



making innovation real: delivering africa's supply chAIIn value to the future

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**How much
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Can you see
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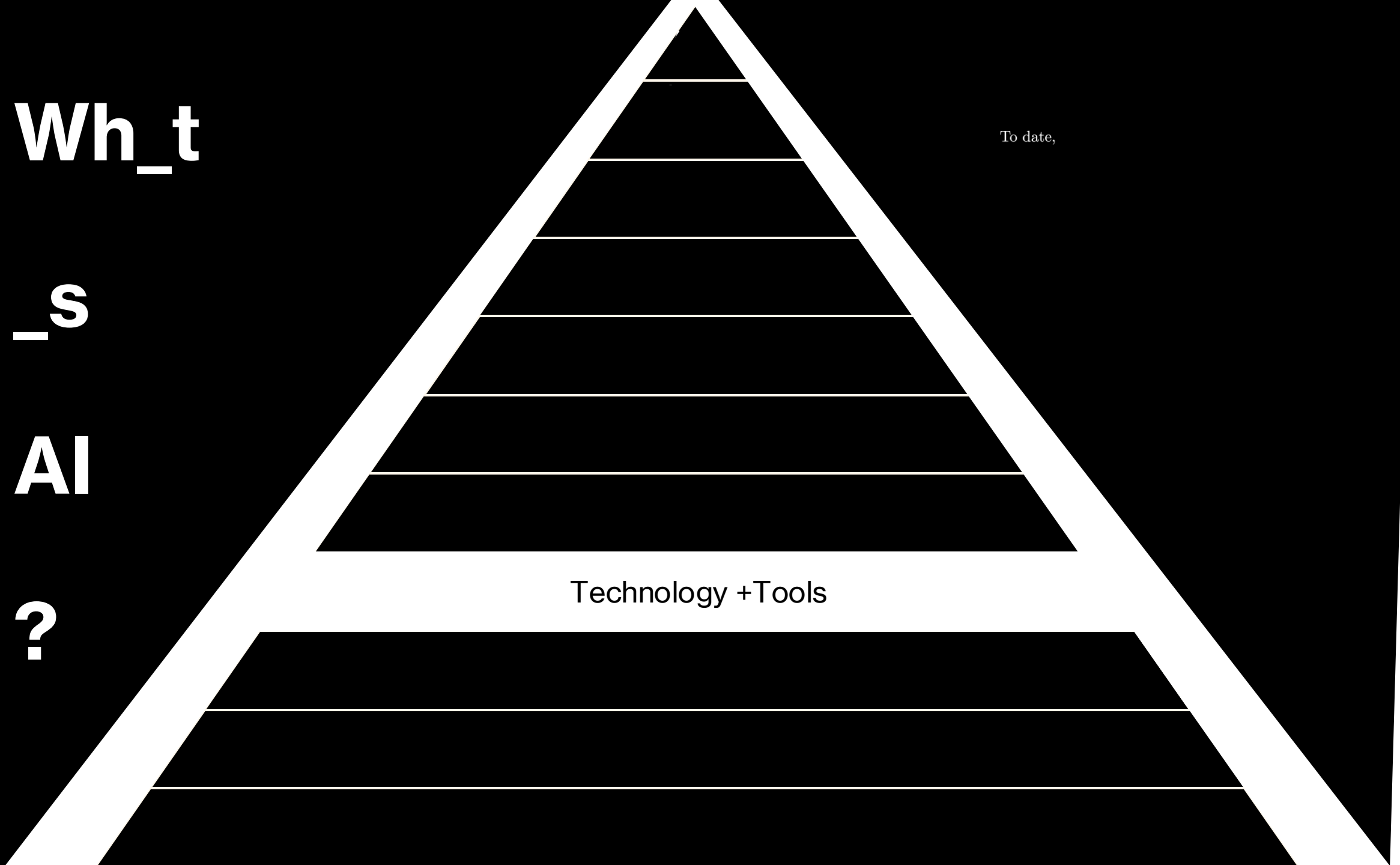
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To date,

Technology +Tools

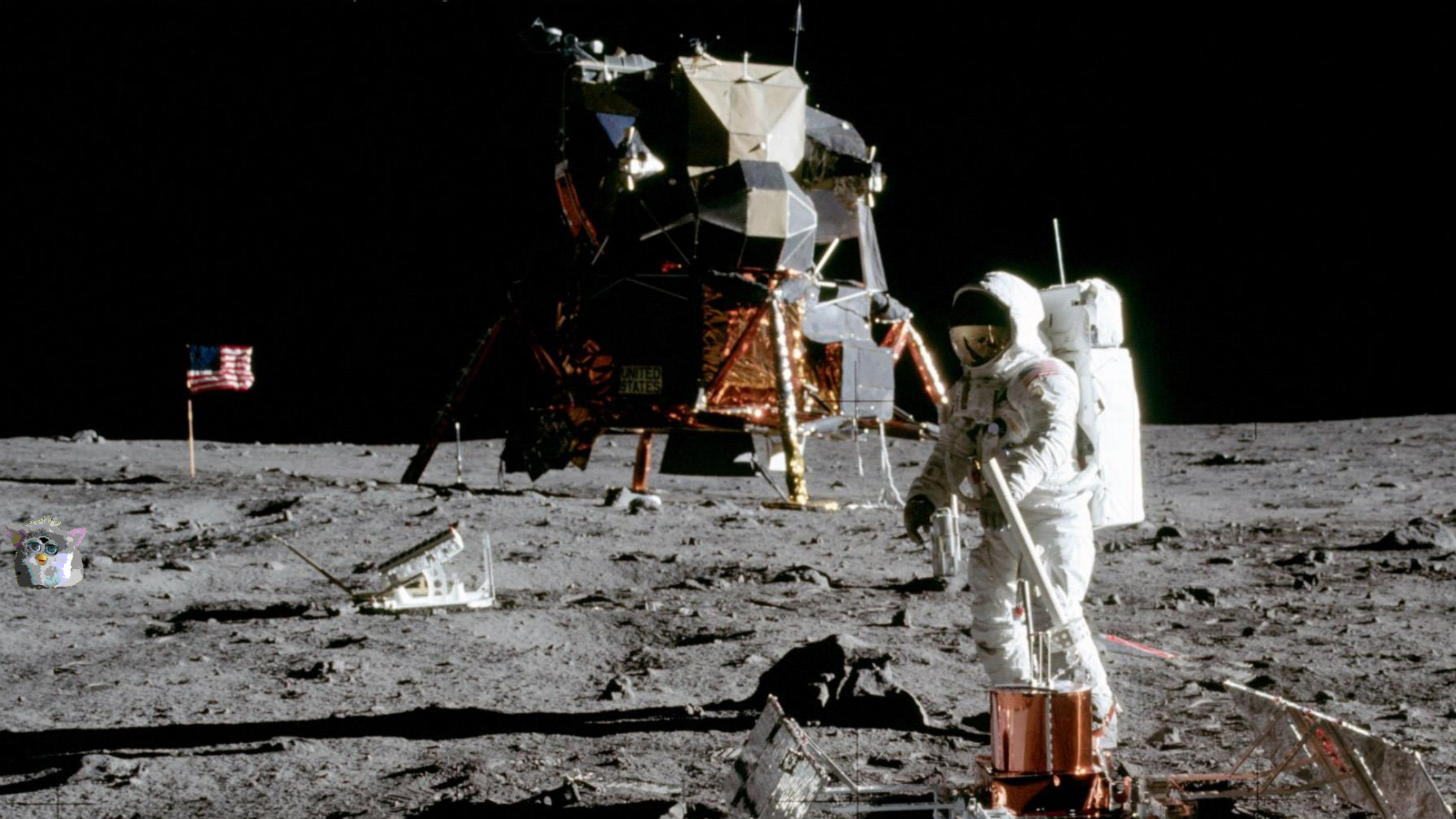


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Linear Economy

Stripped Down to the Core

LINEARITY DOES NOT END THE RIGHT WAY

Take - Extract resources

Make - Produce stuff

Consume - Buy/use stuff

Doom - Terminate value



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- **Today:** ~\$30–40/barrel captured domestically
- **With vertical integration:** ~\$120–160/barrel
- **Uplift ratio: 3–5x more value per barrel possible**

We Are

Remaining years until depletion of known reserves (based on current rate of extraction)

