

# AI Promises & Perils for the Information Ecosystem

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Chapter One

# Setting the Stage

# Information Ecosystem (IE)

Complex adaptive system in which information is created, managed, transformed, shared, & disseminated

It encompasses:

- information infrastructure
- information tools
- information media

It includes dynamic social relationships between:

- information producers
- information consumers
- Information curators
- Information sharers

# Elements of IE

## Organizations & Society

- Physical & institutional infrastructure
- Trust networks around information
- Influencers who shape the information landscape

## The User

- Information needs
- Information use

## The Information

- Production
- Flow
- Access
- Impact

# Example of IE Map

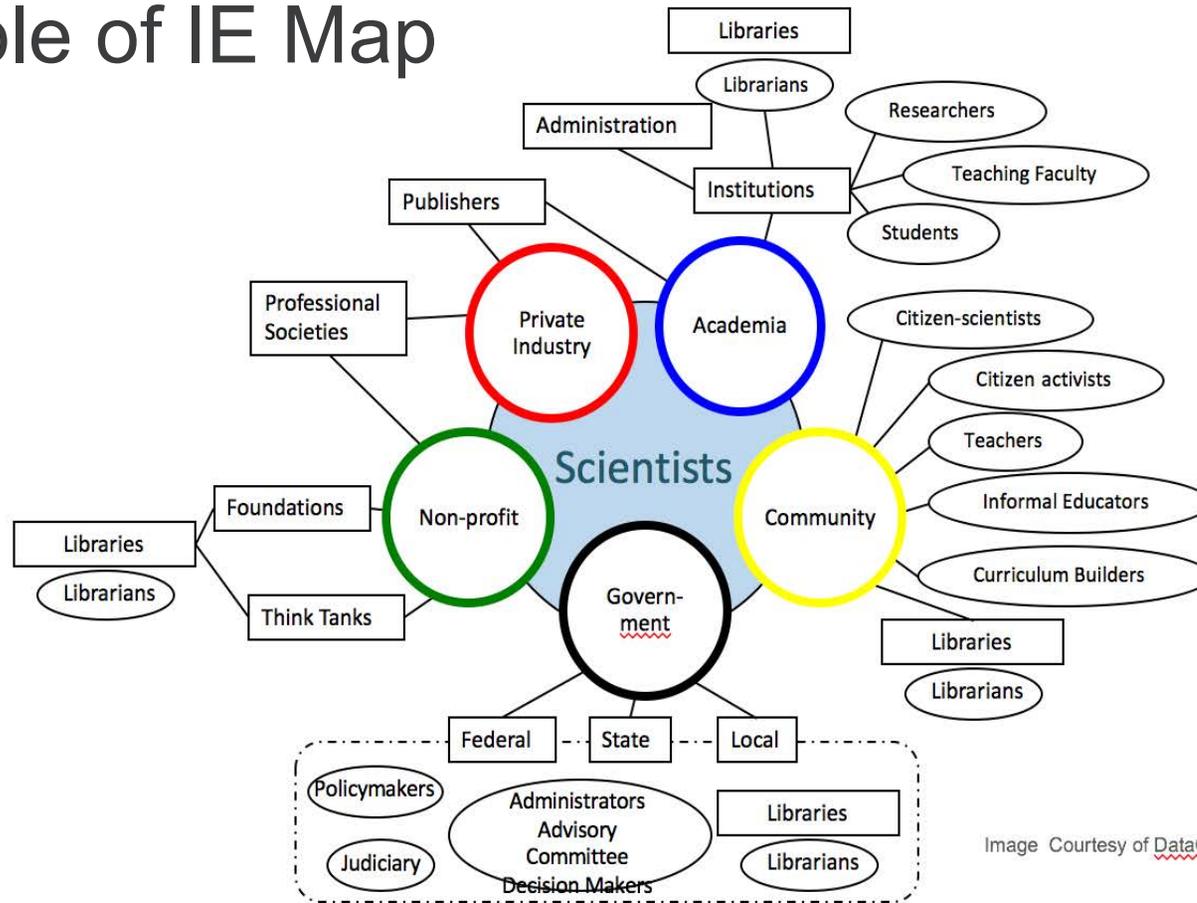


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# Knowing the IE helps you...

