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Generative AI: is it all just hype?

Four reasons it is (and four reasons it isn't)

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What have the LLMs ever done for us?

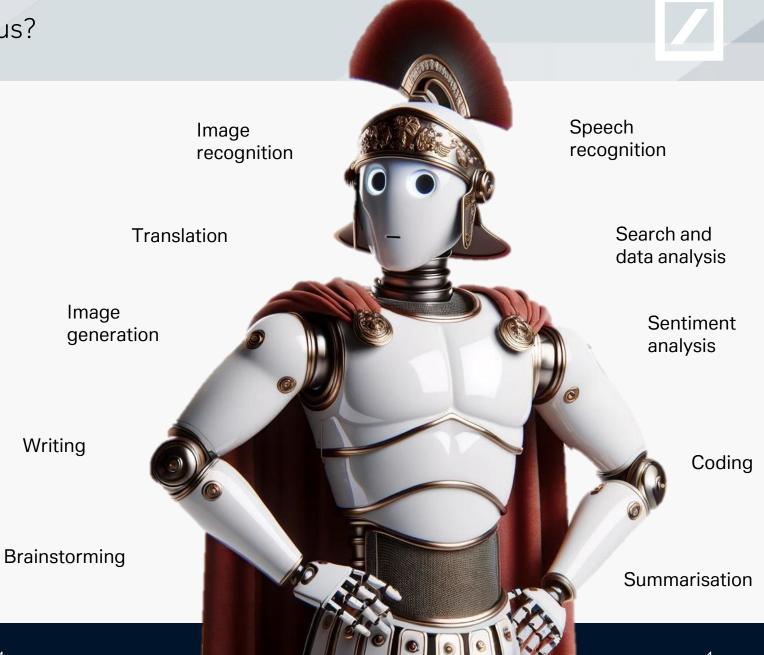
"All right, but apart from the sanitation, the medicine, education, wine, public order, irrigation, roads, the fresh-water system and public health...

... What have the Romans ever done for us?"

"Monty Python's Life of Brian", 1979

"As soon as it works, no one calls it Al anymore"

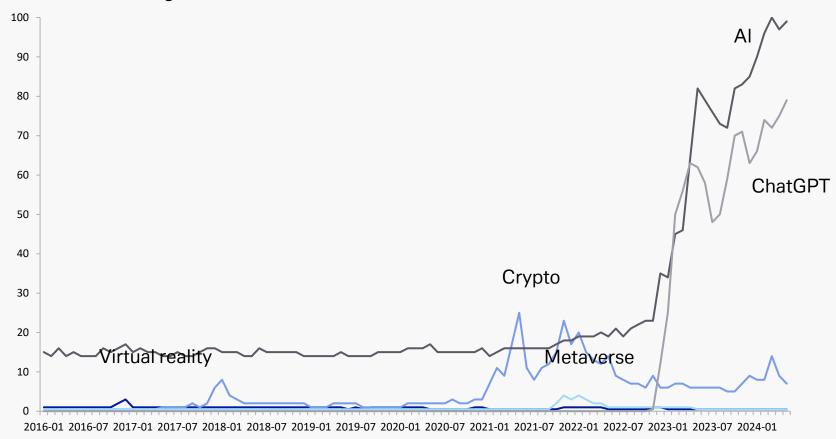
John McCarthy, who coined the phrase "artificial intelligence" in 1956



How does the hype compare with other technology?

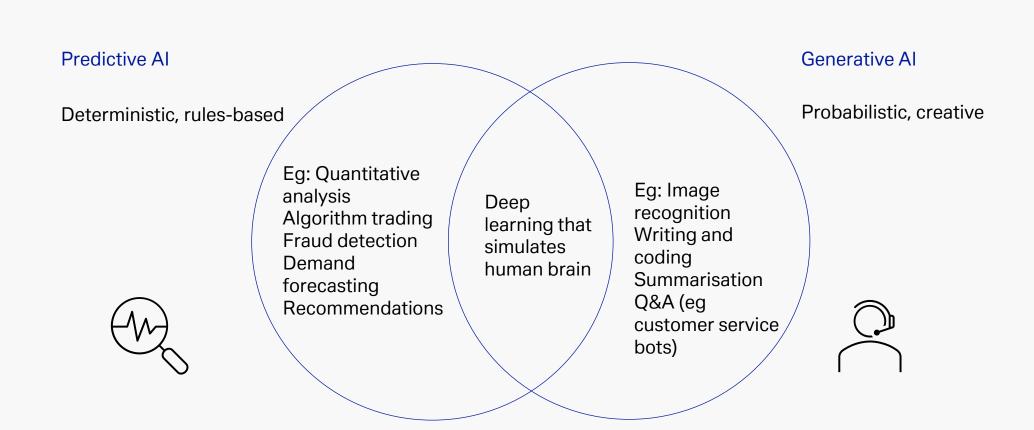






Source: Google Trends

Most Al isn't generative, and some isn't even Al



Source: Bloomberg Finance LP, Deutsche Bank.

