



AI Briefing

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AI - The Cerebral Disruption

Predictive AI

LOGIC
PROBABILITIES
PATTERNS
PREDICTIONS

Algorithms that can study Patterns, categories, assign probabilities and support decision making

Generative AI

CREATIVITY
GENERATIVITY

Algorithms that can create content like text and images of human like quality in response to prompts or requests for synthesis

Hacking knowledge of the world and yours through conversations

History of AI

Artificial Intelligence

Machine Learning

Deep Learning

Generative AI

1950s

Artificial Intelligence

the field of computer science that seeks to create intelligent machines that can replicate or exceed human intelligence.

1959

Machine Learning

subset of AI that enables machines to learn from existing data and improve upon that data to make decisions or predictions.

2017

Deep Learning

a machine learning technique in which layers of neural networks are used to process data and make decisions.

2021

Generative AI

create new written, visual, and auditory content given prompts or existing data.

Quick Recap of the AI field

Artificial intelligence

in its broadest sense is a range of techniques to enable software to approximate human thinking and behaviours.

Machine learning

is a subset of AI and uses advanced algorithms to detect patterns in large datasets to allow software to learn and adapt.

Neural networks

are machine learning programs that process input and generate outputs through interconnected nodes or artificial neurons. These nodes loosely model the neurons in a brain.

Deep learning

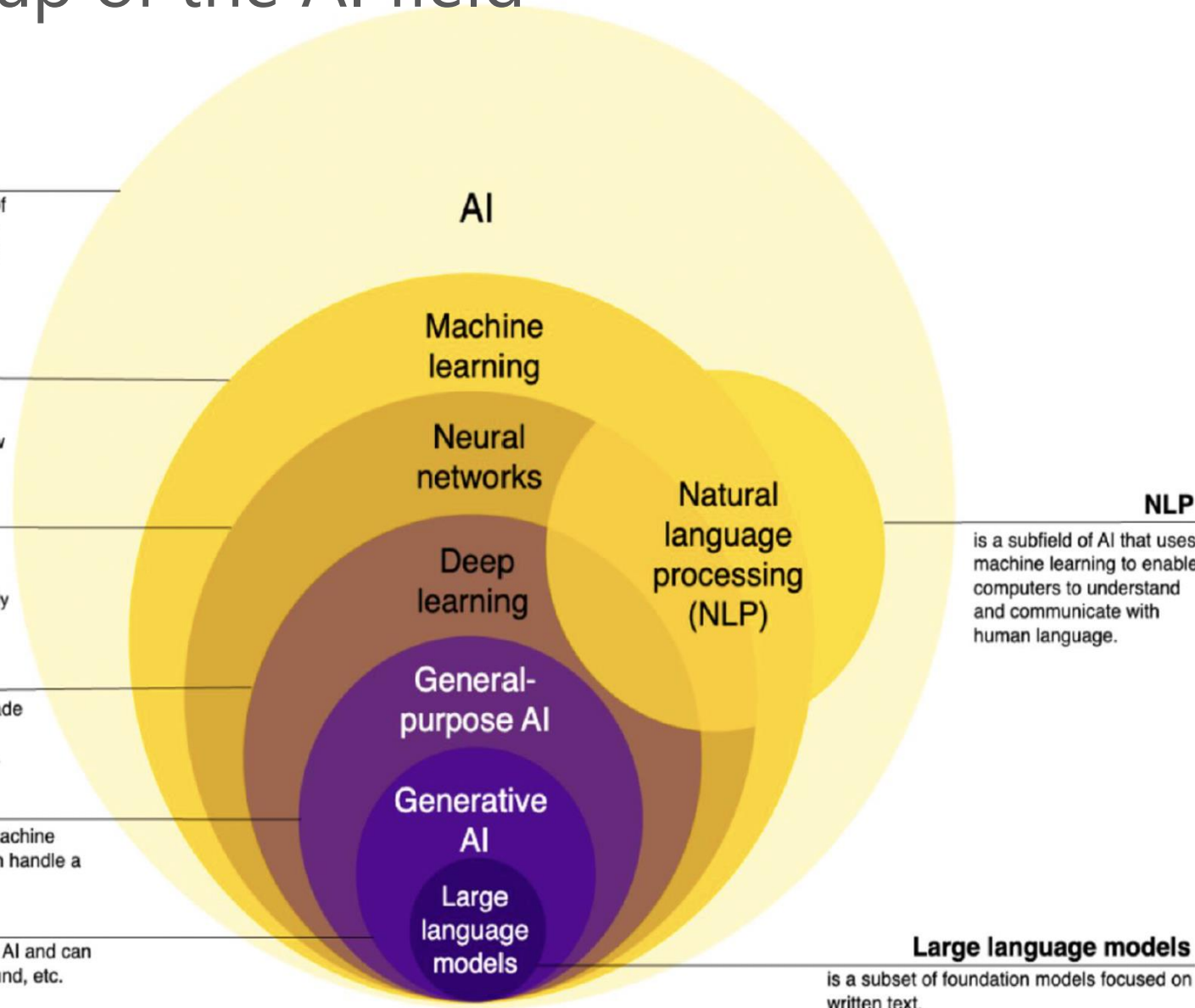
All deep learning systems are made of neural networks. They can recognise complex data patterns.