## Listen to your community

what information they need, use, communicate

## Understand the challenges

that exist and how you can address them

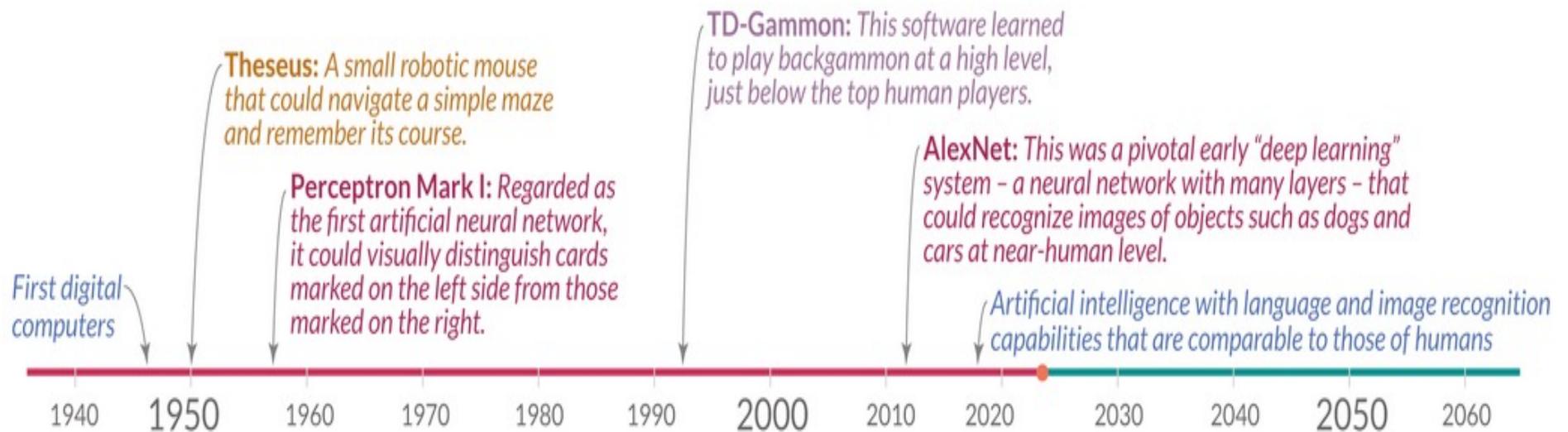
## Design strategies

that support information creation, use, and dissemination

“Artificial intelligence is a field of science concerned with building computers and machines that can reason, learn, and act in such a way that would normally require human intelligence or that involves data whose scale exceeds what humans can analyze..”

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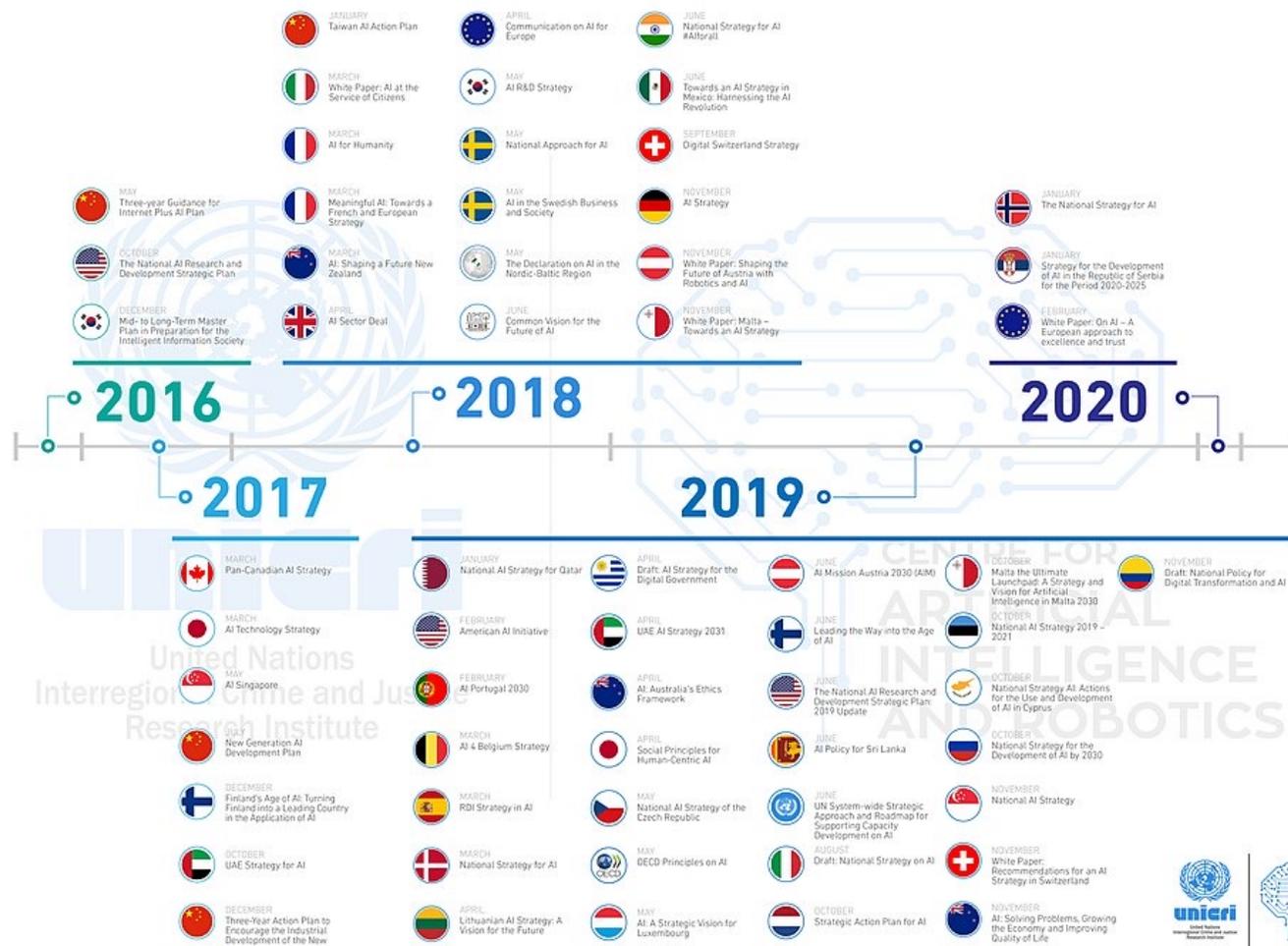
## A timeline of notable artificial intelligence systems