1) Al technology is flawed

"Create an image of a large group of investors watching a large screen showing a football match between Italy and Spain"



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Image by DALL-E 3

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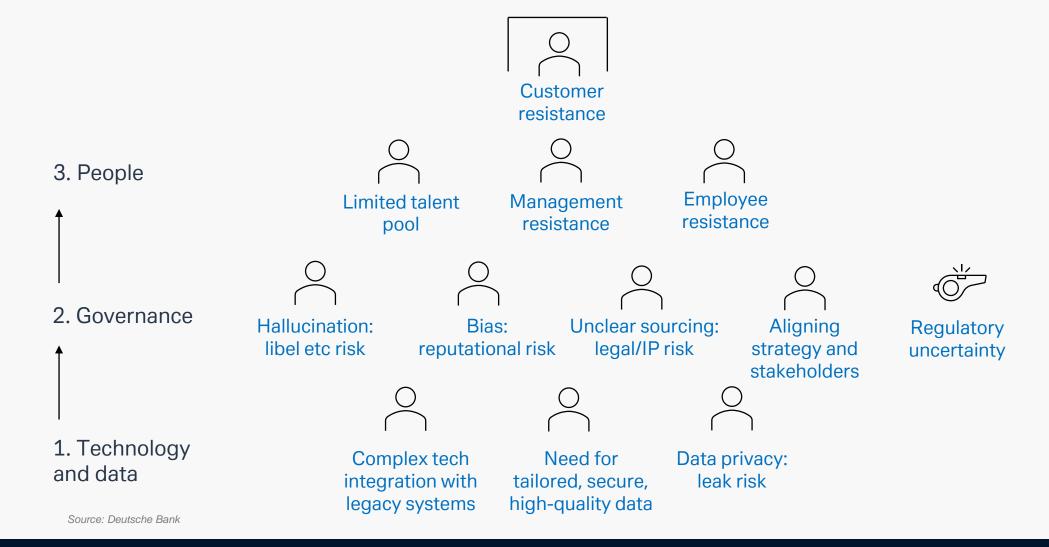
But... it shows sparks of intelligence



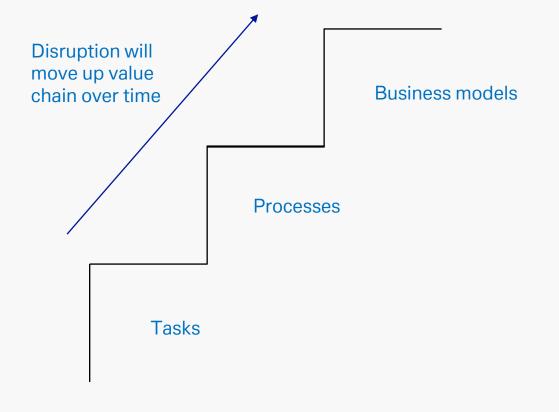
"The humor in this image comes from the absurdity of plugging a large, outdated VGA connector into a small, modern smartphone charging port."

