want to use plain text – model fitting to be done by LLM based system

LLMs & World Models

LLM as a big black-box

Fragments of explainable knowledge (via local "world models")



First, we develop small World-Model on "Company having a motive to acquire another company"

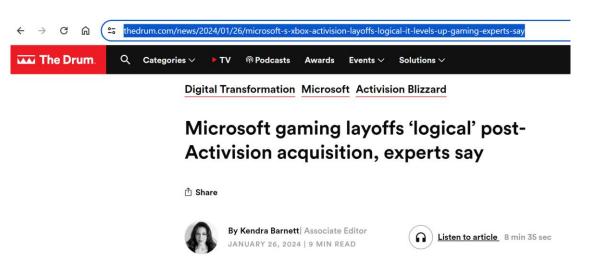
Prompt: create rich prolog definition of the concept "company having a motive to acquire another company". Use atomic subpredicates, possibly taken from OpenCyc common sense vocabulary.

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acquisition_motive(Acquirer, Target) :-
   acquisition_motive_expansion(Acquirer, Target);
   acquisition_motive_diversification(Acquirer, Target);
   acquisition_motive_technology(Acquirer, Target);
   acquisition_motive_revenue(Acquirer, Target);
   acquisition_motive_market_dominance(Acquirer, Target);
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acquisition_motive_expansion(Acquirer, Target) :-
    seeking_expansion(Acquirer, expansion),
    potential for growth(Target).
acquisition_motive_diversification(Acquirer, Target) :-
    desire_for_diversification(Acquirer, diversification),
    not(dominant_in_market(Target, Market)),
    company(Target),
    market_position(Acquirer, Position),
    Market \= Position.
acquisition_motive_technology(Acquirer, Target) :-
   seeking_technological_advancement(Acquirer, technological_advancement),
   has_technology(Target, Technology),
   not(has_technology(Acquirer, Technology)).
acquisition_motive_revenue(Acquirer, Target) :-
    interest_in_revenue_increase(Acquirer, Target, revenue_increase);
    financial_stability(Target, high),
    revenue(Target, Amount),
    Amount > 1000000. % Example threshold
acquisition_motive_market_dominance(Acquirer, Target) :-
    seeking_market_dominance(Acquirer, market_dominance),
    dominant_in_market(Target, Market),
    compatible company(Acquirer, Target).
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Second, we take a news article on the "acquisition"

https://www.thedrum.com/news/2024/01/26/microsoft-s-xbox-activision-layoffs-logical-it-levels-up-gaming-experts-say