# Strategic Documents Timeline

UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

Nations and international organizations are seeing the need for AI public policies & regulations



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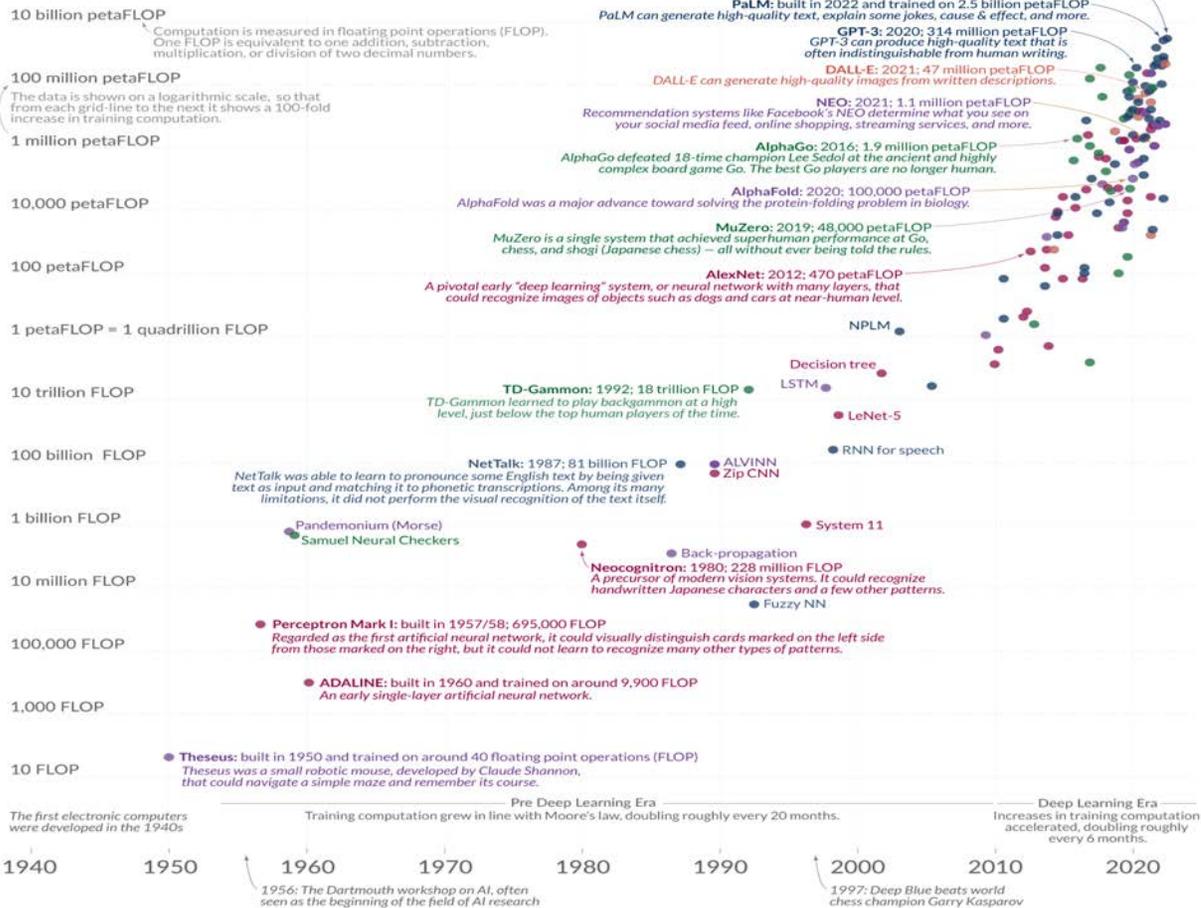


# The rise of artificial intelligence over the last 8 decades: As training computation has increased, AI systems have become more powerful

Our World in Data

The color indicates the domain of the AI system: ● Vision ● Games ● Drawing ● Language ● Other

Shown on the vertical axis is the **training computation** that was used to train the AI systems.