Source: OpenAl

2) It's hard to apply



But... applications are a process, not a product



Scope for Al disruption up value chain

Long term

Revenue-focused; new entrants

Medium term

 Cost-focused; opportunity for incumbents

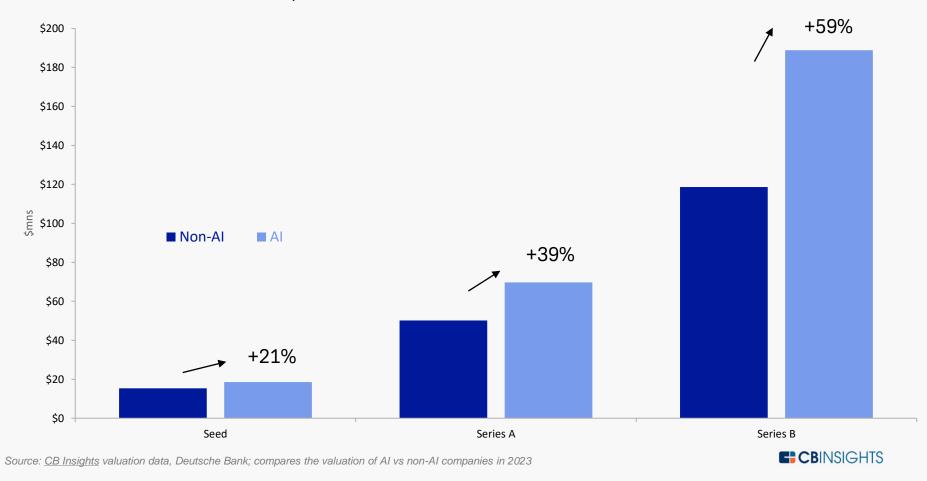
Short term

 Incremental productivity focus; widespread opportunity to automate or reinvent structured tasks

Source: Deutsche Bank

3) Valuations are going higher and higher

Median valuations for venture capital-backed deals, 2023



But... valuations for the biggest companies are still tied to earnings



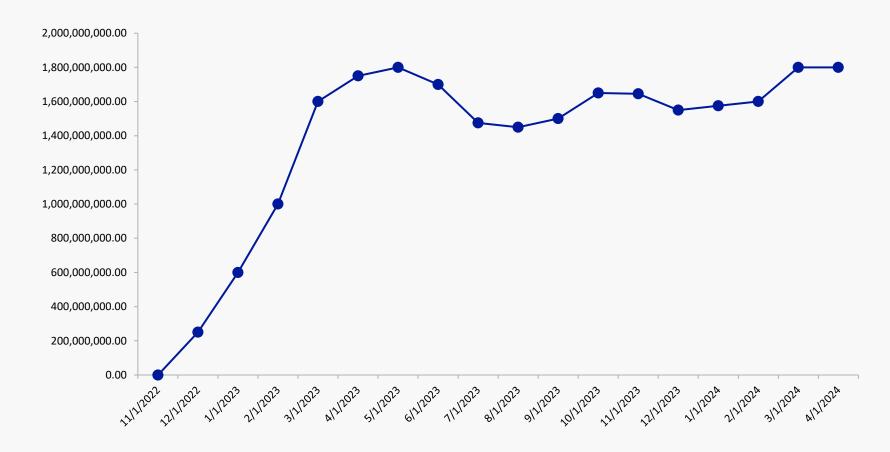
Median P/E ratio



Source: Bloomberg Finance LP, Deutsche Bank

4) Growth is slowing

ChatGPT visits each months since launch



Source: Similarweb

But... technology takes time to roll out



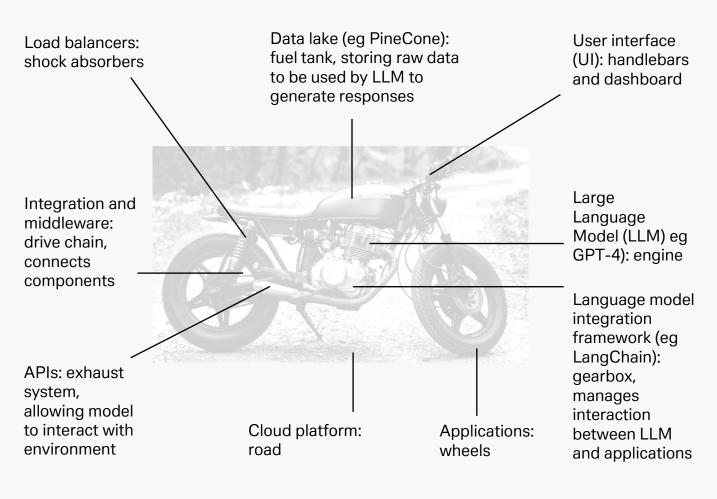


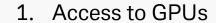


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Even so, there are bottlenecks









2. Availability of data



3. Energy and water



4. Regulation

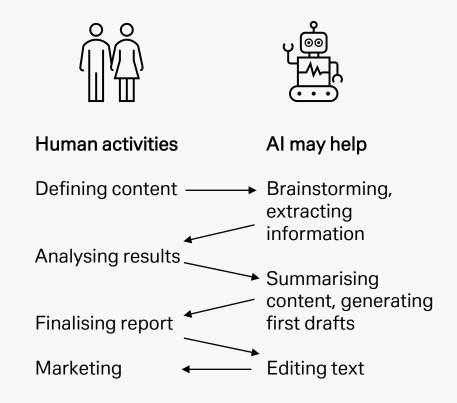


5. Legal and copyright issues

Source: OpenAl

It's not you – it's me

Strengths Fast Always on duty Knowledgeable Networked Poor common sense Flawed knowledge Correlation vs causation Weak at transferring