General-purpose AI

operates on the foundations of machine learning and deep learning. It can handle a broad range of tasks.

Generative AI

is one subset of general purpose AI and can generate text, images, video, sound, etc.



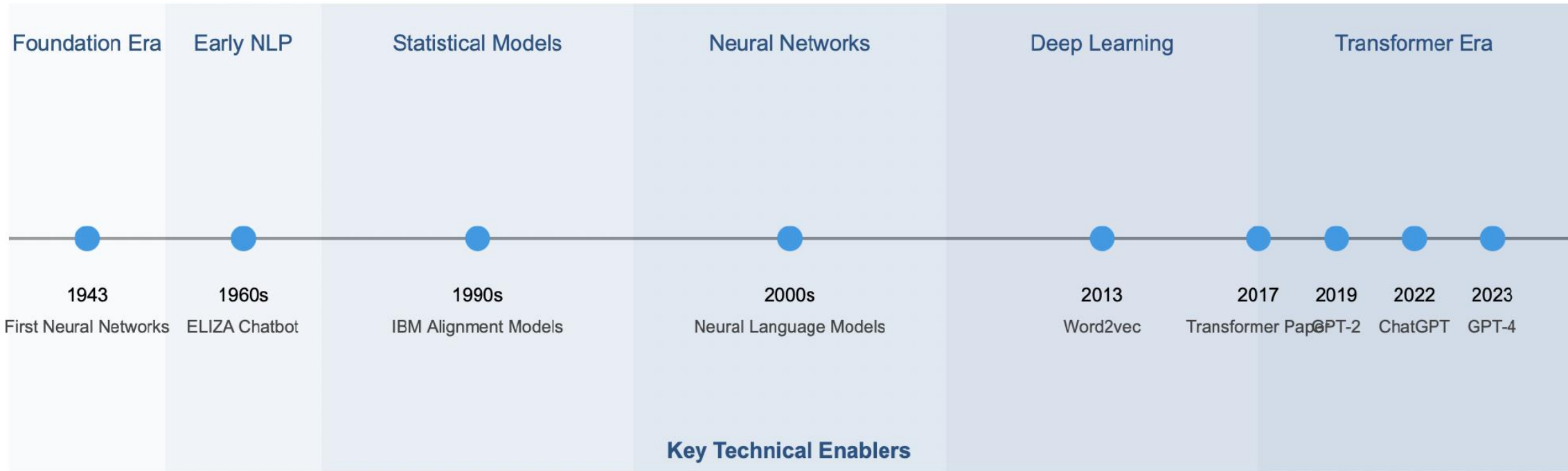
NLP

is a subfield of AI that uses machine learning to enable computers to understand and communicate with human language.

Large language models

is a subset of foundation models focused on written text.