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Silver

Platinum

Zinc

Gold

Manganese

Tin

Tungsten

Lanthanides *

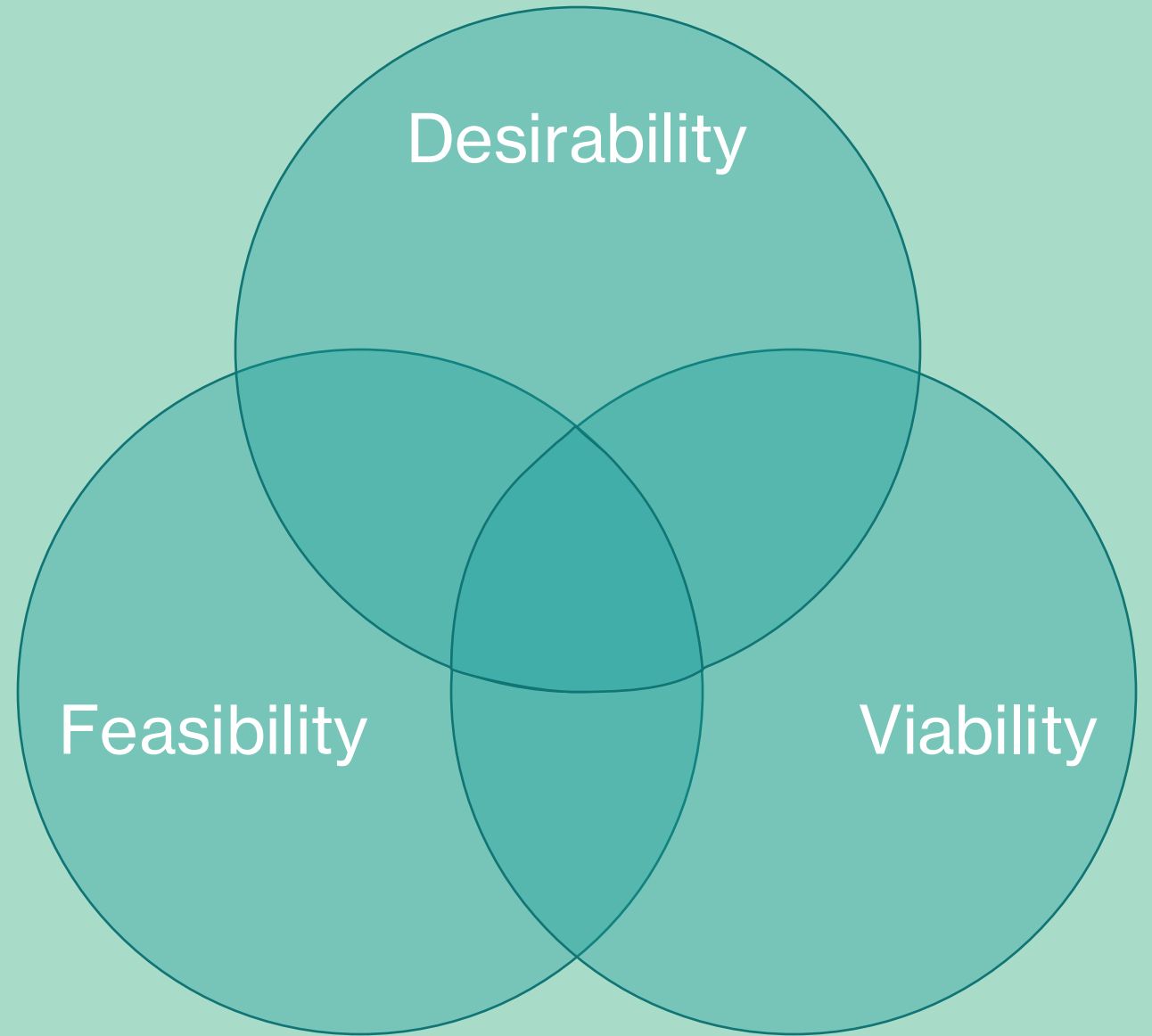
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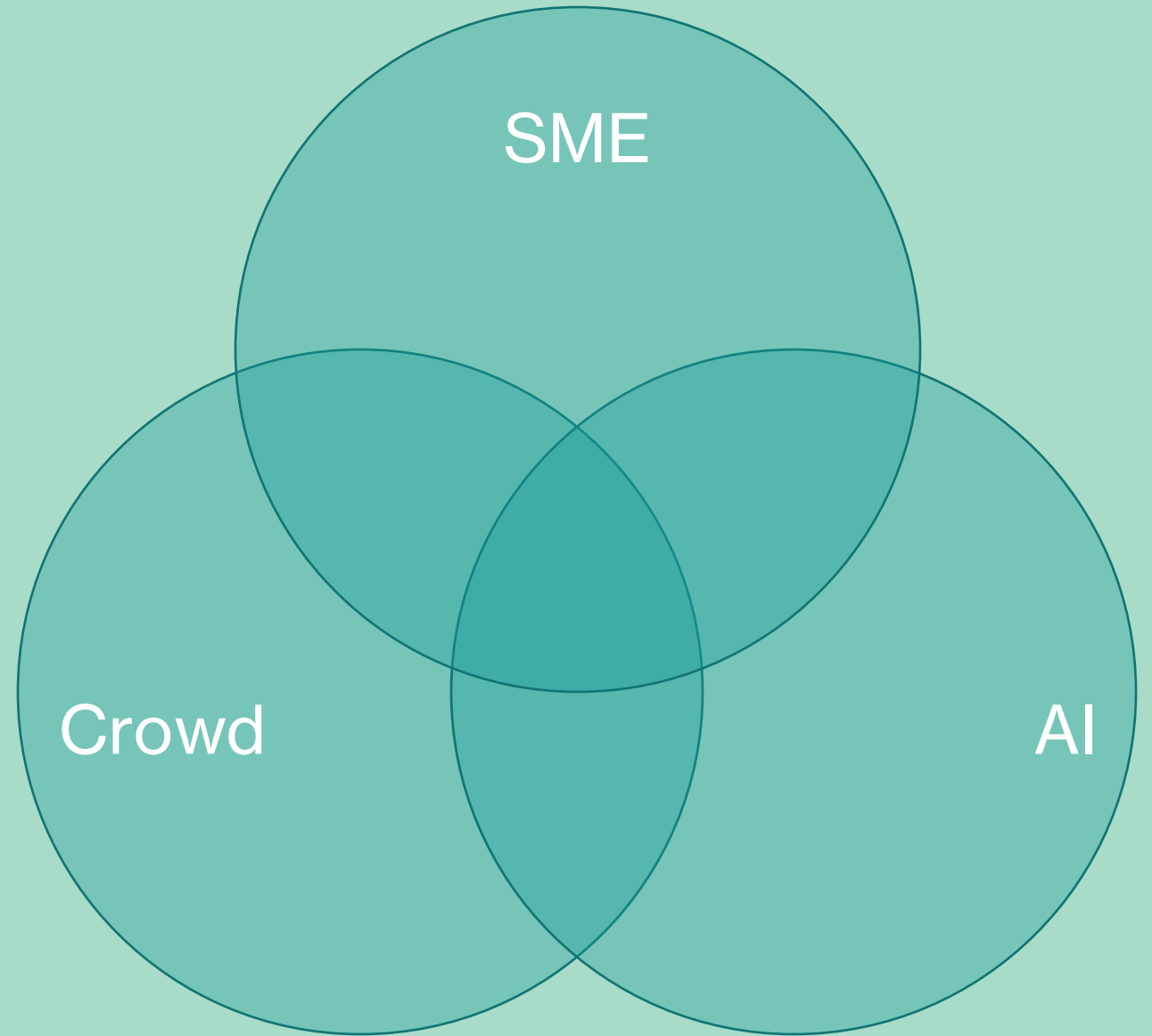
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Running Out

