

AI and the law

The human role in an AI-enabled
legal world

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- **building evidence** through rigorous research on the impacts of AI and data-driven technologies are used in different sectors
- **shaping and informing good policy and practice** by studying and evaluating the effectiveness, impacts, and outcomes of emerging responsible AI practices and regulatory initiatives.

Key Messages

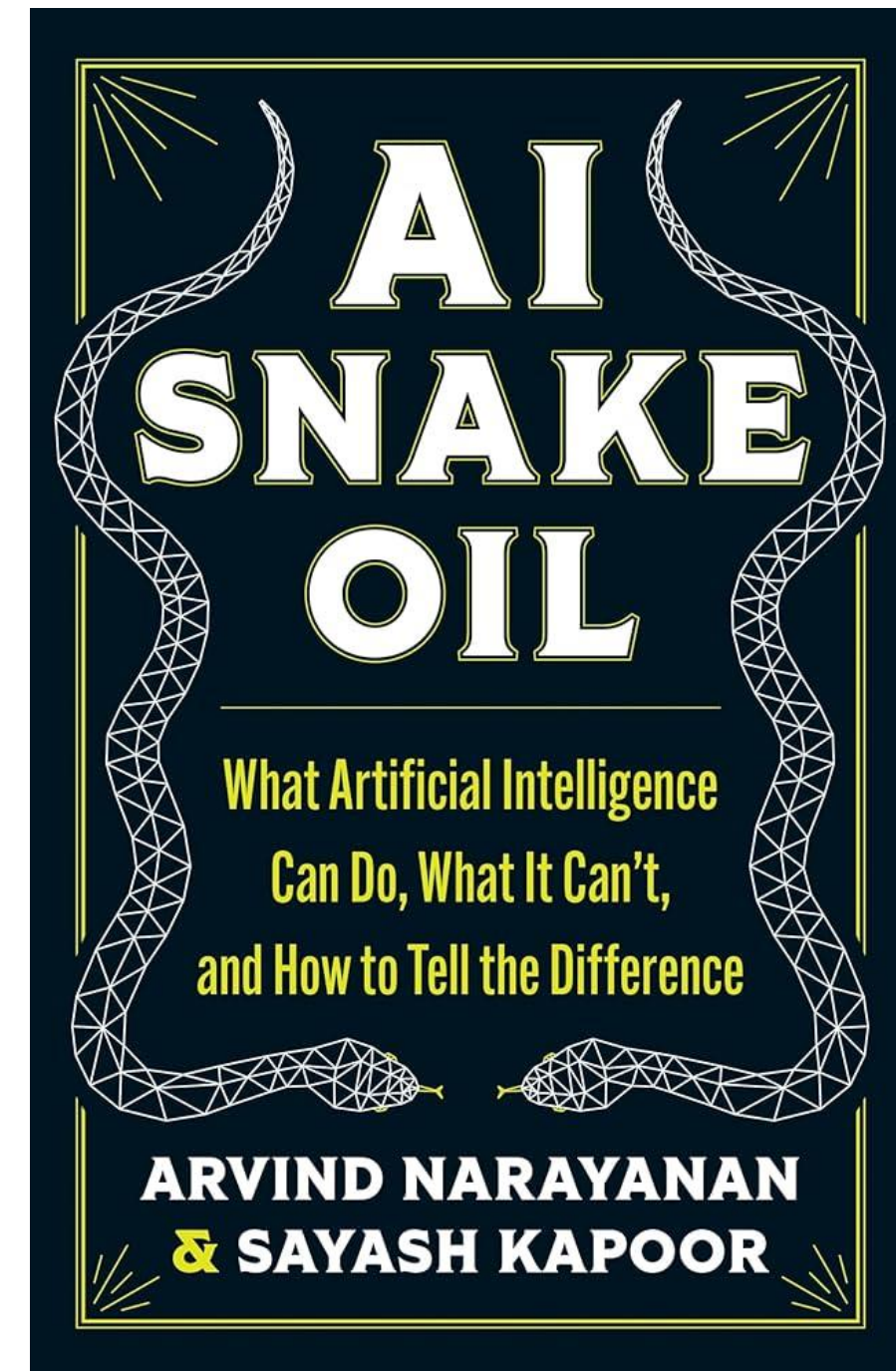
Integrating generative AI technologies in a way that works reliably for your needs requires:

- Thinking of these tools as a way to augment, not replace, your staff
- Creating a training process around how to use these tools
- Studying and evaluating the impacts of these systems in context
- Preparing your next generation of lawyers with the training they need

What kind of AI are we talking about

Products, services and features of a product or service that use computational techniques to achieve tasks that previously required human attention, behaviour, or capabilities.

For today, will be focussing on **generative AI**, system that are capable of a wide range of tasks including generating, summarising, or analysing large amounts of data.



What's happening

Powerful generative AI products are being **released to the general public**, enabling **informal use**

Within two months of its introduction, a 51% majority of teachers reported using ChatGPT

What's happening

Powerful generative AI products are being **integrated into existing products** like MSFT Teams, Gmail, etc., enabling immediate **in-workplace use**

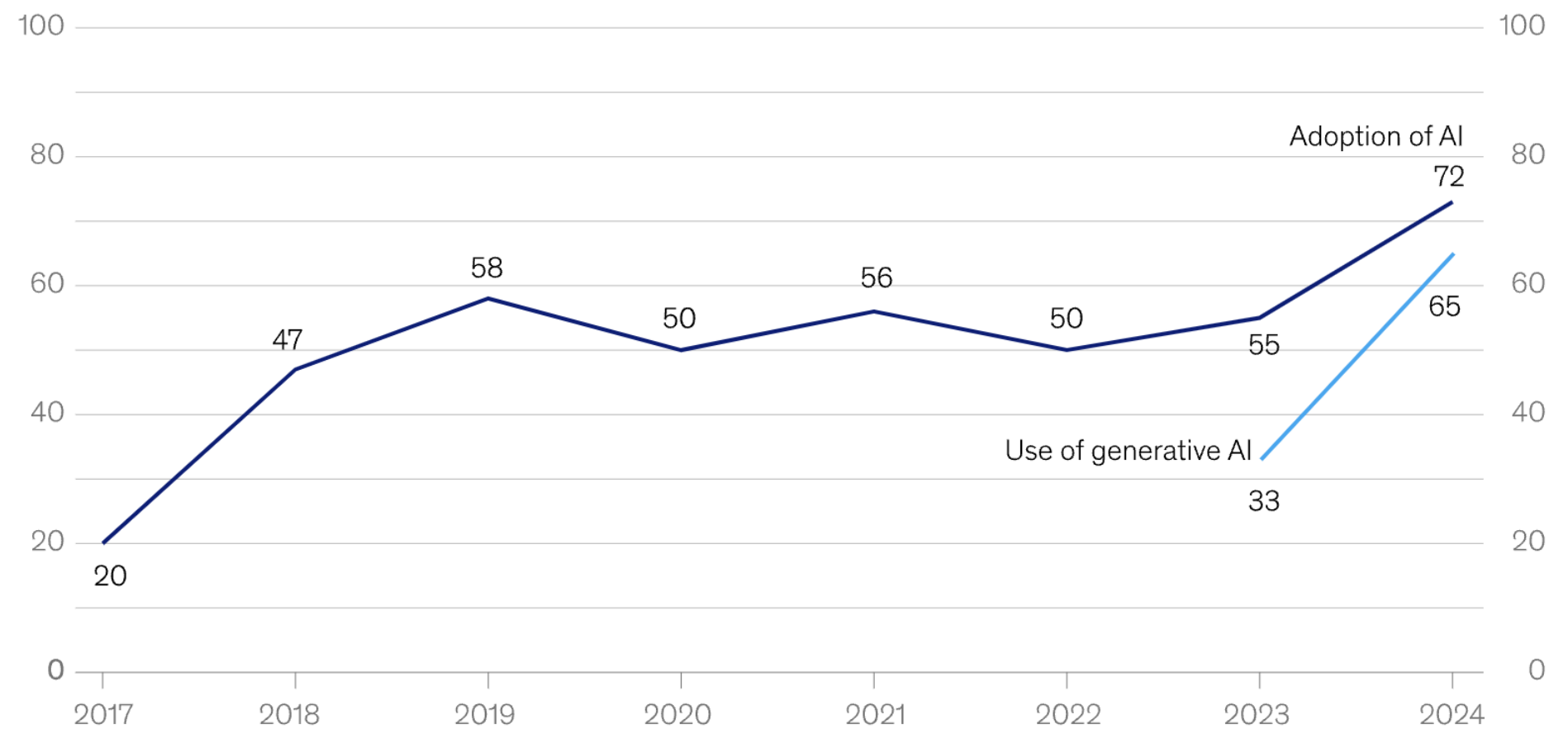


What's happening

Workplaces are seeking to **build or procure** powerful generative AI products for specific features and uses

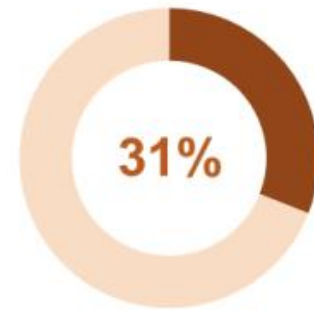
AI adoption worldwide has increased dramatically in the past year, after years of little meaningful change.

Organizations that have adopted AI in at least 1 business function,¹ % of respondents

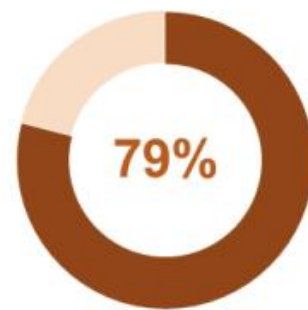


¹In 2017, the definition for AI adoption was using AI in a core part of the organization's business or at scale. In 2018 and 2019, the definition was embedding at least 1 AI capability in business processes or products. Since 2020, the definition has been that the organization has adopted AI in at least 1 function. Source: McKinsey Global Survey on AI, 1,363 participants at all levels of the organization, Feb 22–Mar 5, 2024