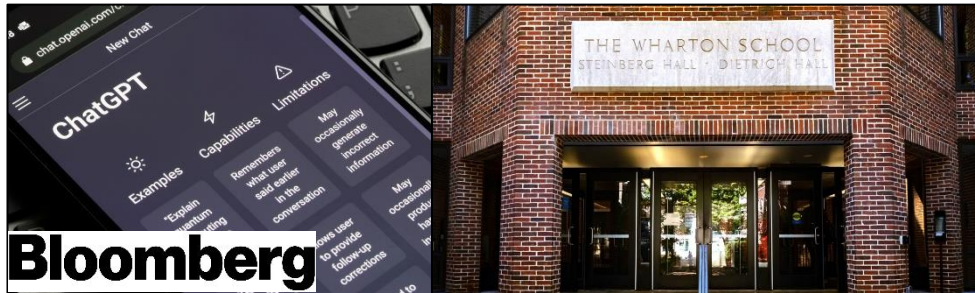
Timeline of key events



Key Technical Enablers
Word Embeddings • Attention Mechanisms • Transformer Architecture • LSTM Networks • Neural Networks

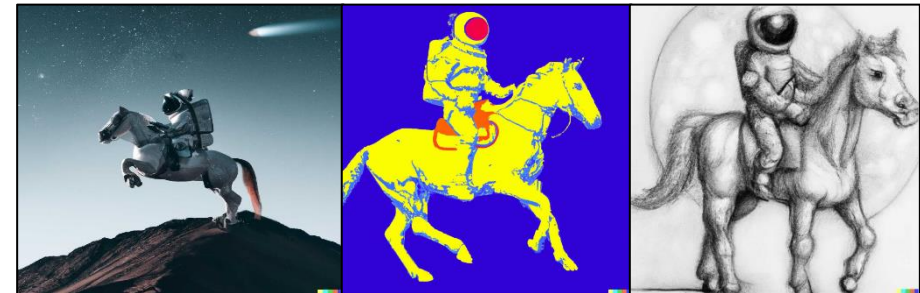
AI is already changing the way we live, evidenced by impressive capabilities it can already accomplish