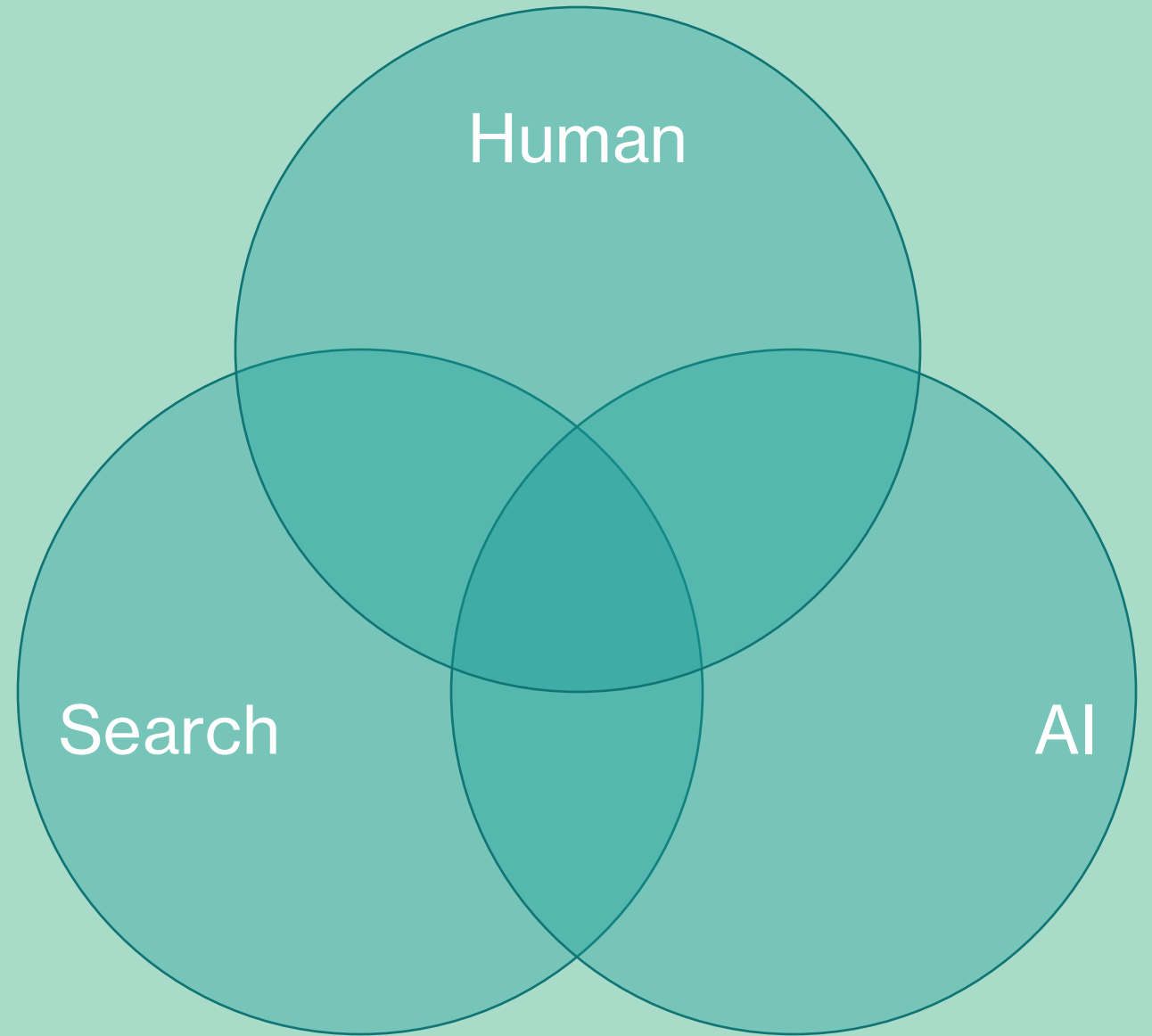
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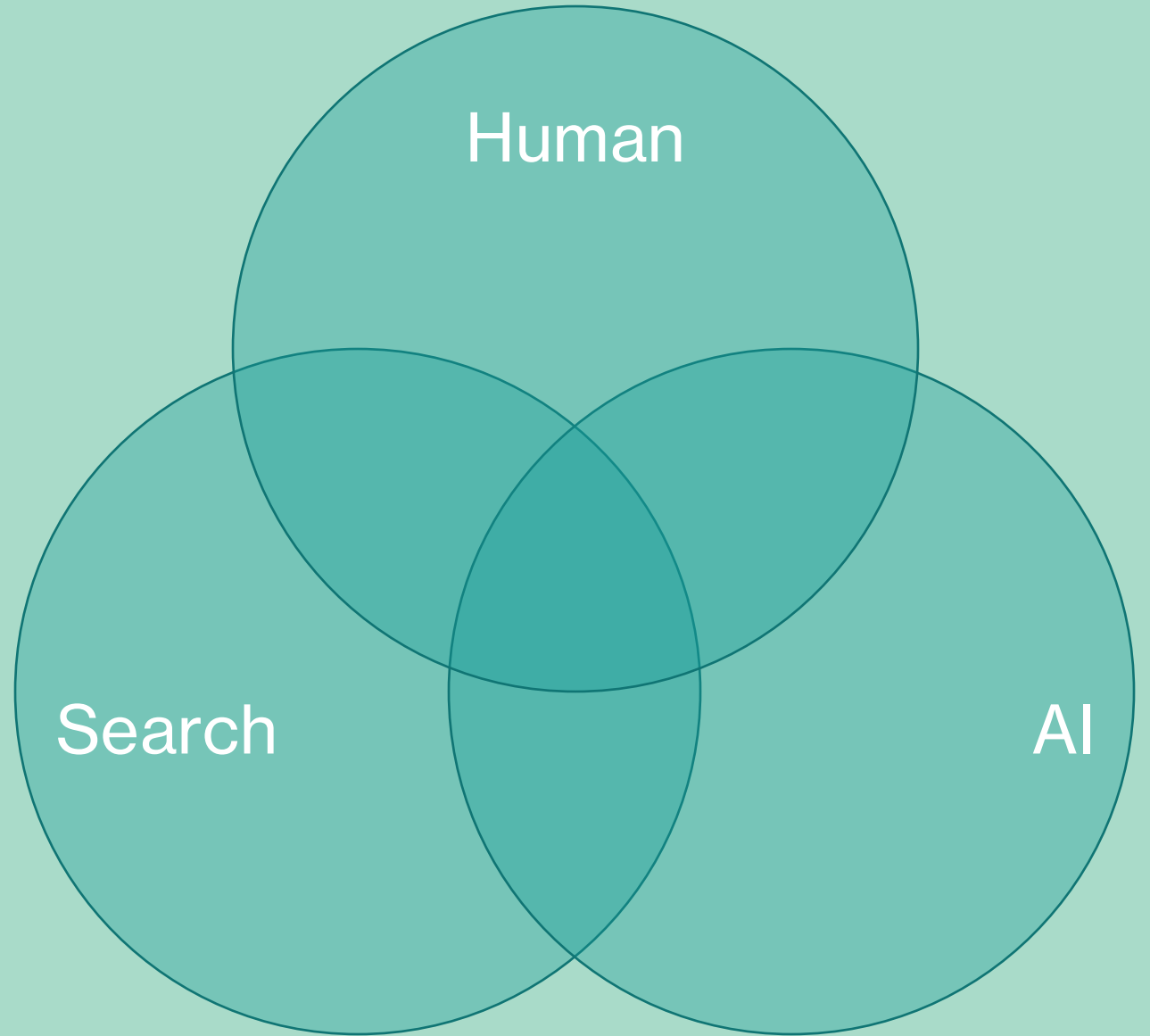
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**Which
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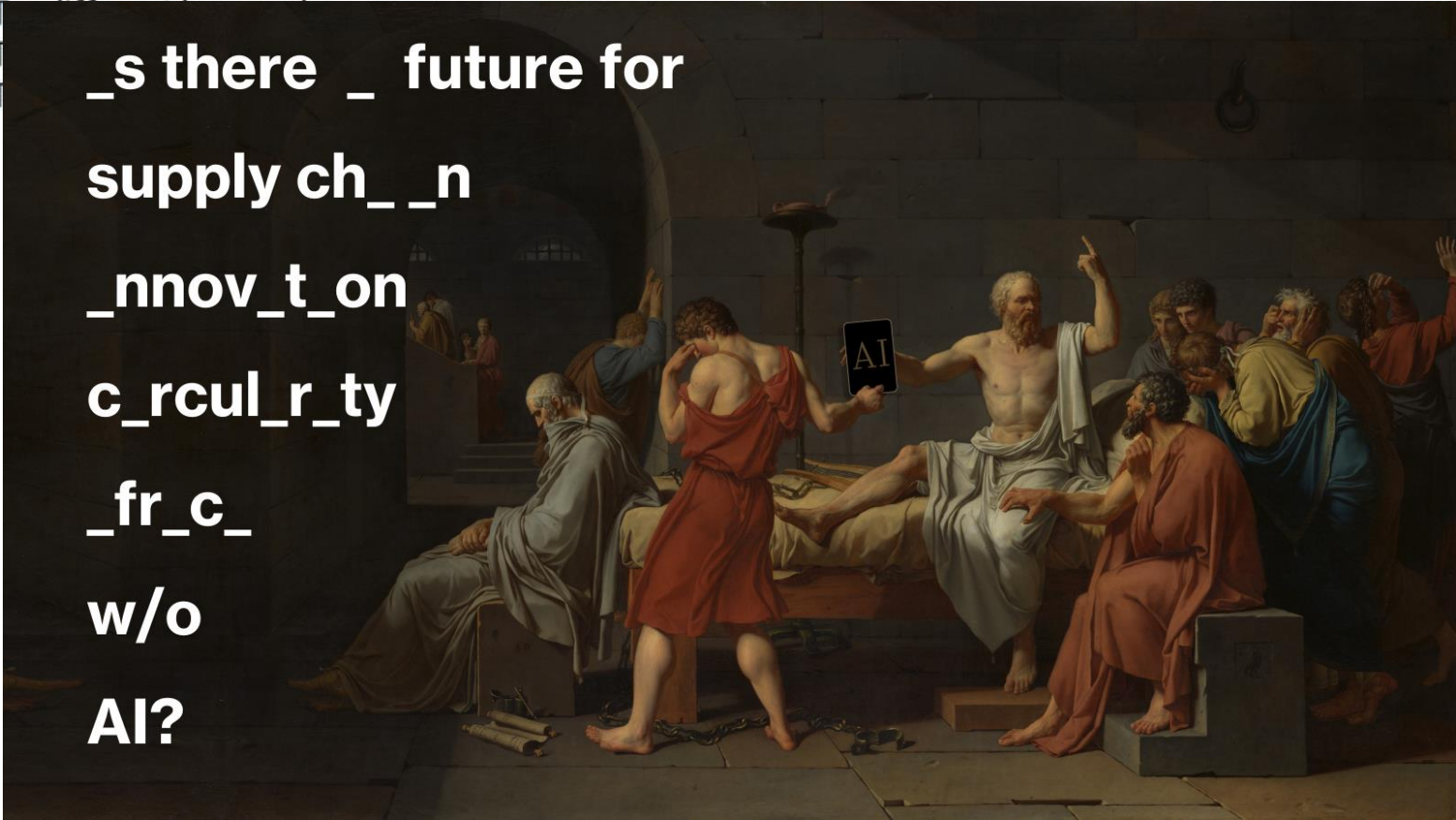
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Suggestions:

- Make sure all words are spelled correctly.

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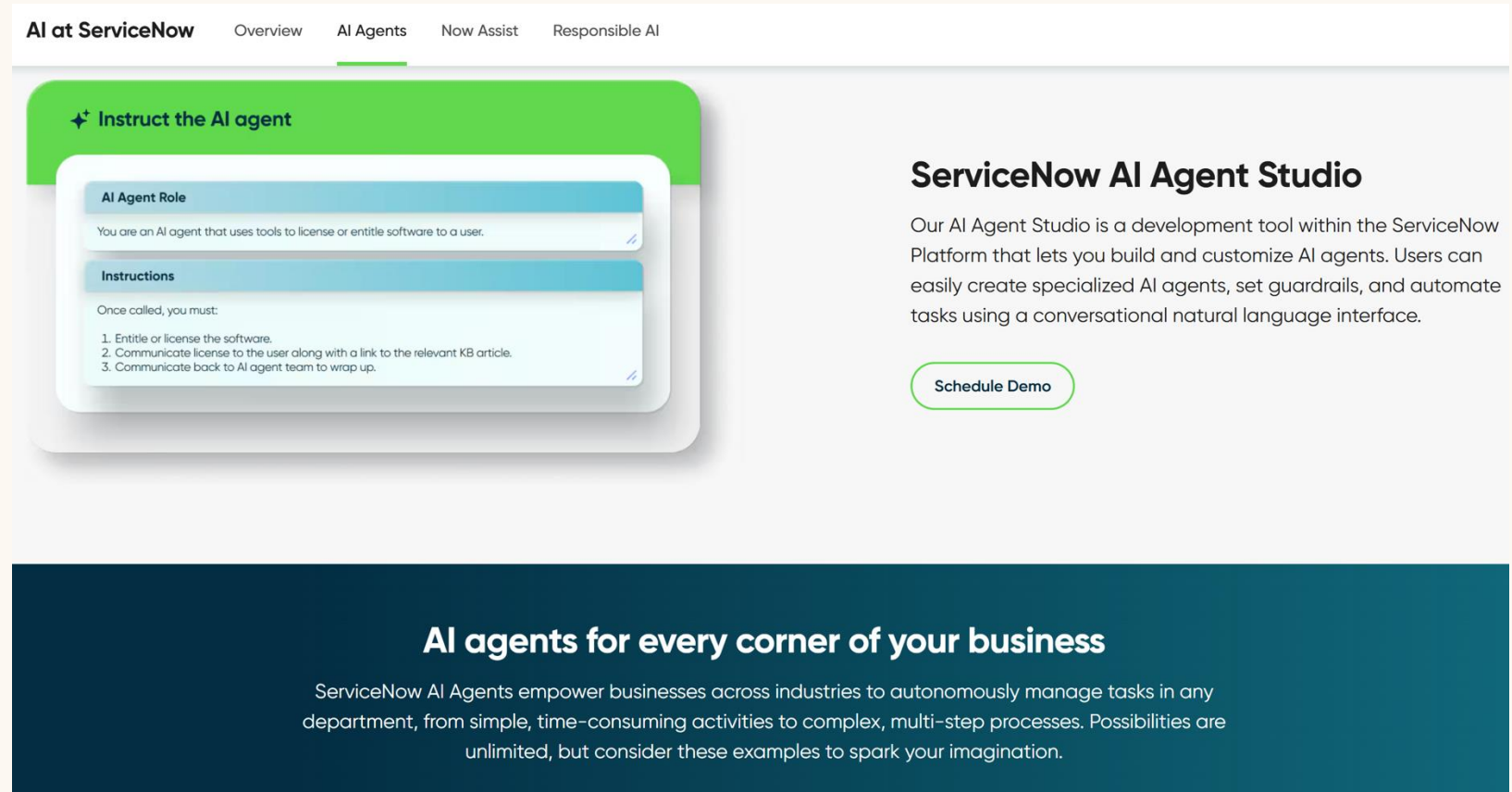
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What is the capital of South Africa?