Systems are becoming more powerful with training.

Training systems requires access to data.

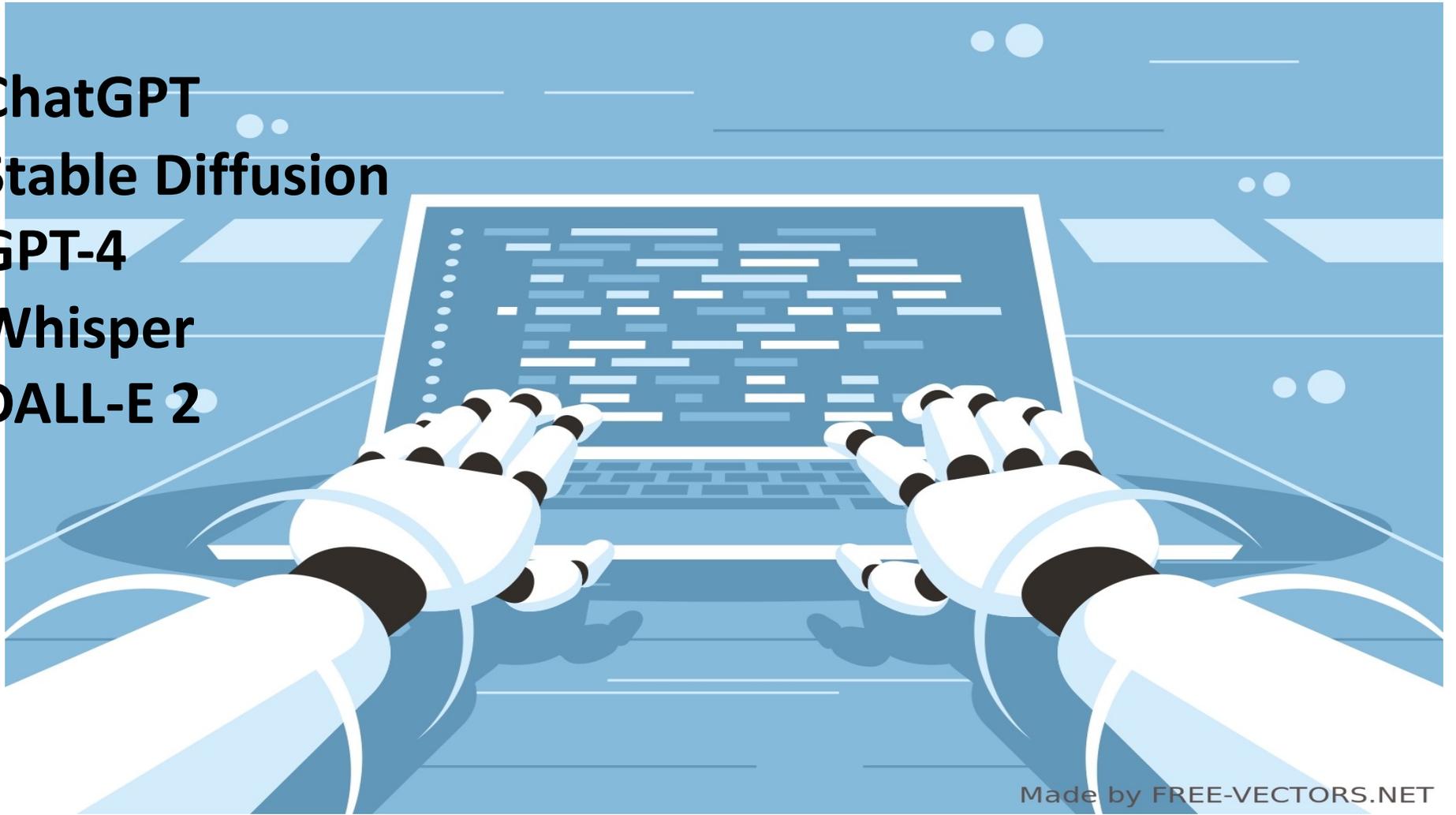
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**Stable Diffusion**  
**GPT-4**  
**Whisper**  
**DALL-E 2**