Converse like a human on a variety of topics | ChatGPT



Chat GPT passes a Wharton MBA exam

Create images of different styles from text | DALL-E 2



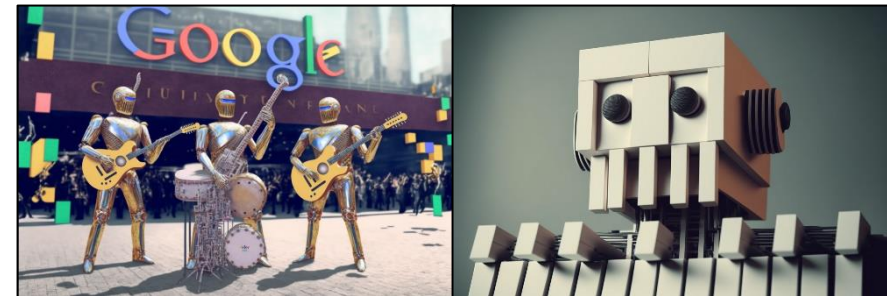
E.g., an astronaut riding a horse

Generate high-quality video clips | Meta Make-A-Video



E.g., a confused grizzly bear in calculus

Compose music across instruments & genres | Google MusicLM



E.g., fast-paced and upbeat arcade game soundtrack

Closing the AI Agent Gap

- Require strong supervision
- Execute simple tasks
- Static behavior



AI Agents

- Act autonomously
- Execute complex goals
- Adaptable behaviour



Source: Gartner
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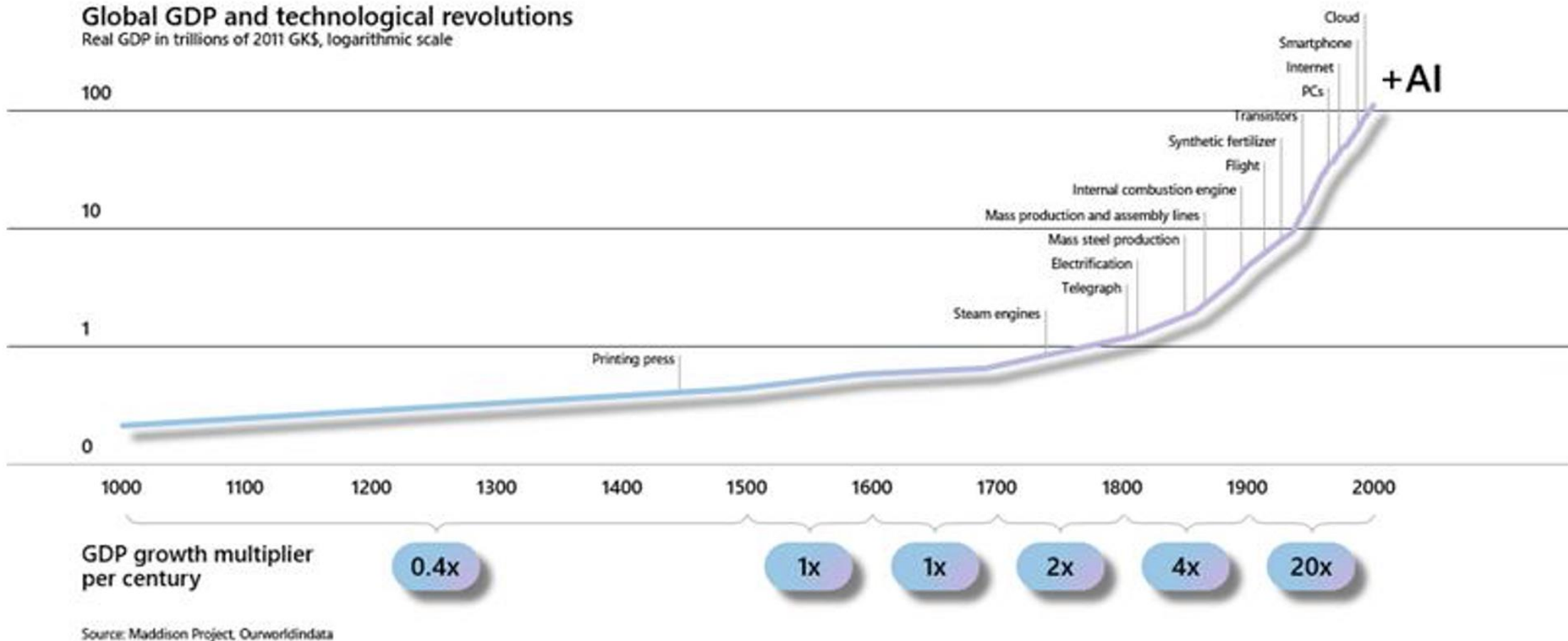
OpenAI Imagines our AI Future

Stages of Artificial Intelligence

Level 1	Chatbots, AI with conversational language
Level 2	Reasoners, human-level problem solving
Level 3	Agents, systems that can take actions
Level 4	Innovators, AI that can aid in invention
Level 5	Organizations, AI that can do the work of an organization