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The screenshot shows the 'AI at ServiceNow' navigation bar with 'AI Agents' selected. Below it is a green header 'Instruct the AI agent'. A white card displays the configuration for an AI agent role. The 'AI Agent Role' section contains the text: 'You are an AI agent that uses tools to license or entitle software to a user.' The 'Instructions' section contains the text: 'Once called, you must:' followed by a numbered list: '1. Entitle or license the software.', '2. Communicate license to the user along with a link to the relevant KB article.', and '3. Communicate back to AI agent team to wrap up.'

ServiceNow AI Agent Studio

Our AI Agent Studio is a development tool within the ServiceNow Platform that lets you build and customize AI agents. Users can easily create specialized AI agents, set guardrails, and automate tasks using a conversational natural language interface.

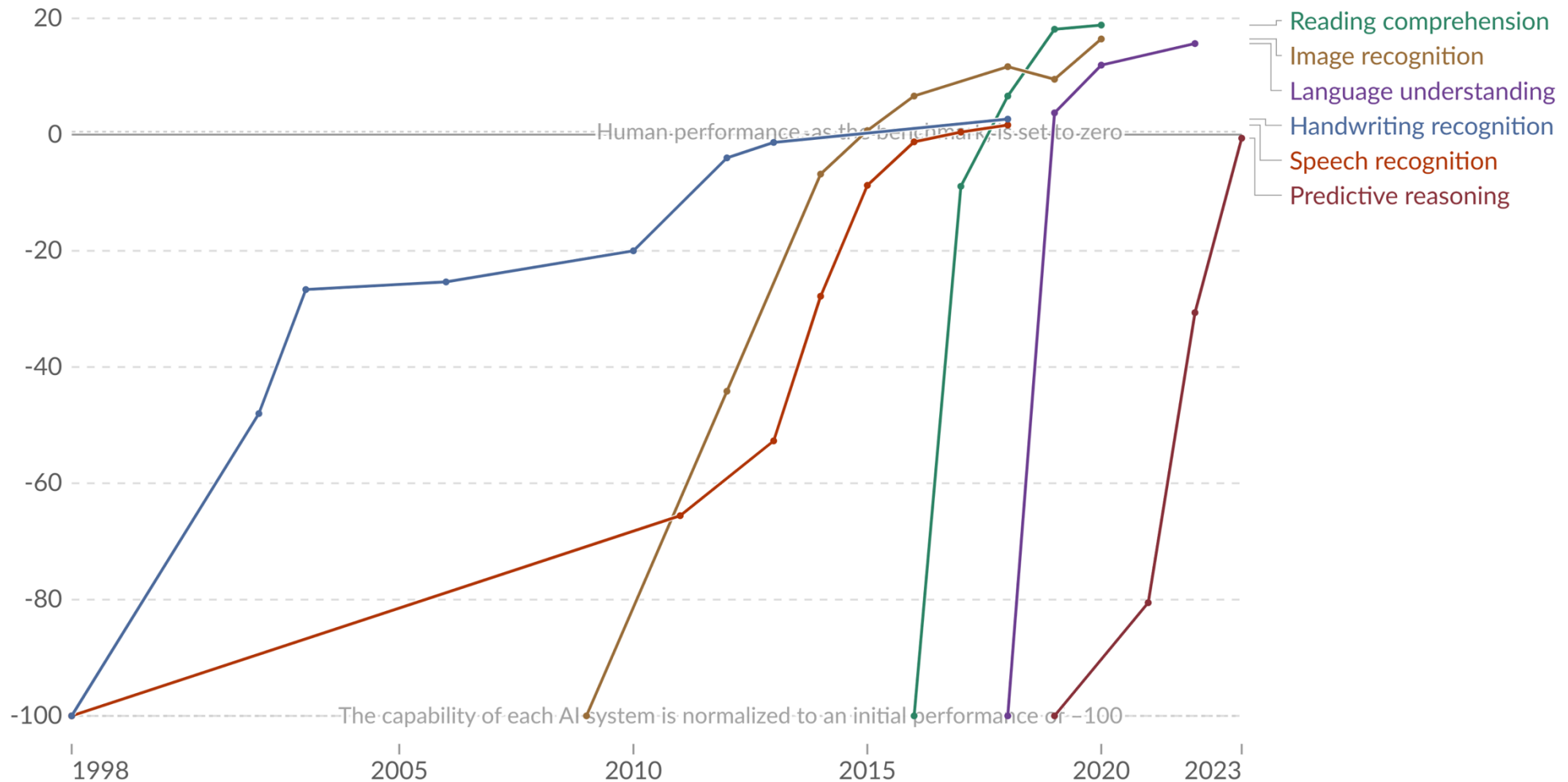
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AI agents for every corner of your business

ServiceNow AI Agents empower businesses across industries to autonomously manage tasks in any department, from simple, time-consuming activities to complex, multi-step processes. Possibilities are unlimited, but consider these examples to spark your imagination.

Test scores of AI systems on various capabilities relative to human performance

Within each domain, the initial performance of the AI is set to -100. Human performance is used as a baseline, set to zero. When the AI's performance crosses the zero line, it scored more points than humans.

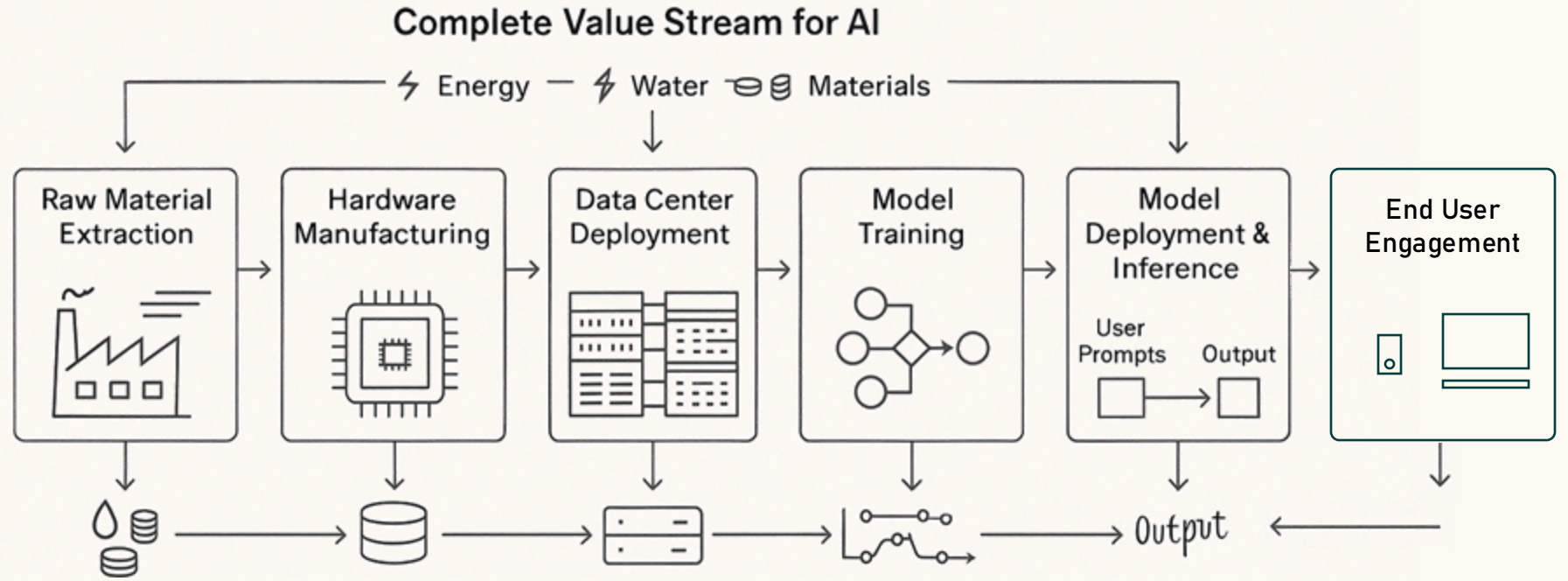


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Note: For each capability, the first year always shows a baseline of -100, even if better performance was recorded later that year.

What's the supply chain of AI?



Impact Area	Contribution (% of AI Total)
Training	~30–40%
Data Centers	~40–50%
End Devices	~10–20%

Resource

Estimated Use

Electricity

200–300 TWh/year (by 2026, per IEA forecasts)

Water

1.5–2 billion liters/year for cooling top 100 data centers

CO₂ Emissions

100–200 million metric tons/year (training + inference + infra)