Queue management

 Inc email classification and routing

Anomaly and pattern detection

• Inc fraud detection and adverse media

Digital assistant

Inc content for Research; software development, eg coding

Inbound content management

 Inc information extraction from legal docs, smart reply via chat, email etc

Weaknesses

Spotlight: Nascent uses for AI in financial services



	1. Data analysis	2. Content generation	3. Customer service, support
Front office	Investment analysis, research	Research, communications, investor relations, sales notes	Automated/augmented support
Operations	Process optimisation	Coding support	Data retrieval
Risk management	Pattern detection	Compliance reporting	Monitoring

Spotlight: Specific uses for AI in financial services: pros and cons



1. Data analysis



2. Content generation



3. Customer service, support



Market prediction

- Pros: Analysing invisible trends
- Cons: Uncertain; flash crashes

Predictive Al

Credit scoring

- Pros: Able to assess big data
- Cons: Potential bias in training

Fraud detection

- Pros: Real-time monitoring
- Cons: False positives

N/a

Customer retention

- Pros: Predicts churn, suggests retention strategies
- Cons: Overreliance overlooks individual customer issues

Financial modelling

- Pros: Realistic scenarios inc from unstructured data
- Cons: Not suited for black swans

Generative Al

Portfolio optimisation

- Pros: Tailored strategies
- Cons: Too complex to interpret

Sales process automation

- Pros: Chats into priceable tickets
- Cons: Human required to check

Automated report generation

- Pros: Time-saving summaries
- Cons: Lacks nuanced understanding: errors

Chathots/virtual assistants

- Pros: 24/7 support, esp routine enquiries
- Cons: Complex cases need human judgment

Are we nearly there yet?



Image by OpenAl's Sora

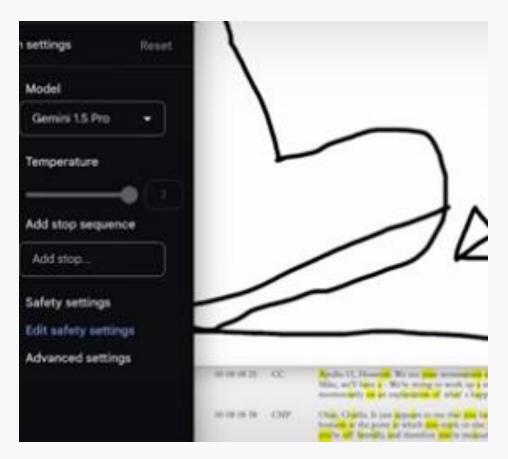
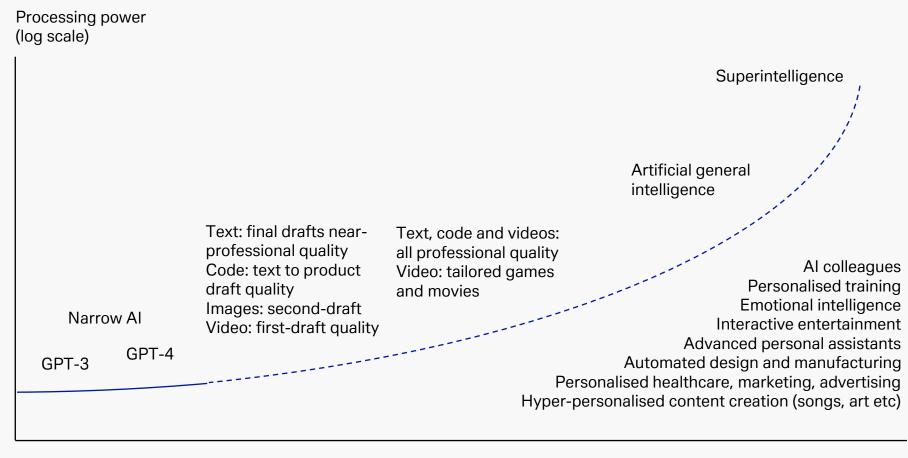