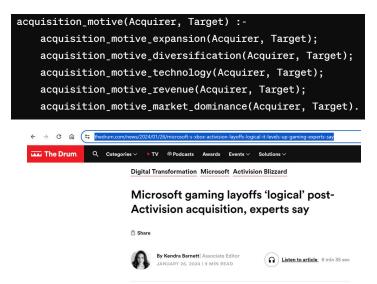


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On the tails of its acquisition of Activision Blizzard in October, the tech titan this week laid off nearly 2,000 employees from its gaming division. Microsoft building Microsoft is gearing up to compete more aggressively in the gaming industry / Adobe Stock Microsoft laid off 1,900 employees from its Xbox and Activision Blizzard divisions this week – just three months after the company completed its \$68.7bn acquisition of Activision Blizzard. The cuts represent about 8.6% of Microsoft's gaming staff. The news comes in a string of layoffs that have rocked the tech world in the last year and a half. "It's a very difficult time for publishers, developers, studios and gaming tech platforms, as more and more layoffs continue to materialize," says Alex Ginn, vice-president of demand, UK and EMEA at iion, an advertising platform for brands and game publishers. "However," he says, "the actual consumer market is ever buoyant and positive." He's right. Data from the US Commerce Department released last month indicates that, despite an outsized number of layoffs in the tech and media space of late, the economy at large is looking healthy. Consumer spending is high and, in the fourth quarter, gross domestic product grew at the annualized rate of 3.3%, following a Q3 growth rate of 4.9%. The robust state of the US economy makes major waves of tech layoffs all the more perturbing. "These losses are painful," says Greg Kahn, chief executive officer at GK Digital Ventures and an expert in emergent technology and media. "And these layoffs most of us consider jarring in light of healthy economic numbers showing inflation stabilizing along with decent GDP growth." In the gaming space in particular, there may be a variety of contributing factors. For one, the boom of mobile, console and PC gaming during the early days of the pandemic may have led to "overexuberant hiring and spending," says Harry Lang, vice-president of marketing at Kwalee, a UK-based video game developer. Today, Lang says, "back in the realm of reality, many firms found they were overextended - leading to these mass redundancies. It's hurting a lot of excellent businesses and many extremely talented people." But these factors, Lang, Kahn and Ginn all agree, were not the impetus for Microsoft's decision to axe staffers this week. On the heels of its Activision Blizzard buyout - which faced an antitrust challenge from the US Federal Trade Commission but was ultimately given the green light - Microsoft was forced to assess its costs. As Lang puts it: "A significant reduction in headcount was one way to pay off some of the \$69bn purchase price." In an internal company memo obtained by The Verge, Microsoft Gaming CEO Phil Spencer explained to staffers that the layoffs are part of a larger plan to "[identify] areas of overlap" post-acquisition. It's a development that Ginn says he predicted in early 2022 when Microsoft signaled its interest in acquiring Activision Blizzard. "An expense as high as \$69bn, in this turbulent day and age for gaming, could never come without repercussions for staff on both sides of the merger." he says, Another contributing factor may be Microsoft's \$10bn investment in OpenAI last year and its ongoing focus on AI development internally. Google and Amazon, for example, both underwent rounds of layoffs last year at the same time that they dedicated more resources to AI development. A strategic advantage But Microsoft's latest layoffs, according to some, also have the potential to strengthen its position in the gaming market against its biggest competitors. In short: Microsoft strengthens its bottom line if it can operate and grow its burgeoning gaming division with less overhead. "The layoffs represent the consolidation of Microsoft's gaming division. That allows the company to turn its attention to moving forward on its competitive strategy against Sony, Nintendo, its primary gaming rivals," says Kahn. "It's also looking at comparative upstarts like Roblox, which has done so much to advance the gaming landscape." It's widely believed that much of Microsoft's motivation in snapping up Activision Blizzard lay in its desire to take over the developer's large content library - which includes games like Call of Duty, World of Warcraft and Candy Crush. Microsoft's previous role in the gaming market was relegated primarily to device-making: it manufactures Xbox. But competitors like Sony and Nintendo have long operated their own gaming studios and developed games - many of which have loyal, global followings. Microsoft's acquisition of Activision Blizzard was ultimately a strategic move designed to enable it to eat up a larger portion of the gaming market by giving it control over more intellectual property. "If there's one thing that defines gaming success [today,] it's licensing and intellectual property, as opposed to having a best-selling console system," Kahn told The Drum in an interview last fall. "The former is wide open in this increasingly decentralized world; the latter is limited by the constraints and trends associated with a particular hardware product." By securing Activision Blizzard's iconic games, he says, "Microsoft immediately is catapulted into the center of gaming with a dedicated player community, which builds on the company's existing consoles. PC and cloud gaming offerings." Emergent tech poses new hurdles Its newfound strength in the market doesn't negate the fact that Microsoft will face a slate of new challenges as gaming evolves in tandem with emergent technologies. Development of cloud gaming, decentralized, blockchain-based experiences and Al-driven gaming is gaining momentum by the day. Roblox is already a leader in gaming and represents the vanguard of blockchain-based experiences. Netflix, meanwhile, is hard at work diversifying its content offerings with a growing collection of cloud-based streaming games. (The streaming platform debuted 86 games last year and has more than 90 currently in development). Meanwhile, Apple's Vision Pro headset is set to shake up the gaming space in significant ways. Its spate of spatial games, including Game Room, What the Golf? and Super Fruit Ninja engage players in new, immersive ways. This model of gaming could have, in Kahn's estimation, "huge implications for collaborative and creative workplaces, healthcare, and education." The advancement of new tech in gaming will only create new challenges for legacy gaming companies like Microsoft. Sony and Nintendo. They're challenges that Microsoft will take in stride. Kahn predicts. He's confident that, in 2024, "Microsoft will be accelerating its experiments in Al and immersive experiences within gaming environments." At the same time, the company is likely looking for new ways to generate revenue from advertising and content partners. Inspired by the proliferation of commercial experiences on Roblox - where brands like Chipotle, Hilton, Adidas, Walmart and others have found success with limited-edition experiences and virtual pop-ups - Microsoft is bound to be investing in new partnership opportunities within the realm of immersive gaming. "It's an area Microsoft has been eyeing for a while and as Apple's Vision Pro generates more interest in mixed reality, you're going to see Microsoft act more aggressively in that area," Kahn says. And in light of Microsoft's strong position in the market today, he expects that "brands and content companies are going to be responding with immediate enthusiasm."