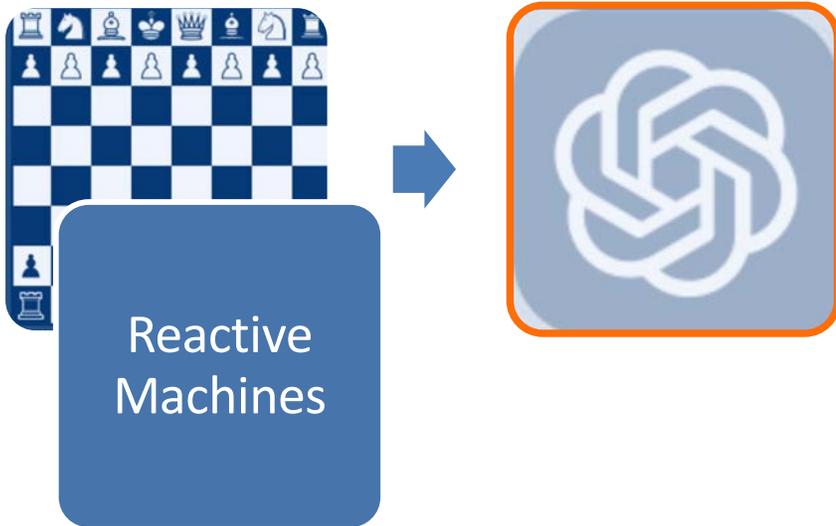
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Chapter Two

# **The Promise of AI**

# Stages of AI Development





Information  
used for  
Improved  
Outcomes  
&  
New Insights



**Ecosystems**  
Health  
Environment  
Education  
Industry

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# International Open Science



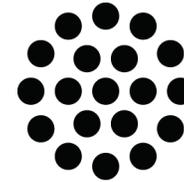
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EU initiative for all pubs  
from public funding to  
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Global consultation on  
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UN Sustainable  
Development Goals



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The global voice for science

Open science key in 2019-  
2021 action plan

Open report in 2020

# Data = Foundation of AI

## Characteristics for Sharing Data

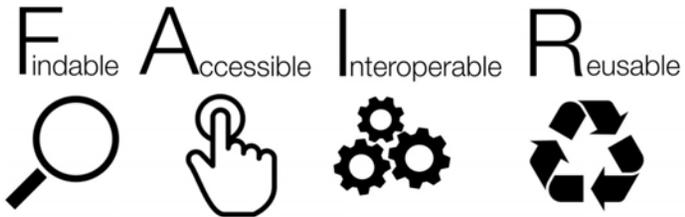


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# AI Ready Science Info Ecosystem

***Science as a global public good.*** Leveraging at the national level by science funders and policymakers

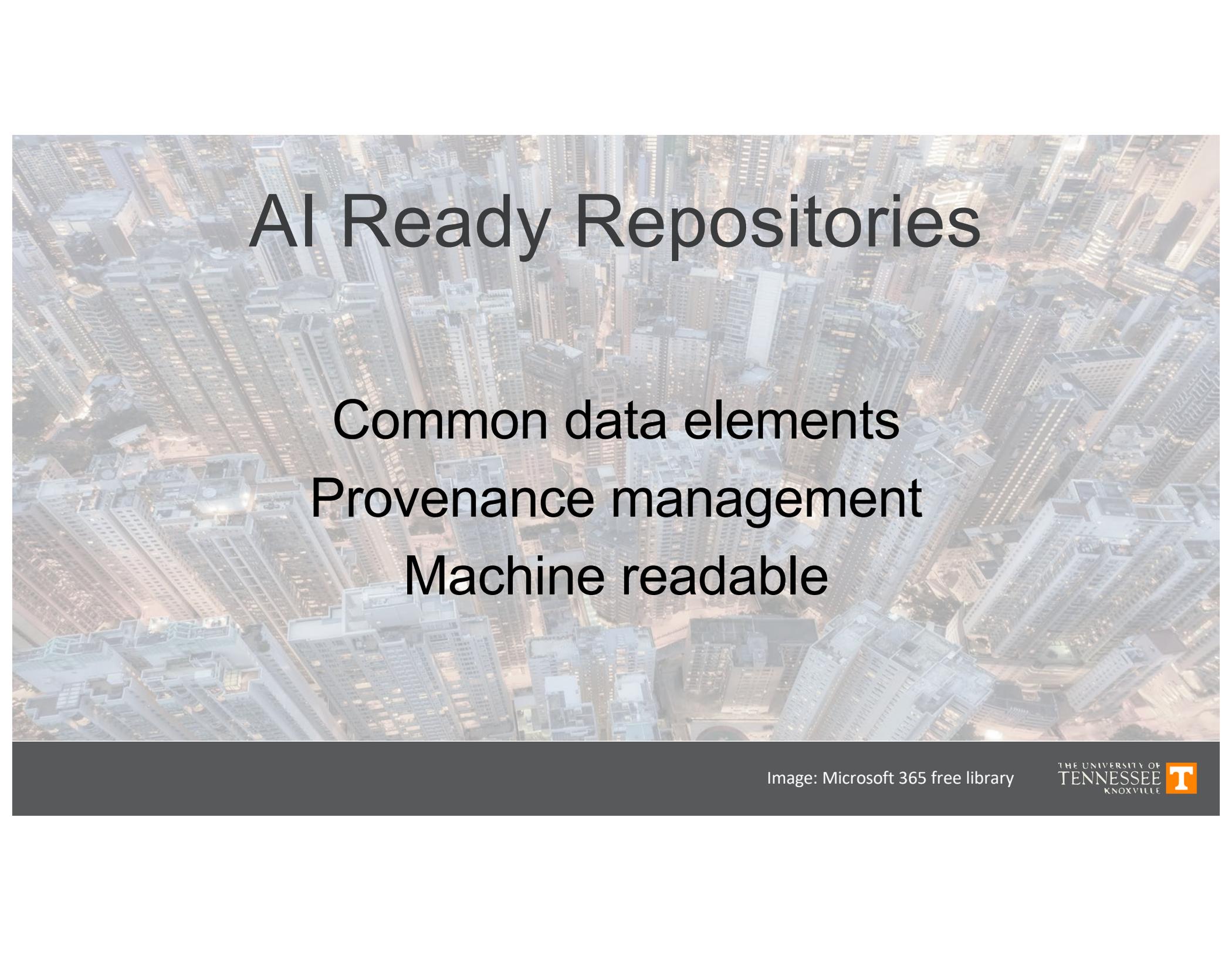
***Open science.*** Promoting Data Sharing Principles