Image by Google Gemini 1.5 Pro

This is just the beginning

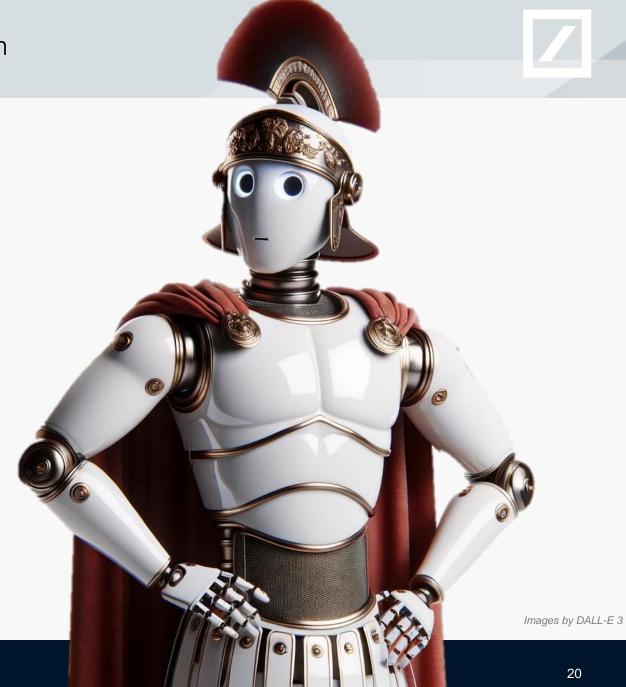


Time

Source: Deutsche Bank.

Thank you: towards an ever more perfect union





Relevant research

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Al Risk and Regulation 101: Bias, bots and battlegrounds (April 22, 2024)

Why twin Sora and Gemini launches mark giant leap towards Al future (Feb 29, 2024)

The Al outlook for 2024 (Jan 16, 2024)

Quantum Computing Chartbook: The Missing Piece in the Al Puzzle? (Oct 31, 2023)

Al of the storm: the companies turning Al into reality (Oct 30, 2023)

Al update: Six key themes you missed while you were at the beach (Sept 14, 2023)

Al in action: how first movers are using ChatGPT (June 28, 2023)

Webinar Replay: Six ways you can use ChatGPT right now: live demo (June 22, 2023)

Al in action: where is the smart money going? (May 25, 2023)

Can Al save high-labour firms? (May 24, 2023)

Generative Al and ChatGPT 101 (May 23, 2023)

Generative Al represents a turning point for humanity – for better and for worse (May 22, 2023)

It's not you, it's me: rethinking how we use technology



1. Brainstorming





Data analysis

Give me ideas for raising investment capital with VC companies... Identify 10 ways a finance company can use AI to... and give me a SWOT analysis

Teach me basic calculus with analogies and a quiz...

Top tip: Have a conversation, give as much context as possible and follow up (eq: "What did I/you miss?")

Take this data [paste] and put it into a table with columns [a], [b], [c] Act as a financial analyst and identify six themes from this chart... Return on [x] is calculated as [y/z]. Calculate it for each of the years shown...

Top tip: Give sample answers in your question ("few-shot prompting") ***Double-check calculations***

Content generation

Practical

tasks

3. Writing content

Act as a financial analyst: write a report on the market opportunities from Al... Help me rewrite this in the style of... Add examples... You are a customer service rep. Write an apology for [x]...

Write a business plan and slogan for...

Top tip: Specify goals: act as a "Role", addressing an "Audience", in a "Format"... and change creativity by adding "temperature: [x]" in a range from 0 (conversative) to 1 (most creative)





Turn this academic report into a conversational 250-word press release...

Give me 10 potential 280-character tweets based on this article... Top tip: Challenge the chatbot to be better: "use less jargon", "be more concise", "now focus more on [x, y, z]", "in the first person..."

5. Multimodal tasks

Turn this into a five-slide presentation...

Write code to convert a video file into a smaller format... Debug this snippet...

Write a song on a fund manager, including guitar chords... Create an Impressionist painting of a robot...

Top tip: Specify steps: use chained prompting for complex tasks, ie give me the outline to... Now write three bullets for each of the subsections

6. Personal assistant



Give me a summary of this document [LINK]

[X] is available [when]; [Y] can't meet [when]; set a meeting and compose a note

Write a five-day itinerary in table format for a 30-year-old vegan visiting Berlin... I have this [list]: give me a healthy recipe...

Translate this into Chinese, Hungarian, etc... Write a humorous poem to welcome my wedding guests...

Top tip: Use GPTs to read links, book restaurants, get travel info, order groceries etc



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