Land Use

>100,000 acres globally dedicated to AI-related infra

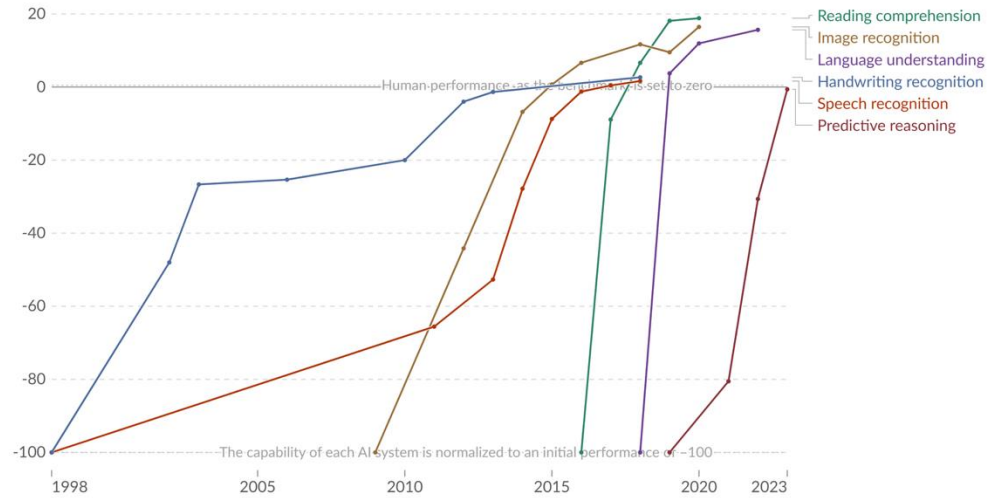
E-waste

AI contributes to ~10% of global data center-related e-waste

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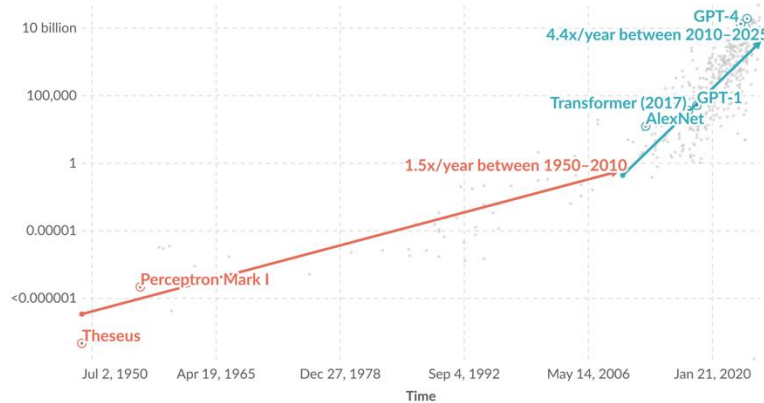
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Exponential growth of computation in the training of notable AI systems

Our World in Data

Computation is measured in total petaFLOP, which is 10^{15} floating-point operations¹.

Training computation (petaFLOP)



Data source: Epoch (2025)

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Note: Estimated from AI literature, accurate within a factor of 2, or 5 for recent models like GPT-4. The regression lines show a sharp rise in computation since 2010, driven by the success of deep learning methods that leverage neural networks and massive datasets.

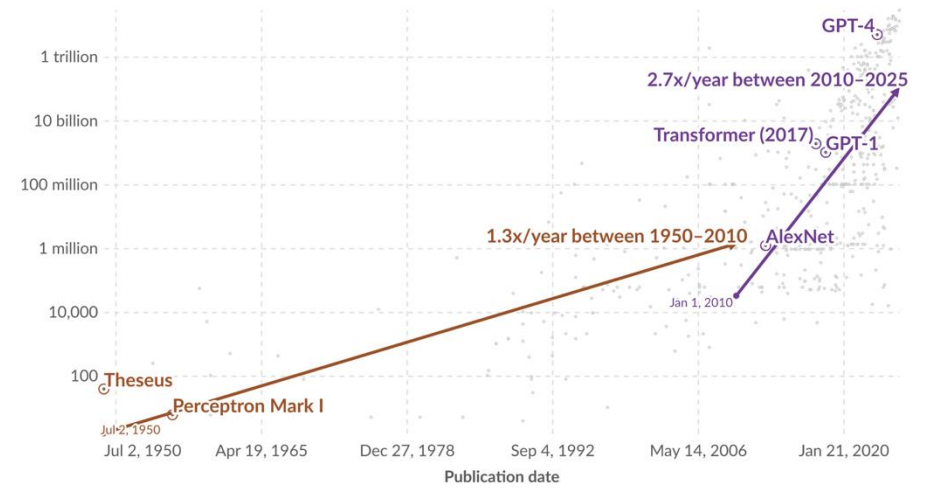
1. Floating-point operation A floating-point operation (FLOP) is a type of computer operation. One FLOP represents a single arithmetic operation involving floating-point numbers, such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division.

Exponential growth of datapoints used to train notable AI systems

Our World in Data

Each domain has a specific data point unit; for example, for vision it is images, for language it is words, and for games it is timesteps. This means systems can only be compared directly within the same domain.

Training datapoints (datapoints)



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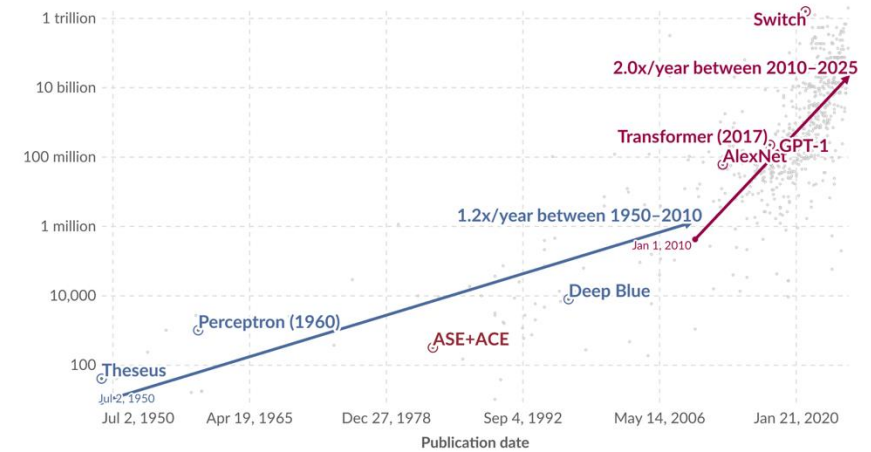
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Exponential growth of parameters in notable AI systems

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Parameters are variables in an AI system whose values are adjusted during training to establish how input data gets transformed into the desired output; for example, the connection weights in an artificial neural network.

Number of parameters



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Note: Estimates are based on AI literature with uncertainty up to a factor of 10. The regression lines show a sharp rise in parameters since 2010, driven by the success of deep learning methods that leverage neural networks and massive datasets.

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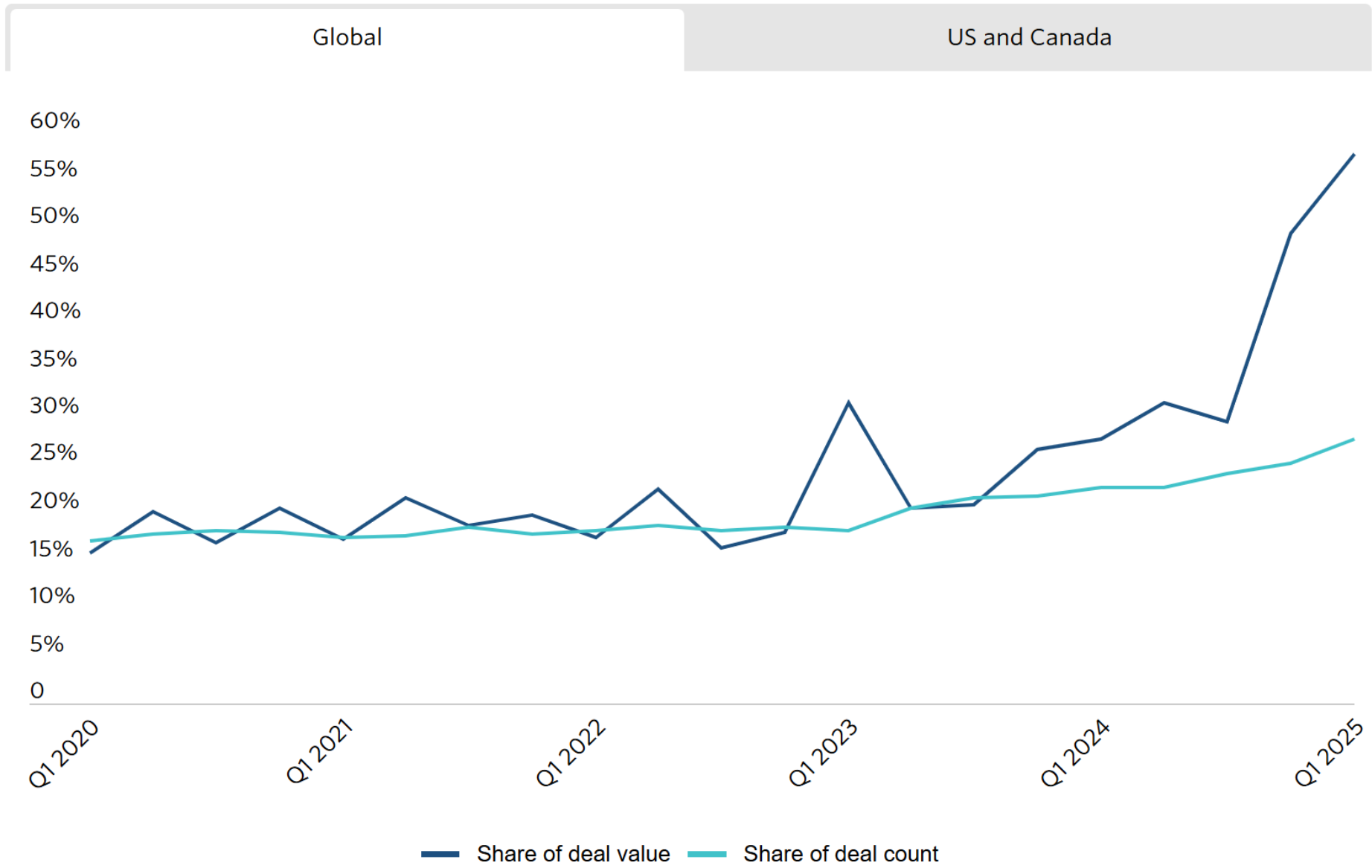
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AI & ML deals as a share of all VC deal activity



Source: [PitchBook-NVCA Venture Monitor](#)