***Trust in science.*** Developing events to address trust in science and thwart mis/disinformation

***Capacity building.*** Aligning data from around the world and across disciplines. Recognize different cultures of practice and societal readiness levels

***Early career researchers.*** Supporting the next generation & asking for their ideas.

***Certified data repositories.*** Encouraging certified data repositories.



# AI Ready Repositories

Common data elements  
Provenance management  
Machine readable

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Affiliated body of the International Science Council.

Mission: to enhance the capabilities, impact, and sustainability of our member data repositories and data services

IPO hosted at UT and UT-ORII

ITO hosted by Ocean Network Canada, University of Victoria



# WDS Mission-Driven to:



## Create

Communities of trusted scientific data repositories.



## Strengthen

The scientific enterprise throughout the entire lifecycle of data by holding first-class data in trusted repositories that support first-class research output.



## Advocate

For repositories that make trusted data accessible to support transparent and reproducible science.

# Fulfilling the Promise

## Strategic Objective 1.

Advanced Computing Ecosystem as a  
Strategic  
National Asset

## Strategic Objective 2.

Robust, Sustainable Software and Data  
Ecosystem

## Strategic Objective 3.

Foundational, Applied, and  
Translational R&D

## Strategic Objective 4.

Fostering a Diverse, Capable, and  
Flexible Workforce



## FUTURE ADVANCED COMPUTING ECOSYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN FY2022 IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP

*A report by the*  
Subcommittee on Future Advanced Computing Ecosystem  
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Chapter Three