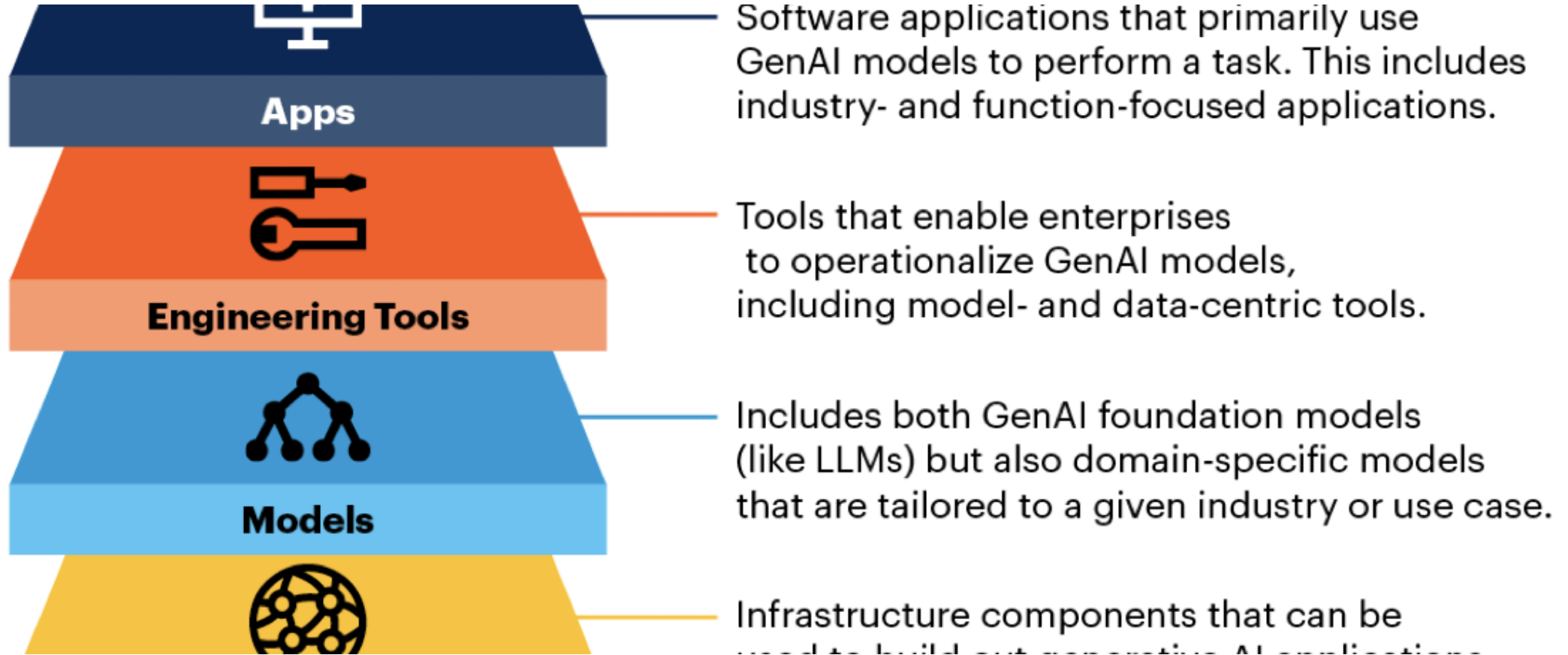
Source: Bloomberg reporting

Technology's Impact on GDP Growth is Accelerating



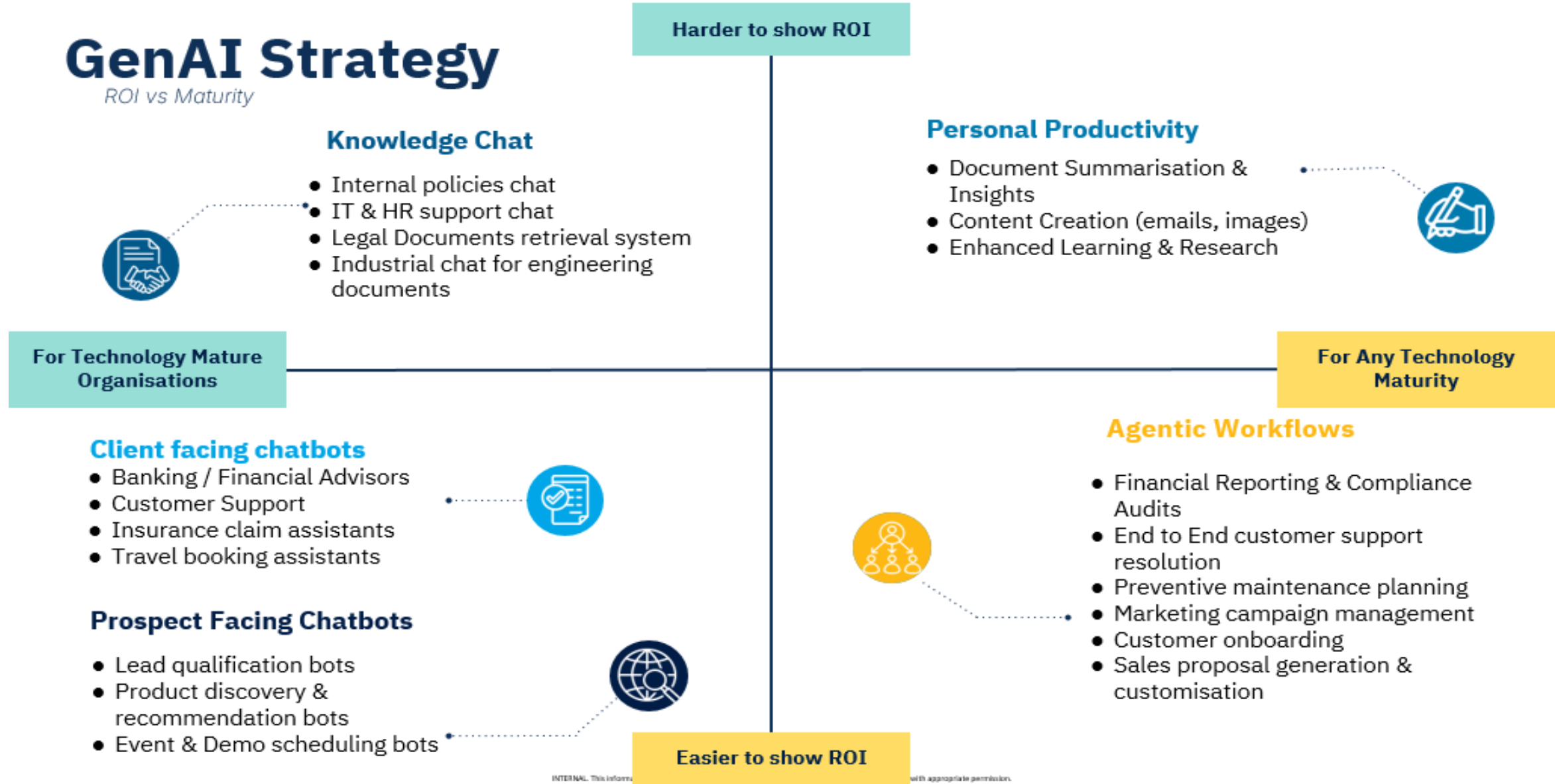
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AI Tech Stack