Consumer use of AI

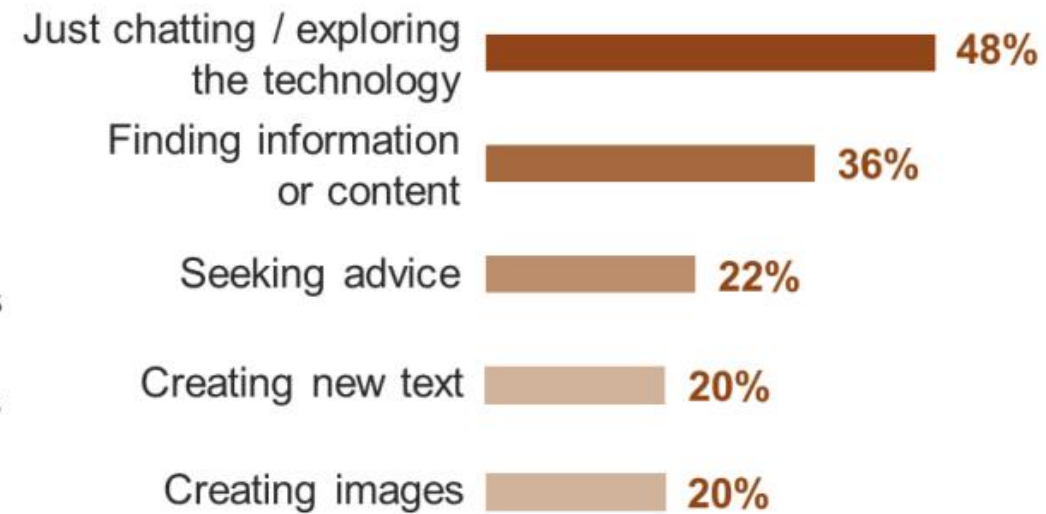


of adults have used generative AI tools



of 13–17-year-olds have used generative AI tools

Top reasons given by adults who use generative AI tools



Business use of AI



of businesses are using at least one form of AI



of the largest businesses are using at least one form of AI



of businesses using AI are using it to improve business operations

What's been said about the use of AI in legal jobs?

2016 Deloitte Study

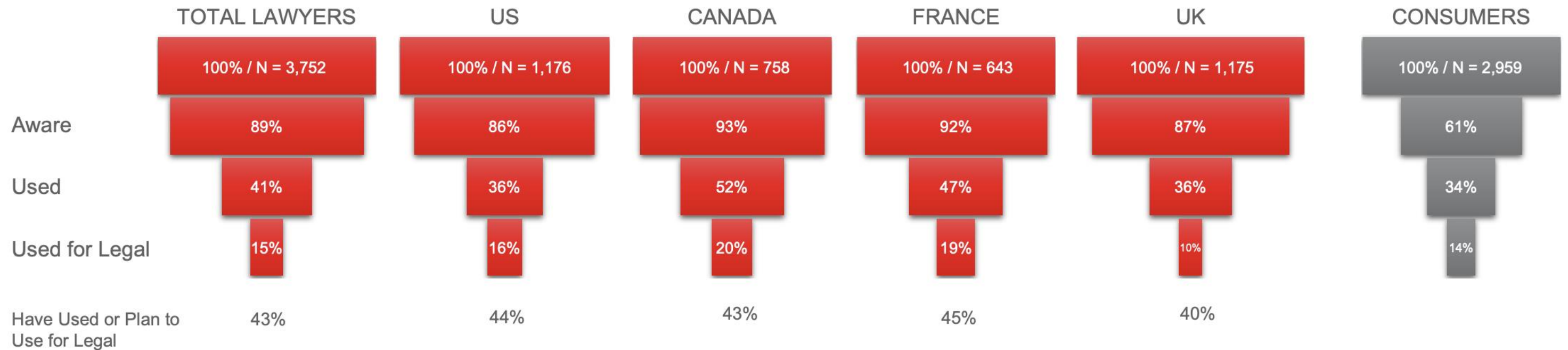
- 39% of legal jobs at risk of automation

2019-2021 Studies

- AI augments rather than replaces (Gartner)
- 23% of lawyer's tasks automatable (McKinsey)

2023 Generative AI Studies

- 10-20% of lawyers claim to already be using AI tools
- 67-79% expect significant change in 3-5 years