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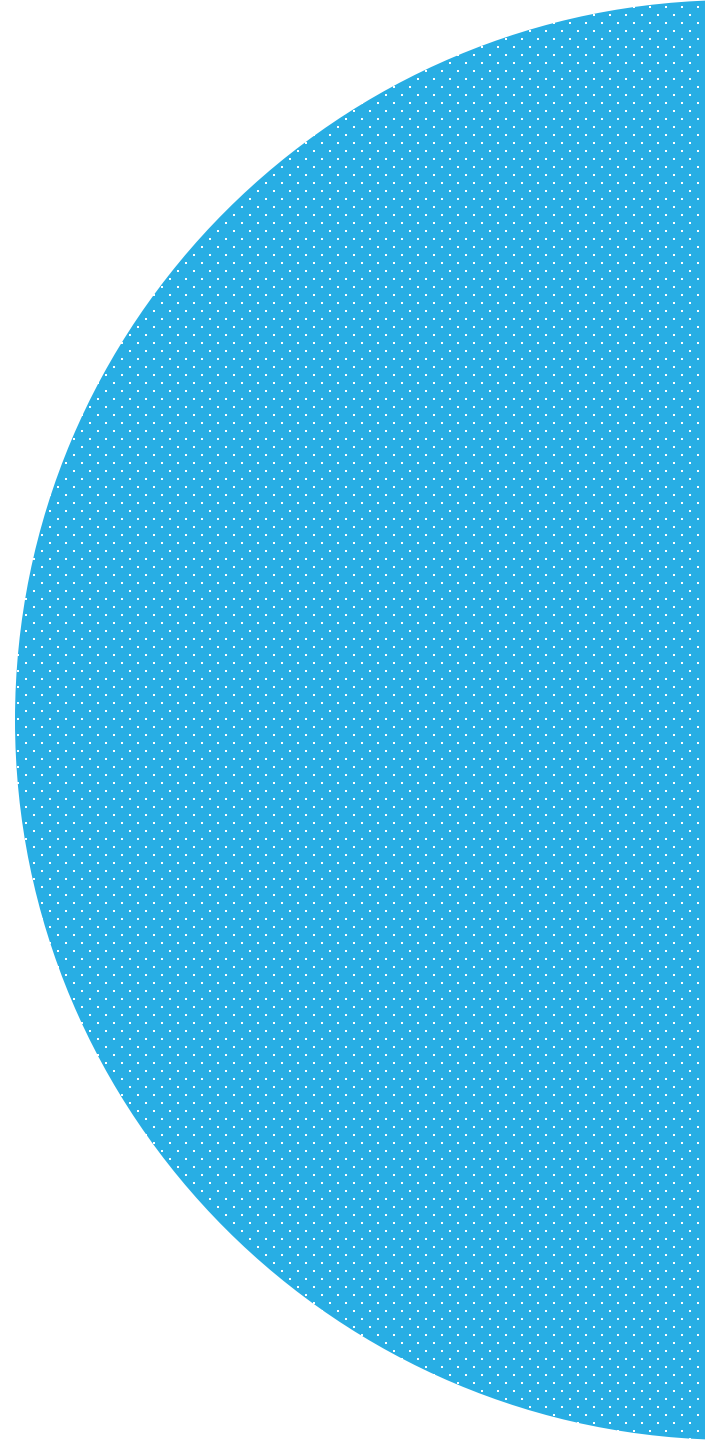
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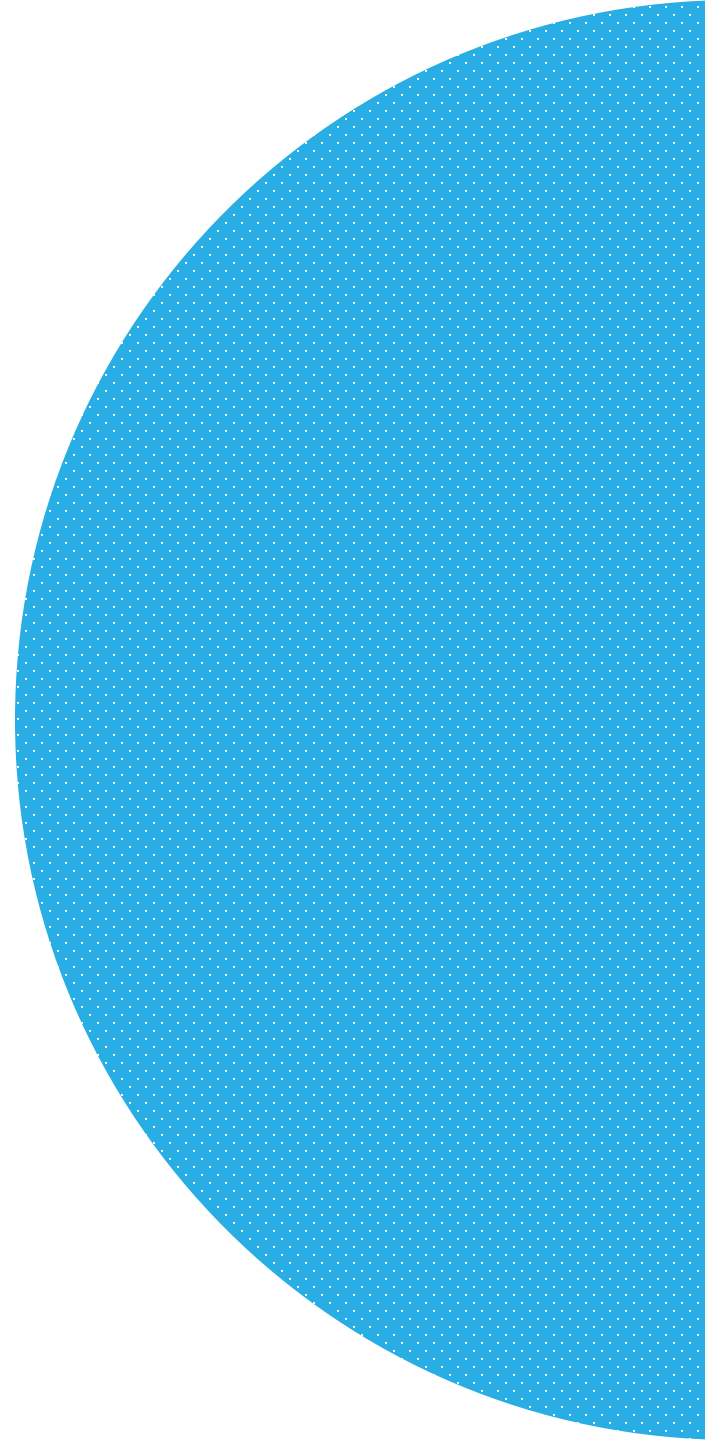
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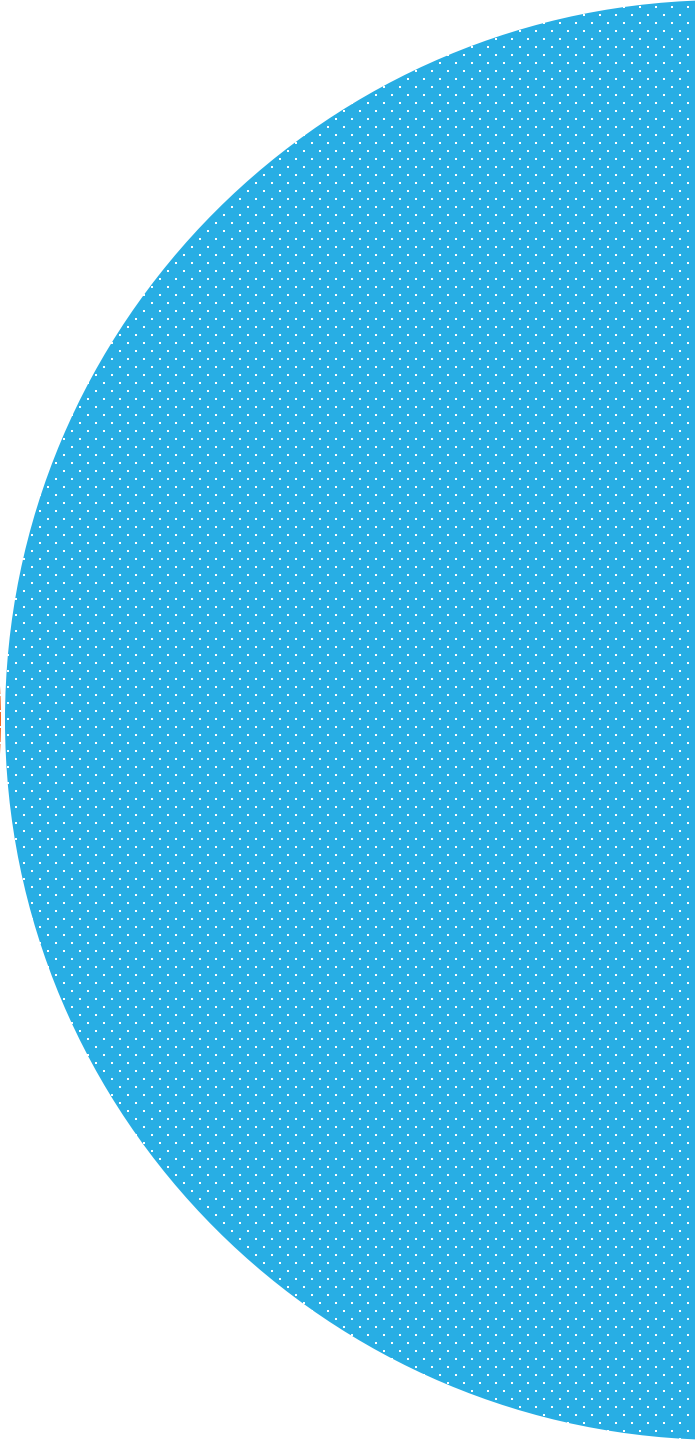
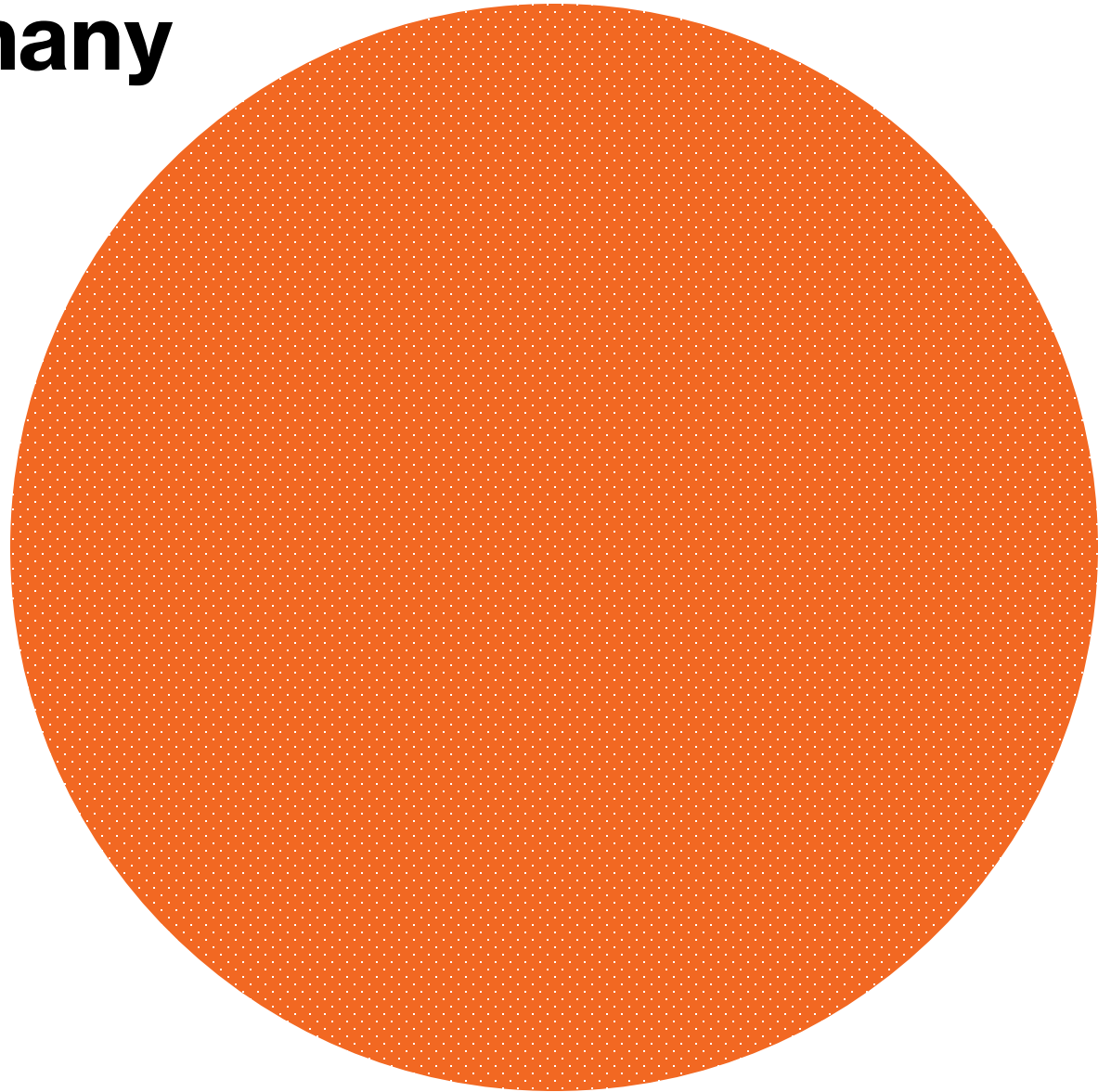
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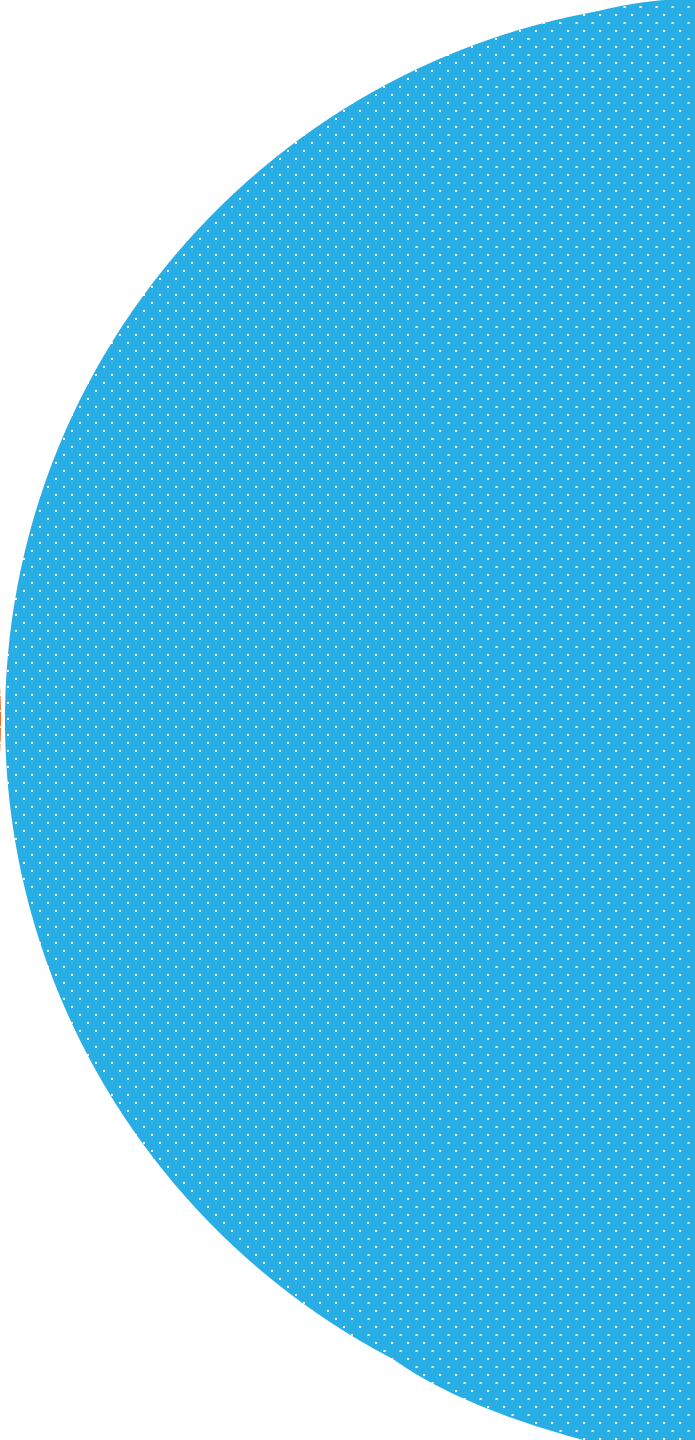
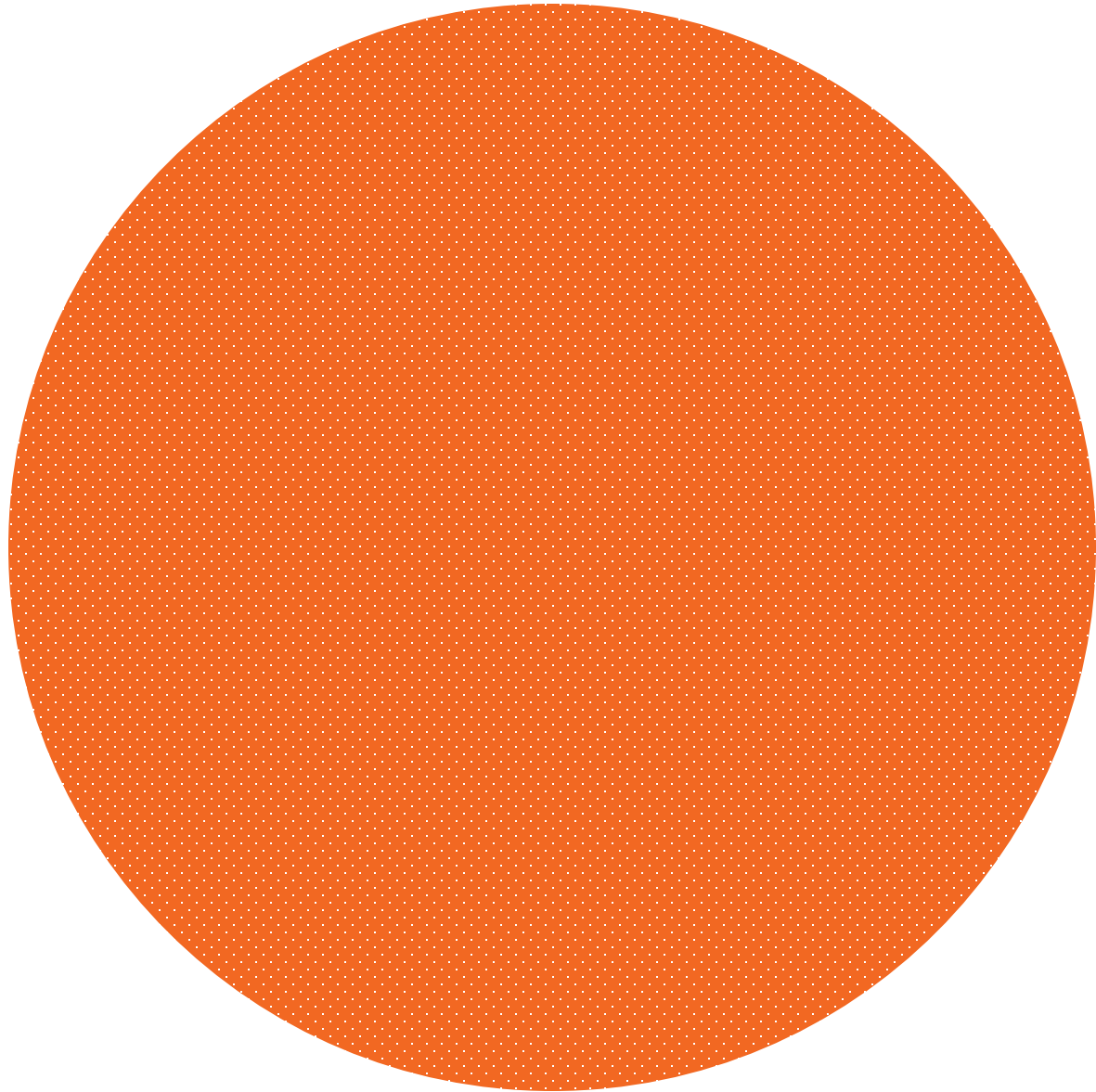