Third, we ground the news article into the World-Model



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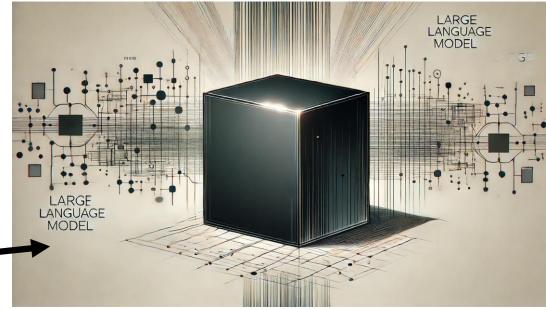
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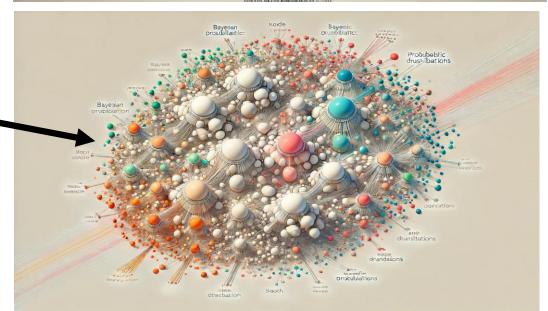
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% Market Position - Assuming positions based on context
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market_position(activision_blizzard, excellent).
% Innovation Level - Microsoft's investment in AI suggests a high innovation level
innovation_level(microsoft, high).
% Revenue - Assumed values for demonstration
revenue(activision_blizzard, 68700000000). % Reflecting the acquisition cost as a pr
% Motives for Acquisition - Based on the article's context
seeking_expansion(microsoft, expansion).
desire_for_diversification(microsoft, diversification).
seeking_technological_advancement(microsoft, technological_advancement).
seeking_market_dominance(microsoft, market_dominance).
interest_in_revenue_increase(microsoft, activision_blizzard, revenue_increase).
% Acquisition Attributes
compatible_company(microsoft, activision_blizzard).
potential_for_growth(activision_blizzard).
dominant_in_market(activision_blizzard, gaming).
% Specific to the scenario from the article
acquisition_motive_technology(microsoft, activision_blizzard).
acquisition_motive_market_dominance(microsoft, activision_blizzard).
acquisition_motive_revenue(microsoft, activision_blizzard).
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Looking into the LLMs Brain

How LLM models see the world?

- There is no explicit "world model"
 - ...i.e., machine does not understand the world
- For humans it looks like a "big black-box"
 - ...since it is expressed in a language not understandable by humans
- Internally the black box is a huge network of interleaved probabilistic concepts
 - ...could be visualized as a network of interconnected clouds representing concepts