GenAI Strategy

ROI vs Maturity



“If you are still at the POC stage,
then you’re already 18 months behind”

-- Panel discussion at The Association of Banks in Singapore (September 2024)

Beyond personal experiences, AI has been leveraged to improve development outcomes across topics

AI advancements are changing how DMCs approach development challenges



1

Climate

Lighthouse project: GIS-enabled Coastal Embankment

Bangladesh mitigated climate hazards for ~400K people by using a geographic information system (GIS) platform



2

Agriculture

Lighthouse project: Smart IoT & AI-based Agri-Solution

Smart agriculture in India increased yield by 7% and reduced costs by 8%



3

Energy

Lighthouse project: Smart Power Grid Improvement

Laos reduced electricity losses from 24% to 14% with smart metering and grid improvements



4

Finance

Lighthouse project: Digital Currencies

Bahamas increased payment card usage by 203% with a digital currency



5

Trade

Lighthouse project: AI-enabled National Single Window

Bangladesh simplified 8M transactions annually from automated customs clearance



6

Education

Lighthouse project: EVOKE blockchain-learning

Increased course completion rates from 10-40% with blockchain-assisted learning



7

Healthcare

Lighthouse project: CDC Data Modernization

Analytics and electronic reporting saved 160K staff hours from real-time disease surveillance and data modernization



8

Transport

Lighthouse project: AI Road Asset Management

Georgia reduced road maintenance costs by 60% with AI road asset management



9

Urban Development

Lighthouse project: Virtual Singapore

Singapore saved 3000 resource days and costs from creating a digital twin

AI transformation will play a key role in supporting these 4 shifts

Select examples; non-exhaustive



Climate Change



Private Sector



Solutions



Ways of Working



AI transformation

- Develop AI-powered assistant in analyzing and recommending climate financing solutions
- Support modeling of climate scenarios, risks, and impact

- Create pitch books for private sector clients
- Create technical designs for future infrastructure projects
- Highlight areas to review initial customized contracts

- Support research & publications to establish thought leadership across sectors & themes
- Support economic analyses and modeling (e.g., LLM for inflation forecasts)

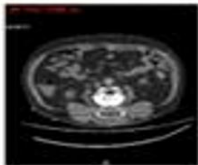
- Build on-demand support chatbot
- Conduct research from internal database and retrieve most relevant documents
- Synthesize real-time meeting transcripts into key points

AI Opportunities in Health Care and Social protection

Medical image interpretation & fraud detection



Automatic medical image interpretation, providing medical advisory to doctors and detects any fraud or overtreatment which could trigger on-site investigation



Source: HIRA

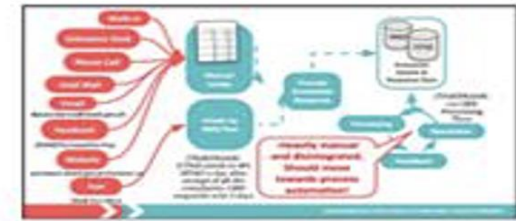
Wound imaging, assessment and monitoring



AI-enabled tool on mobile application will automatically measure, assess, and monitor wounds within a second.