# **The Perils of AI**

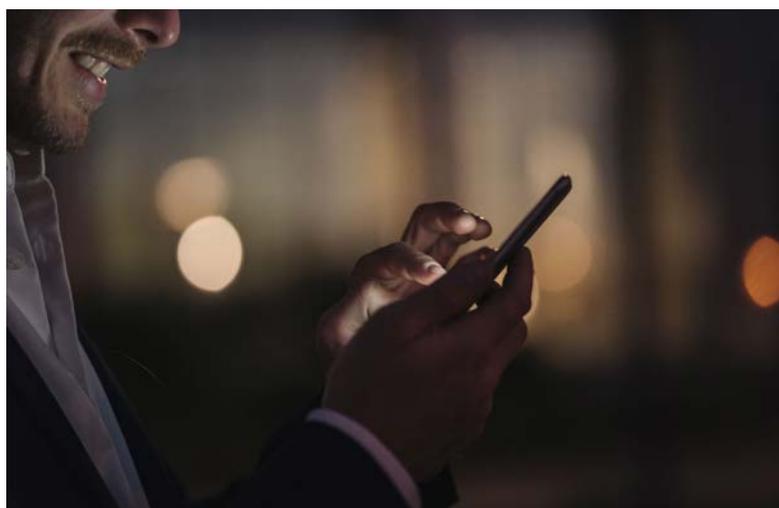
## Risks & Dangers

High Data & Compute Cost

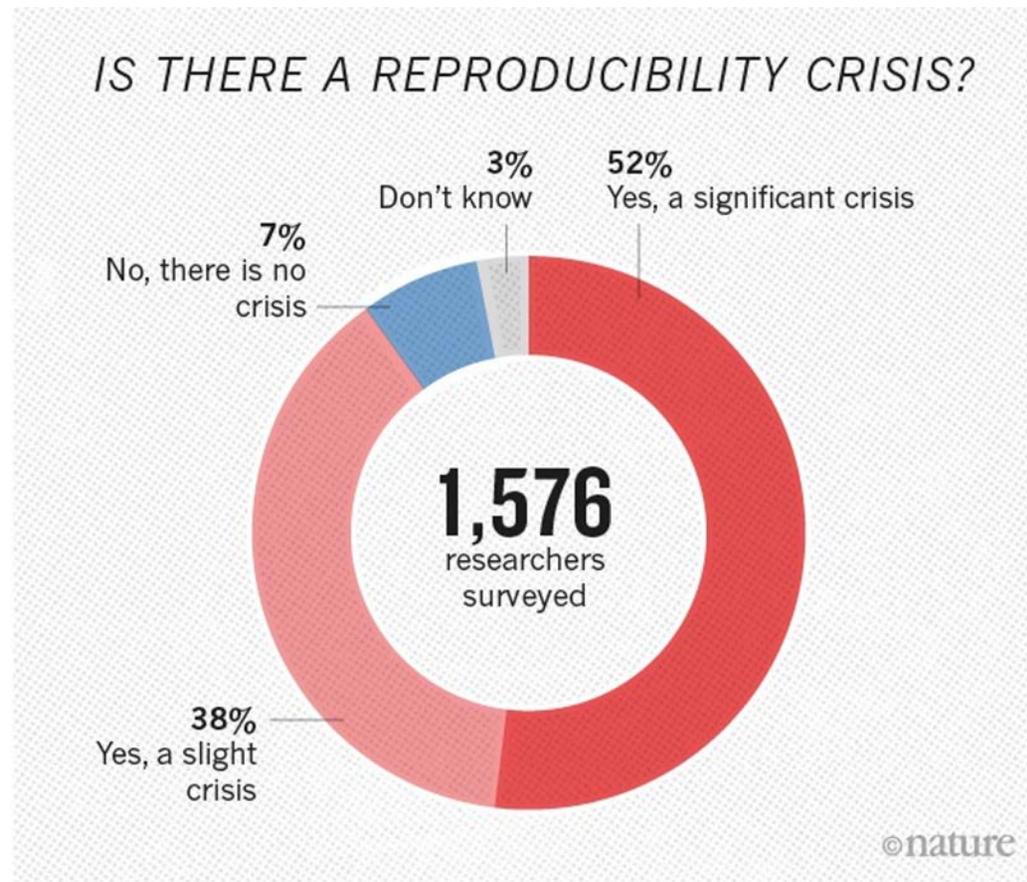
Environmental Harm from Compute

Misuse/ Disinformation

Lack of Social Equity



# Scientific Credibility

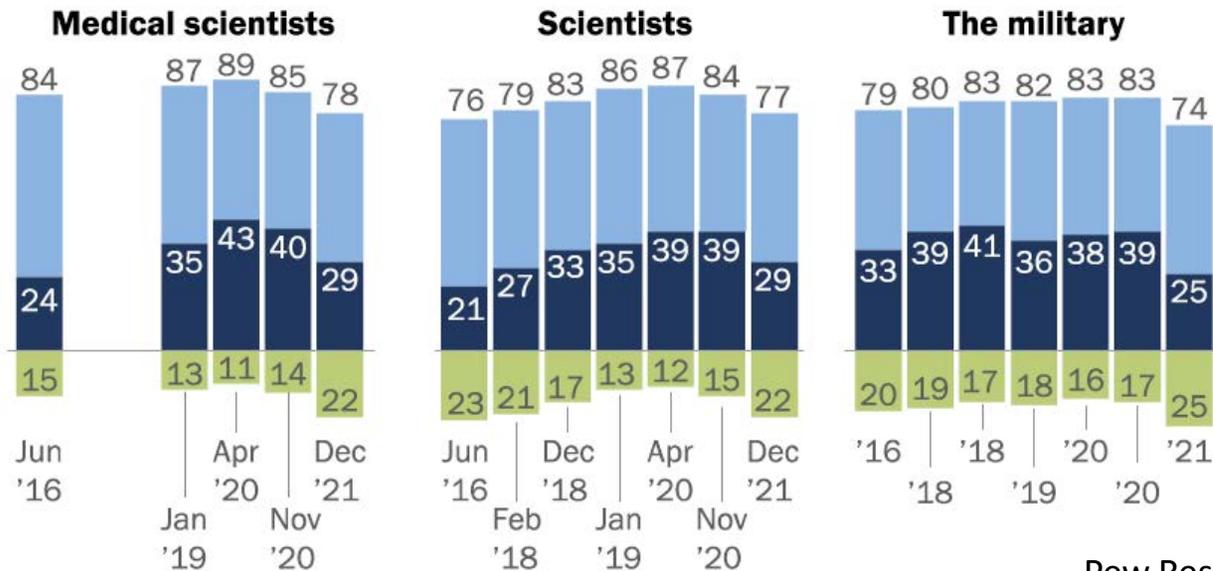


<https://www.nature.com/articles/533452a>

## Public confidence in scientists and medical scientists has declined over the last year

*% of U.S. adults who have \_\_\_ of confidence in the following groups to act in the best interests of the public*