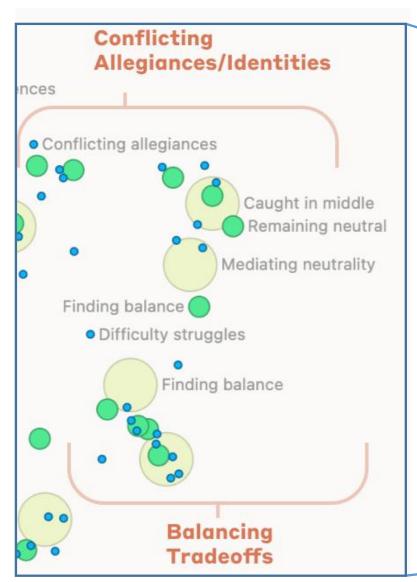


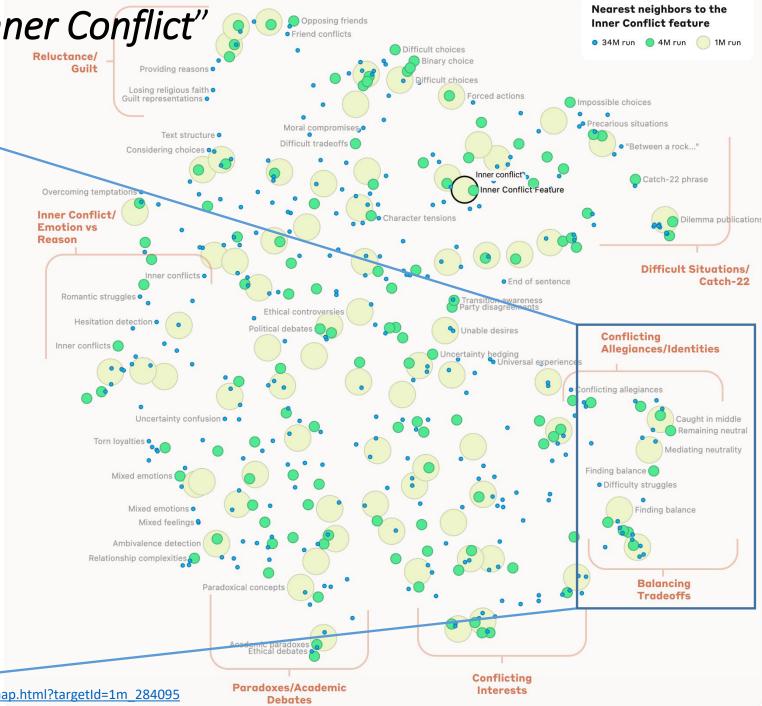


Example: The map of the "Inner Conflict" concept (Claude3 LLM)

Reluctance/
Guilt

Providing reasons





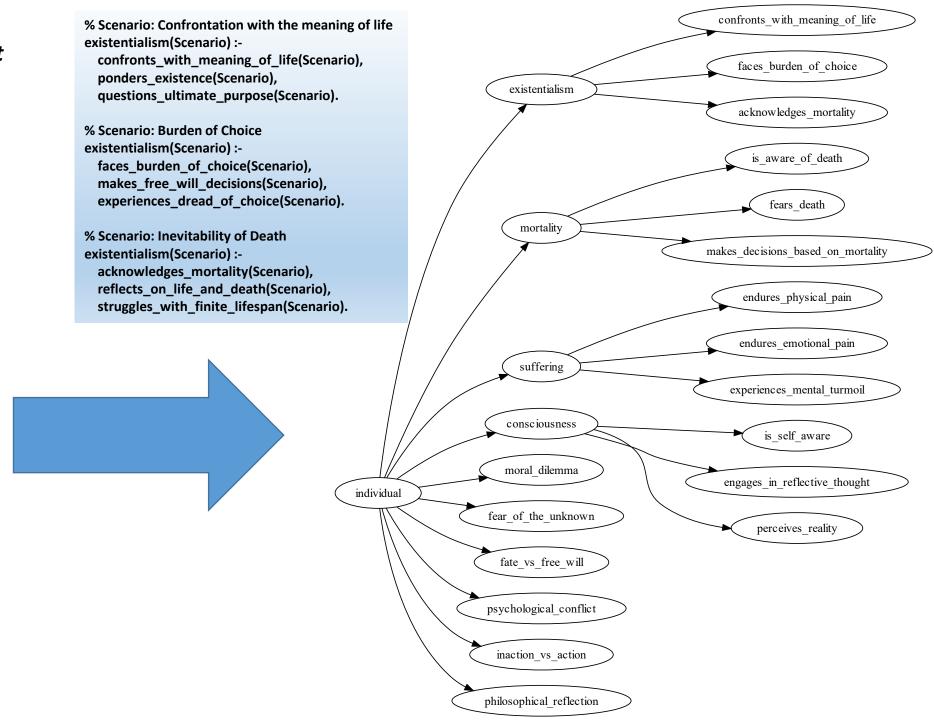


The Hamlet Example

Creating "World Model" from the Hamlet's "To be or not to be ..." speech

Creating "World Model" from the famous Hamlet's statement

To be, or not to be, that is the question, Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, Or to take arms against a sea of troubles, And by opposing end them? To die: to sleep; No more; and by a sleep to say we end The heart-ache and the thousand natural shocks That flesh is heir to, 'tis a consummation Devoutly to be wish'd. To die, to sleep; To sleep: perchance to dream: ay, there's the rub; For in that sleep of death what dreams may come When we have shuffled off this mortal coil, Must give us pause: there's the respect That makes calamity of so long life; For who would bear the whips and scorns of time, The oppressor's wrong, the proud man's contumely, The pangs of despised love, the law's delay, The insolence of office and the spurns That patient merit of the unworthy takes, When he himself might his quietus make With a bare bodkin? who would fardels bear. To grunt and sweat under a weary life, But that the dread of something after death, The undiscover'd country from whose bourn No traveller returns, puzzles the will And makes us rather bear those ills we have Than fly to others that we know not of? Thus conscience does make cowards of us all; And thus the native hue of resolution Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought, And enterprises of great pith and moment With this regard their currents turn awry, And lose the name of action.--Soft you now! The fair Ophelia! Nymph, in thy orisons Be all my sins remember'd.