Source: Tetsuyu

Automatic Grievance Redress System in Philippines



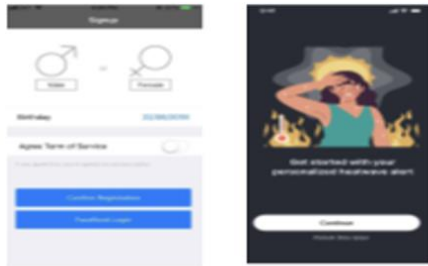
Automated grievance handling and classification, offering personalized support and audio-to-text filing via mobile phone for accessible use by illiterate individuals.

Source: Department of Social Welfare and Development of Philippines, ADB

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AI Opportunities in Climate and Disaster Risk management

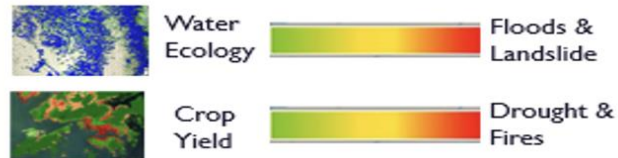
Gender-responsive early warning system (EWS)



Collect data and train the AI model on aspects where women feel discomfort, in order to create **a gender-responsive early warning system (EWS)** that reflects these risks.

Source: Rainbird, ADB

Satellite Image Analytics for Disaster Management



Uses AI for **disaster risk scoring** based on both satellite and geotechnical data, along with high-risk areas data.

Source: Aboitiz Data Innovation

Plant image recognition and data collection



Uses AI to gain a deeper understanding of plant and crop physiology, then using these insights to **build a more sustainable food production system.**

Source: Google

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AI Opportunities in Education

Automated creation of lesson plans and questions



To address the shortage of skilled teachers and teaching materials, AI assistant helps **create customized lesson plans and assessment questions** tailored for Bangladesh.

Source: ADB, Directorate of Primary Education of Bangladesh

Learn through real-life roleplay



Roleplay real-life situations with **a virtual teacher** to improve your speaking & listening.

Source: HolonIQ

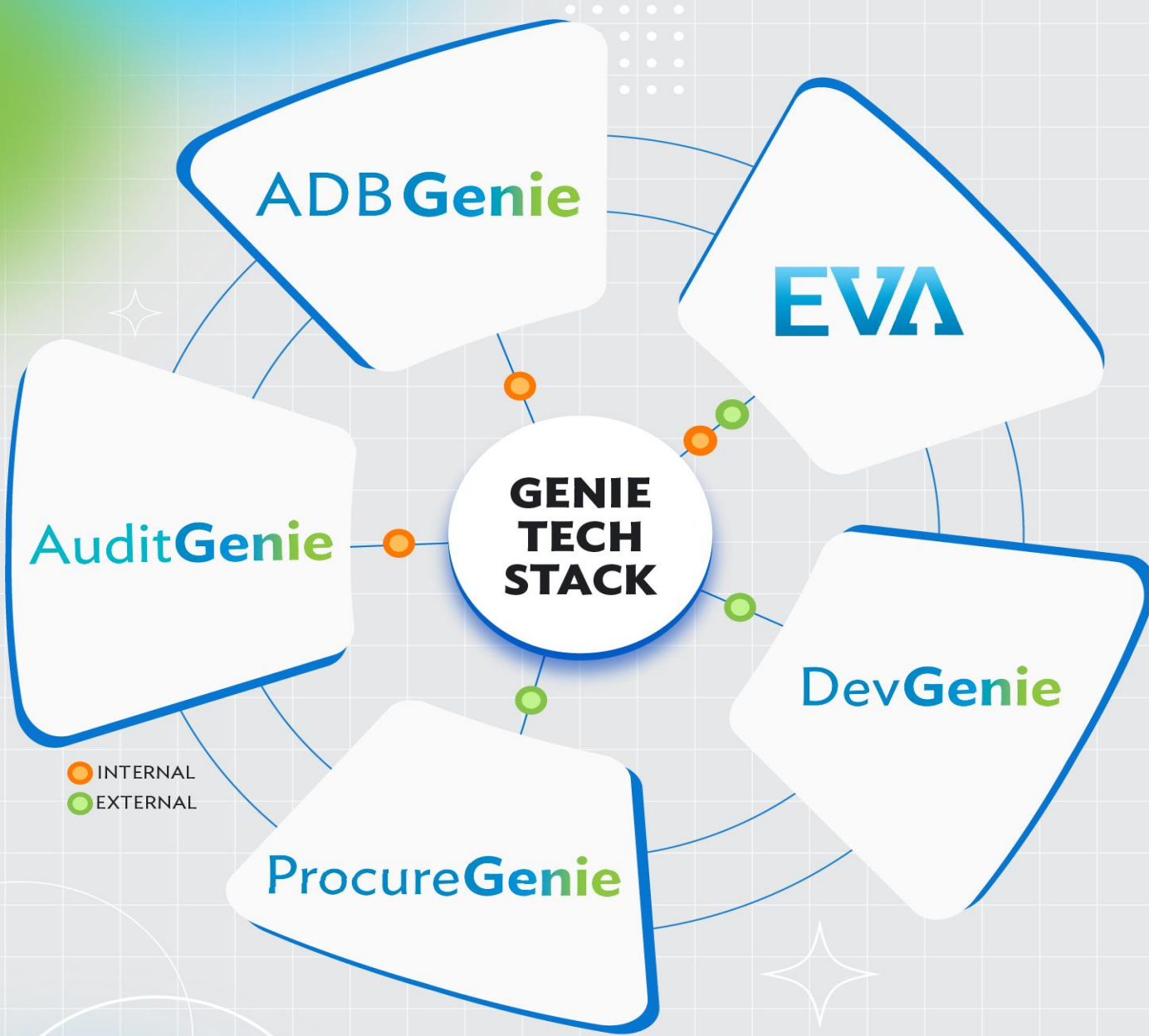
Create children's books in Mali.