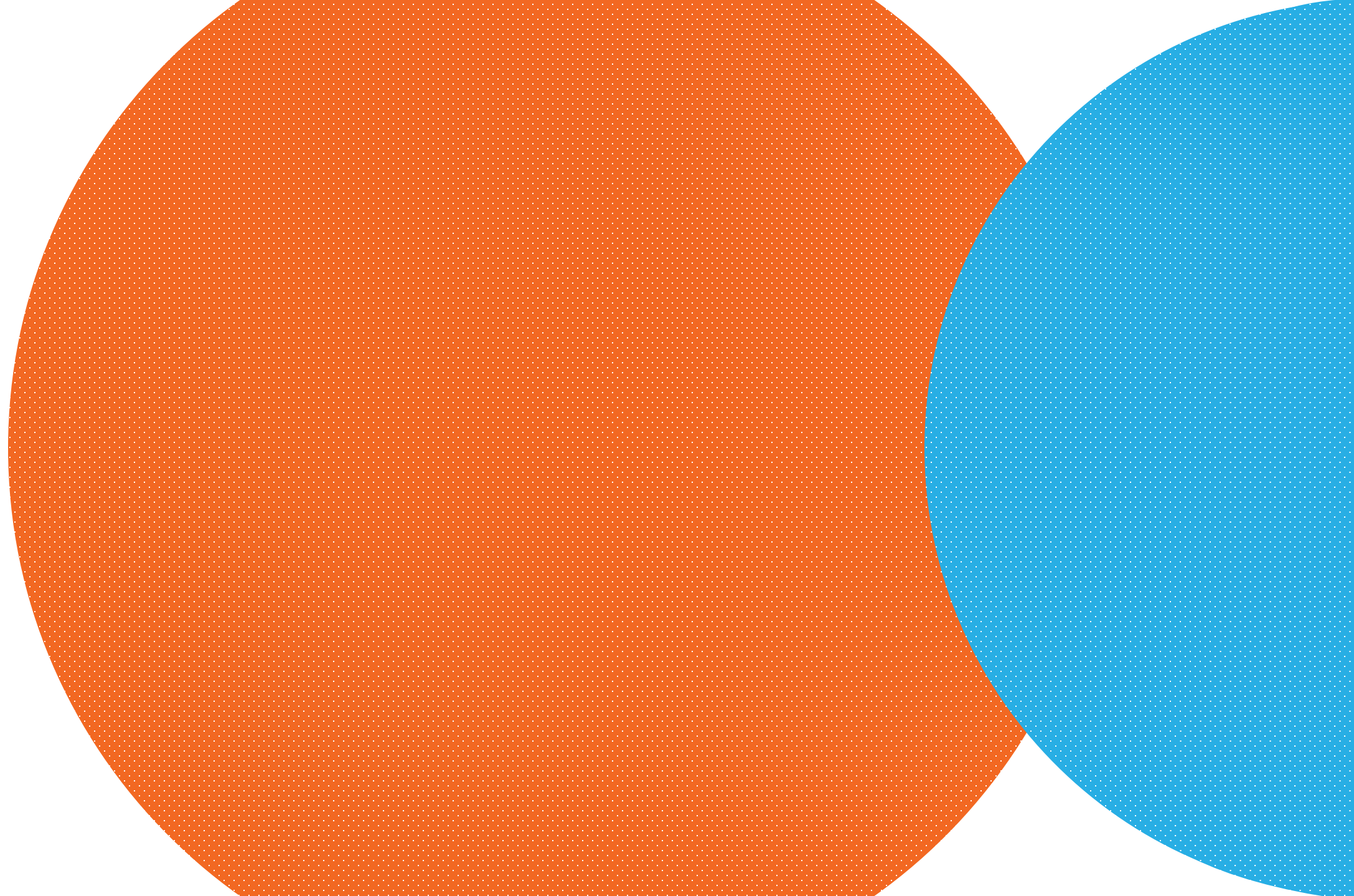
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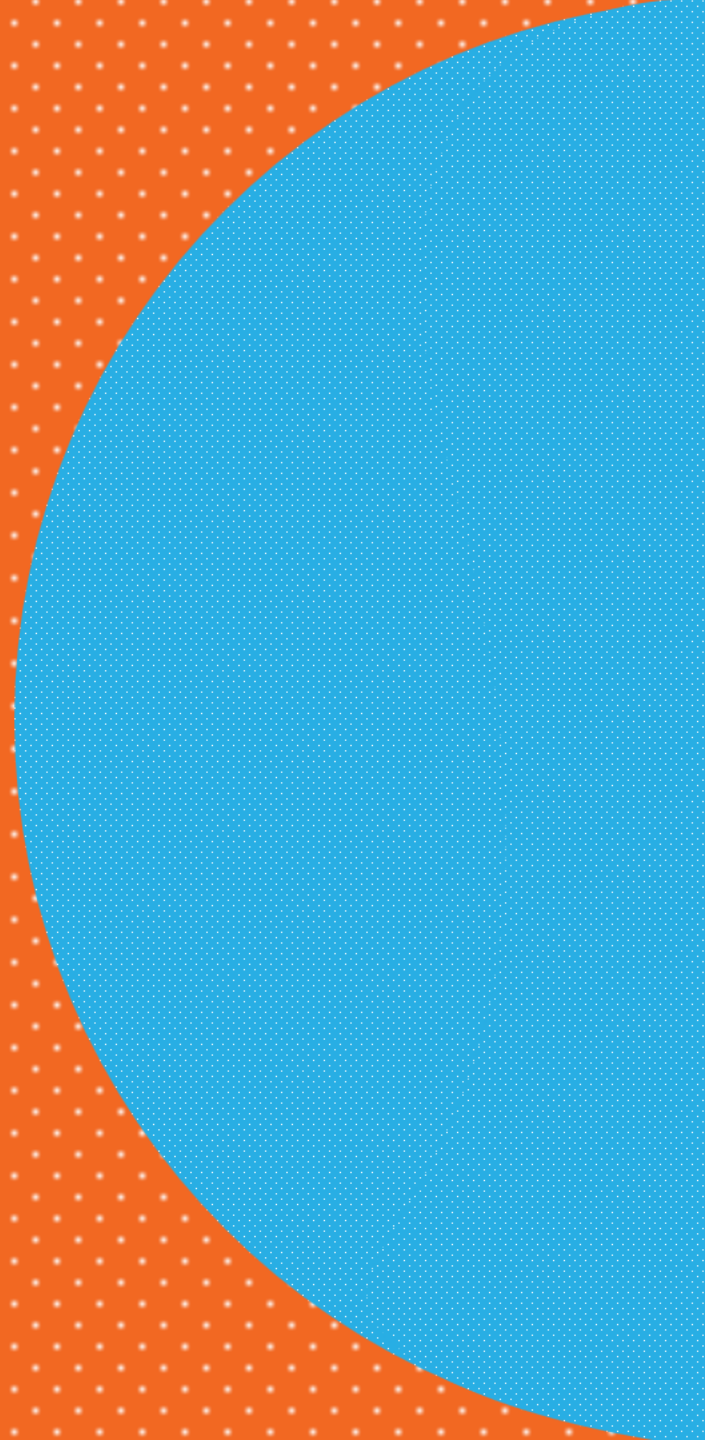