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% Case 1: Entity gives up after a struggle or resistance
surrenders(Entity, Force) :-
  resists(Entity, Force),
  overwhelmed_by(Entity, Force),
  stops resistance(Entity).
% Case 2: Entity willingly ceases to pursue an objective or course
of action
surrenders(Entity, Objective) :-
  pursues(Entity, Objective),
  faces_obstacle(Entity, Obstacle),
  considers(Entity, Obstacle),
  judges(Entity, Objective, unattainable),
  gives up(Entity, Objective).
% Case 3: Entity concedes to another's will or demand without
further conflict
surrenders(Entity, Demand):-
  confronted by (Entity, Demander),
  presented with(Demander, Demand),
  evaluates(Entity, Demand),
  decides(Entity, comply),
  ceases opposition(Entity, Demand).
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Hamlet's "surrenders" predicate

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% Case 4: Entity accepts a fate or condition without further
resistance
surrenders(Entity, Fate) :-
  faces(Entity, Fate),
  realizes(Entity, inevitable(Fate)),
  accepts(Entity, Fate),
  stops resistance(Entity).
% Case 5: Entity relinquishes control or power over
something
surrenders(Entity, Control) :-
  has control(Entity, Control),
  loses(Entity, Control),
  willingly relinquishes(Entity, Control).
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Instantiating document into Hamlet's World Model

https://www.nytimes.com/2024/08/14/us/politics/biden-retirement.html

'I'm Looking for a Job': Biden Jokes About Life After the White House

With a jovial serenity, the president has more publicly embraced the idea of retirement as he heads into his final months in office.

is conscious being(biden).

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% Instantiation of existential_uncertainty/1 based on the provided text
existential_uncertainty(biden):-
  is conscious being(biden),
  contemplates_existence(biden, ["life after presidency", "future roles"]),
  encounters moral dilemmas(biden, ["balancing legacy with current duties"]),
  fears unknown(biden, ["uncertain future after retirement"]),
  experiences_psychological_conflict(biden, ["letting go of power vs continuing to serve"]),
  perceives life suffering(biden, ["pressure of ongoing responsibilities"]),
  questions_afterlife(biden, ["future impact", "legacy"]).
% Example of atomic predicates for this scenario
% Biden as a conscious being
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Grouding JetLag article into Hamlet's World Model

https://www.nytimes.com/article/jet-lag-prevention.html

How to Handle Jet Lag, According to Very Frequent Travelers

A long flight can be exhausting, but recovering from it needn't take up half your trip.

is_human(traveler): The subjects in the text are human travelers.

has_consciousness(traveler): Travelers are aware of their physical and mental state, reflecting on how to handle jet lag.

seeks_meaning(traveler) and defines_own_meaning(traveler): Travelers seek to find meaning in their travel experiences, optimizing their routines to minimize the negative impact of jet lag.

faces_freedom(traveler): Travelers have the freedom to choose how they adapt to new time zones and environments.

makes_choices(traveler): They make choices to manage jet lag effectively, like adjusting sleep schedules and diet.

experiences_anxiety(traveler): Jet lag induces anxiety, fatigue, and other discomforts, which travelers must cope with.

experiences_suffering(traveler): Physical symptoms like fatigue and irritability represent the suffering travelers endure.

challenges_societal_norms(traveler): Travelers may adopt unconventional methods to combat jet lag, challenging norms like meal times or sleep patterns. **confronts_absurdity(traveler):** The absurdity of jet lag is acknowledged, but travelers still define their own methods to deal with it.

faces_crisis(traveler): The disruption caused by jet lag can be seen as a crisis that travelers must manage.

redefines_values(traveler): Travelers may redefine their routines and values to better handle the challenges of travel.