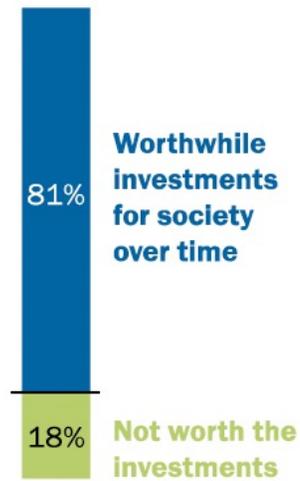
● A great deal   ● A fair amount   ● Not too much/No confidence at all



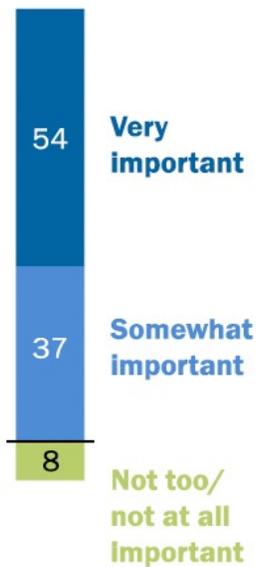
Pew Research Center conducted 30 Nov-12 Dec 2021

*% of U.S. adults who say ...*

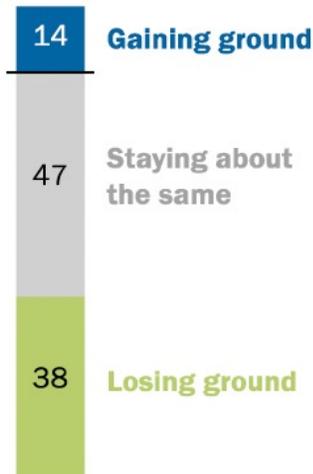
Government investments in scientific research are ...



It is \_\_ for the U.S. to be a world leader in scientific achievements



When it comes to scientific achievements, compared with other countries, the U.S. is ...



The public values investing in science.

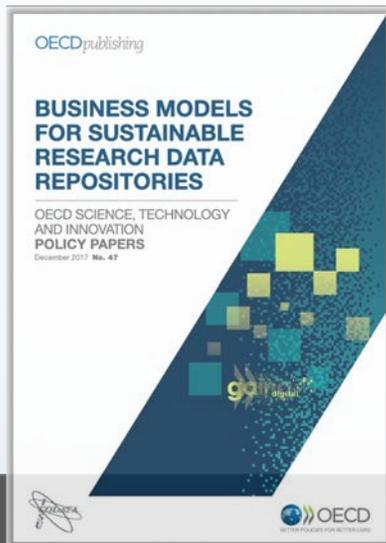
AI is the next-gen for science.

Note: Respondents who did not give an answer are not shown.  
Source: Survey conducted Sept. 13-18, 2022.  
"Americans Value U.S. Role as Scientific Leader, but 38% Say Country Is Losing Ground Globally"

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# Strong Repositories support Credibility

- Rich Data Documentation
- Long-term Data Storage
- Responsible Data Sharing
  - Focus on FAIR
  - Information Literacy



Chapter Four

# **Info Pros & Trusted AI**

# AI ready Info Ecosystem...

Values all data and believes it is an important asset no matter how it is held.

Believes missing data can reduce the effectiveness and potentially creates bias and inequity of AI outcomes.

Identifies the need for developing and sustaining mature data repositories that can transition data into holdings that make it accessible for AI processes.

Acknowledges that managing data is important for interoperability – a key for high-quality AI activities.

# Fostering strong AI

**\*avoiding Garbage In/Garbage Out**

- Data is robust (valid & scientifically sound)
- Data is persistent
- Data is secure (can't be corrupted / hacked)
- Connections are secure for data pulls and data contributions
- Workflows are created to foster reproducibility



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# TRUSTed Repositories

How we hold data assets matters:  
TRUST – international movement to  
improve data repositories

- **T**ransparency
- **R**esponsibility
- **U**ser focus
- **S**ustainability
- **T**echnology



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# Keys to Move towards Trusted AI

- Treat data as a valuable asset beyond the life of a specific project.
- As with any asset – data should be intentionally managed
- Include data specialists as partners throughout the AI design process
- Support international organizations for data management and sustainability

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