Uses ChatGPT to create children's books with **stories and illustrations** that are true to the lives of Malians, along with supplementary **teaching guides**.

Source: RobotsMali

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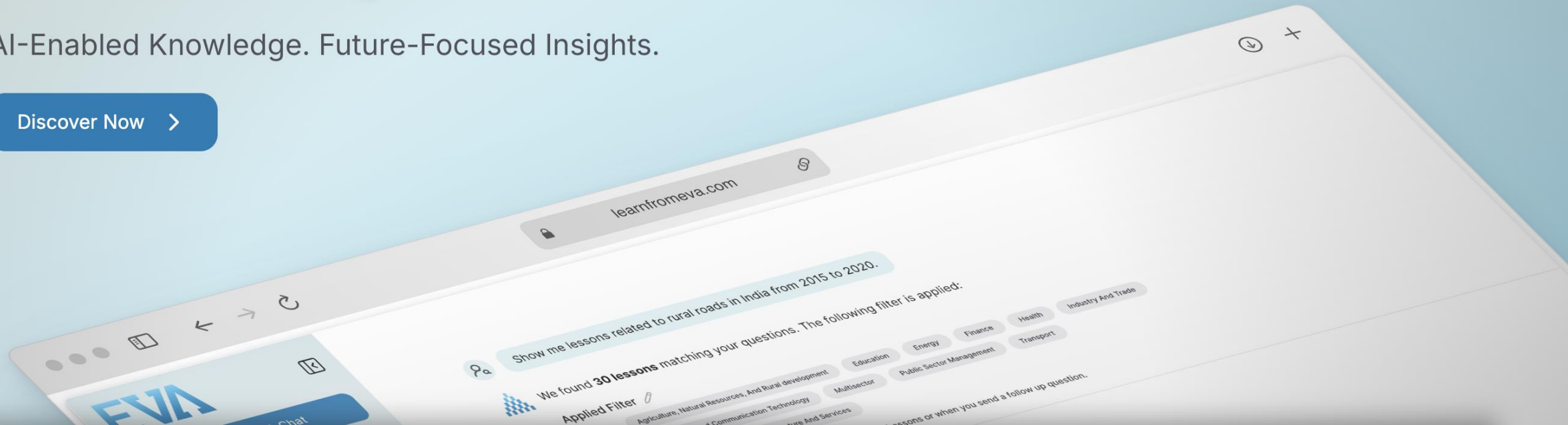
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