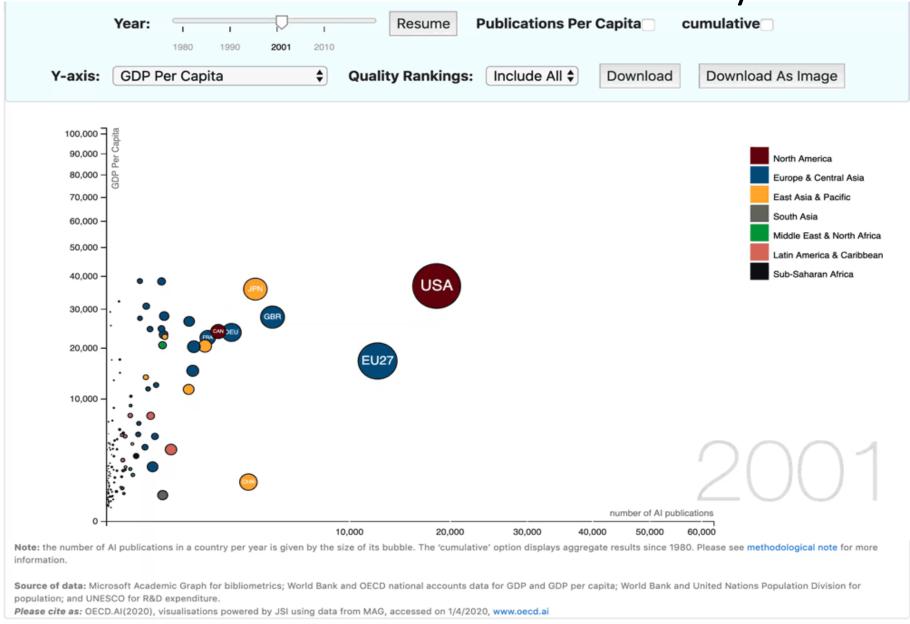
takes_responsibility(traveler): Travelers take personal responsibility by following strategies to mitigate the effects of jet lag.