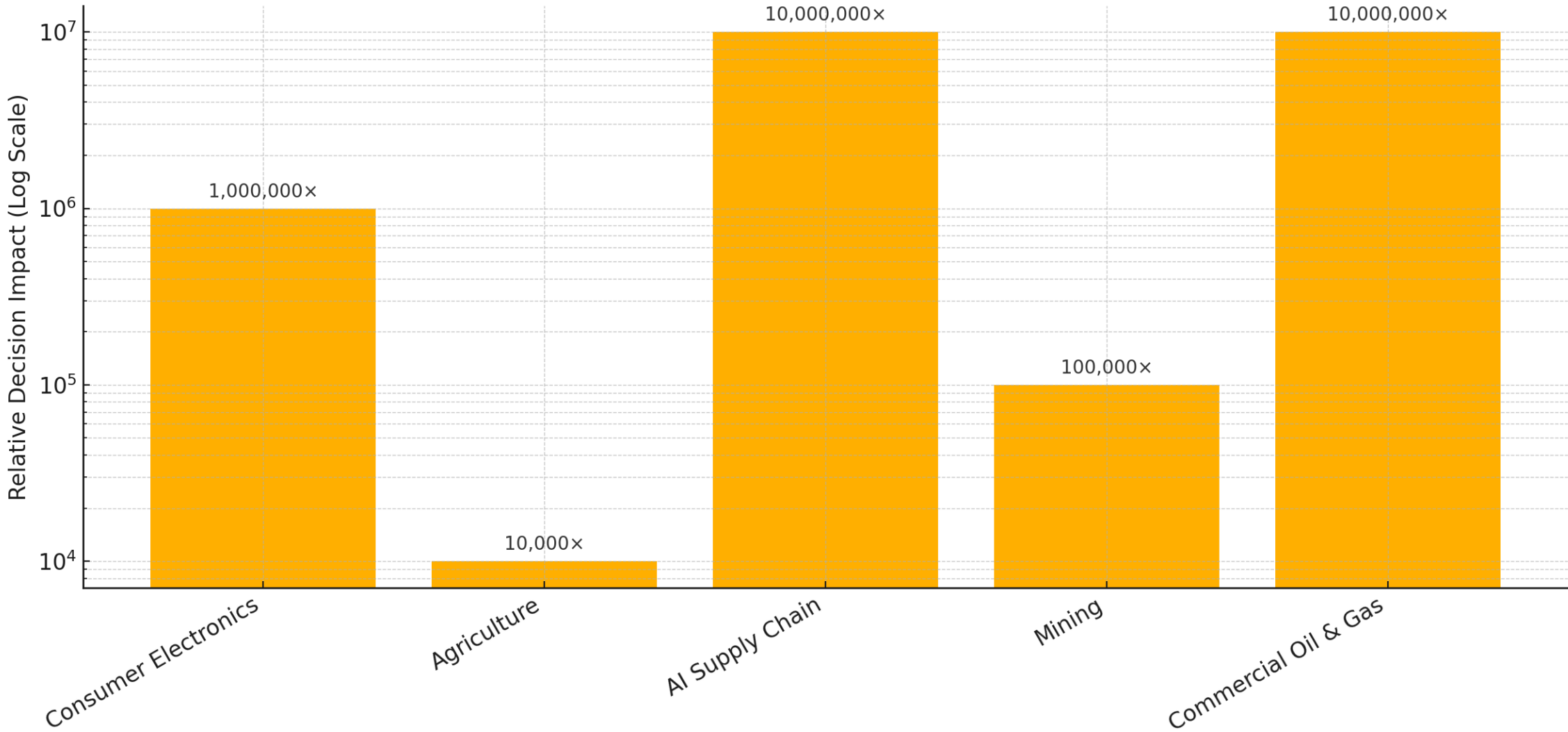
**Little
Circle**

**Big
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You have so much power

Estimated Multiplier Effect of Supply Chain Professionals vs Consumers



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