Brief insights into the geopolitics of Al

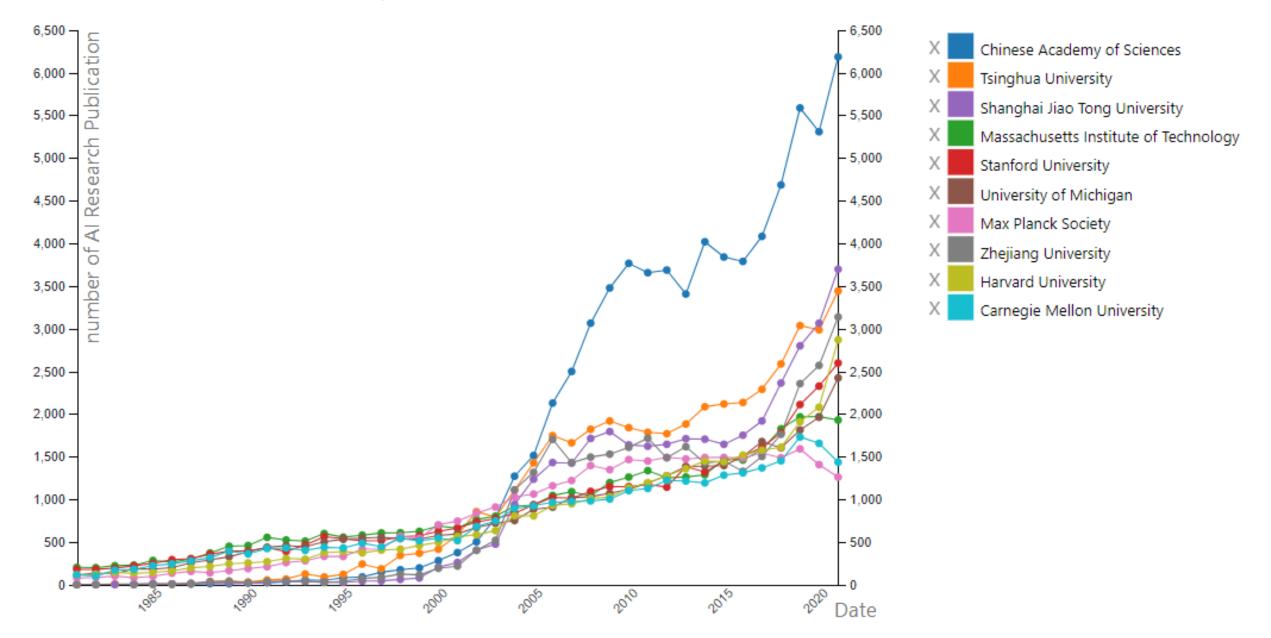
USA, China and Europe competing



Production of AI research over years



Al Research per institution



Al Research collaboration between institutions

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East Asia & Pacific

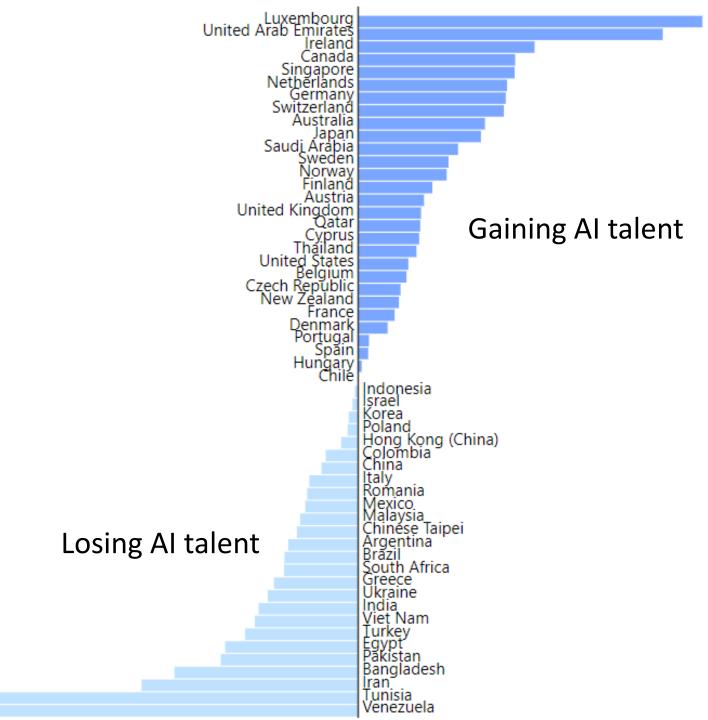
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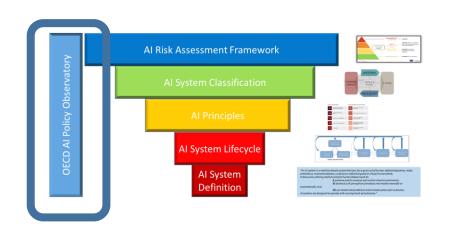
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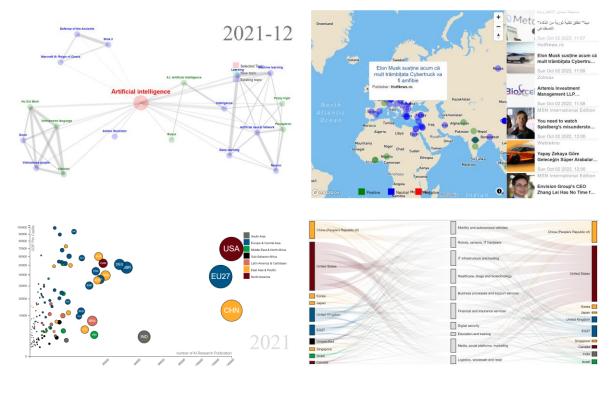
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Between-country Al skills migration



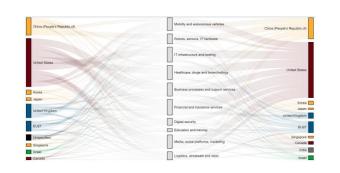




How Al Innovations propagate

Near real-time observation of the evolution of AI across the ecosystem https://oecd.ai/

Real-Time Technology Watch "a journey of an innovation"



"OECD AI Policy Observatory" (https://oecd.ai/)

- Main objectives of the use case are to build a platform to respond on questions related to the global innovation ecosystem in the area of Al
 - To understand the evolution of AI?
 - To detect impactful innovations early in the process?
 - To predict what will be 'the next big thing' in AI?
 - Building aka 'the digital twin of AI ecosystem'
- The basic premise is that ideas and innovations which will impact our lives in the next 5-10 years are already invented and published...

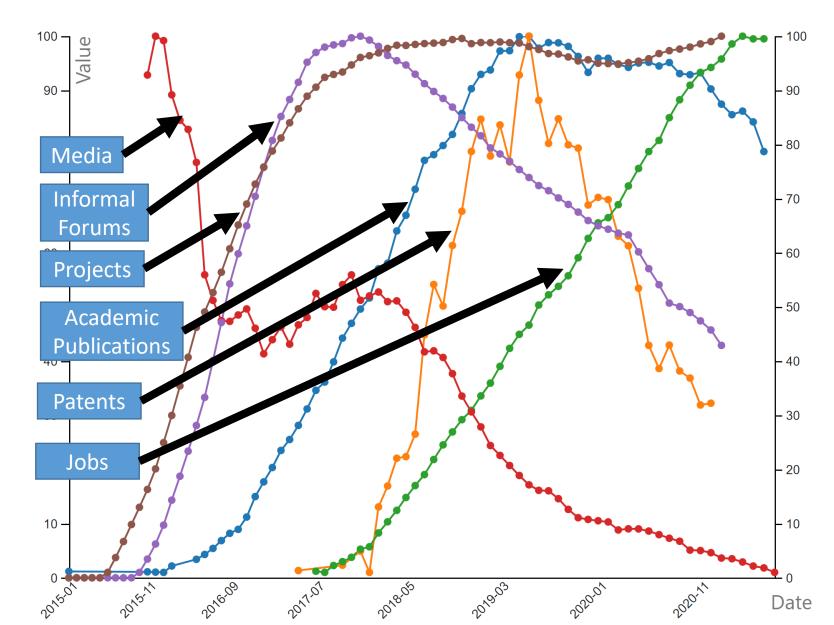
OECD AI Policy Observatory narrative:

Tracking an innovation across many stages of the ecosystem

- An innovation spotted in the academic world...
- ...**projects** are started around the innovation (publicly funded, open source)
- ...researchers & developers informally discuss the innovation
- ...the innovation gets patented
- ...companies are established around the innovation
- ...companies get investments, possibly in several rounds
- ...investments have influence on job market (supply and demand side)
- ...market reacts on the quality of innovation
- ...education introduces new courses
- ...perception & interest from expert and broad audiences
- ...media starts publishing about the innovation and companies
- ...incidents happen to show weaknesses to be treated
- ...policies are formulated on international and national level

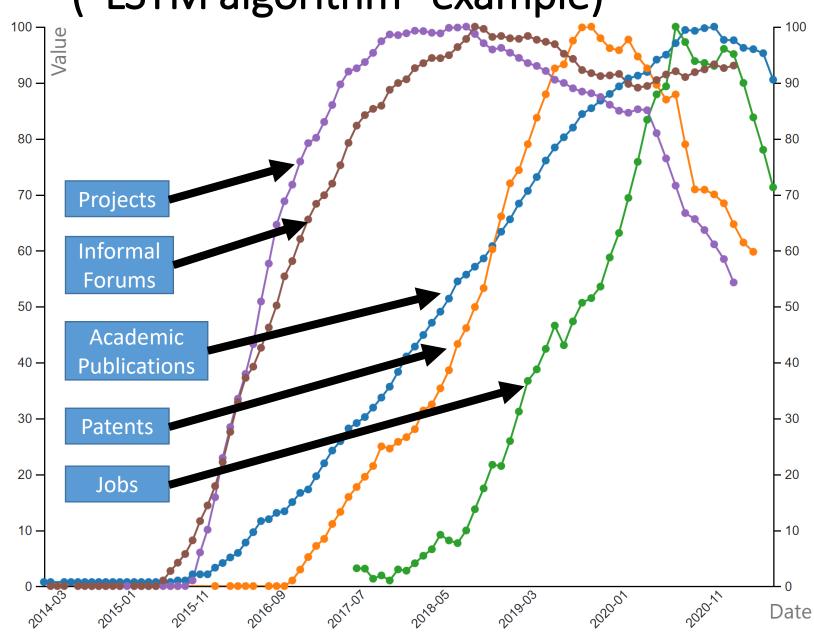
Cascading influence of an innovation ("tensorflow" example)

- Impact of an innovation to the ecosystem
- Example for "Google
 TensorFlow" used by all
 of us many times per day
- Cascading influence:
 - Starting with media,
 - ...triggering projects,
 - ...resulting in academic publications,
 - ...followed by patents,
 - ...influencing job market



https://aibench.ijs.si/

Cascading influence of an innovation ("LSTM algorithm" example)



Questions?



Google Astra Agent

- Integrating audio, video, text understanding in real-time
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXVvvRhiGjl