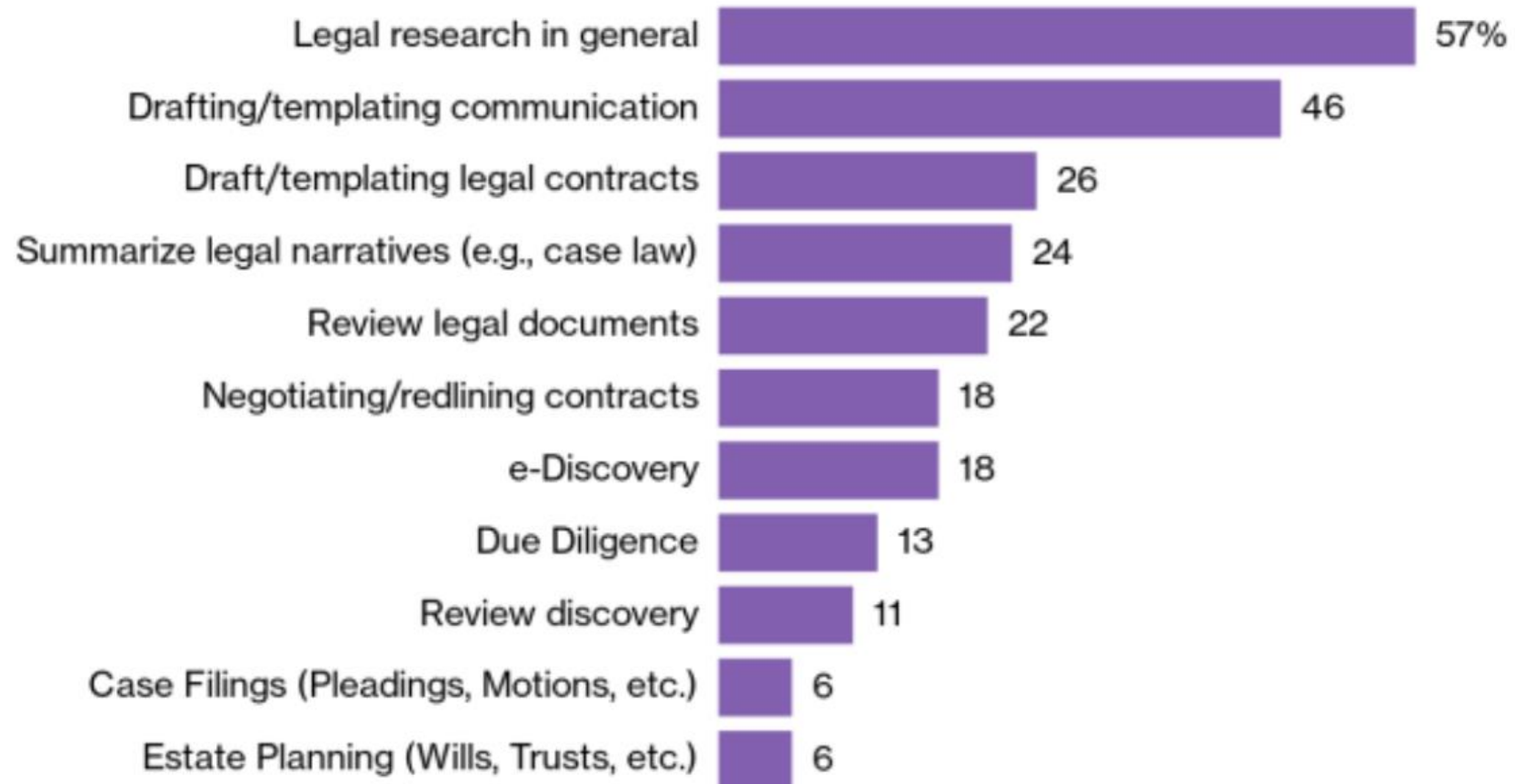


Nearly all lawyers are aware of generative AI (89%), and two in five have used it for any purpose (41%). Awareness among the general population (consumers) is significantly lower than the legal population (61%) but their usage of generative AI is similar.

The use of generative AI specifically for legal purposes is currently low (15%). However, 43% either currently use or plan to use generative AI in their work. Canadian and French lawyers have tried generative AI more than US/UK lawyers, while UK lawyers have used it for legal purposes less often than other regions.

Legal Research Tops List of Uses of Gen AI for Legal Work

'Which of the following ways have you used generative AI in your practice?'



Source: Bloomberg Law's Legal Operations and Technology Survey 2024, conducted from Jan. 16, 2024 to Feb. 27, 2024. Respondents were asked to select all that apply. 'Other' was also surveyed but not included in this graphic.

Bloomberg Law

The questions everyone is asking right now

1. How can I use AI / generative AI in my workplace?
2. How will this affect my staff?

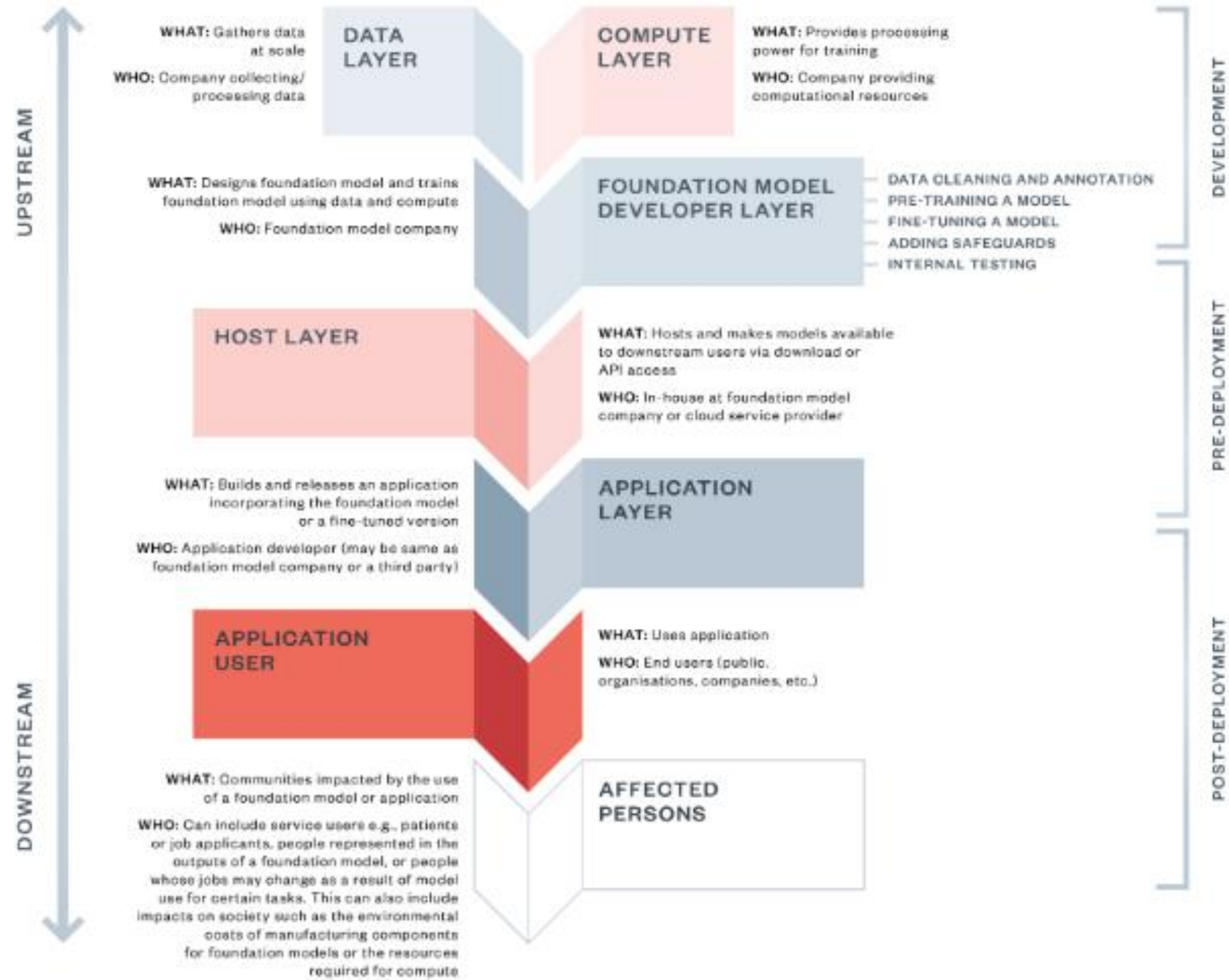
Do these technologies work, and are they safe?

Why is this important?

Shorter timelines of AI Research → Products

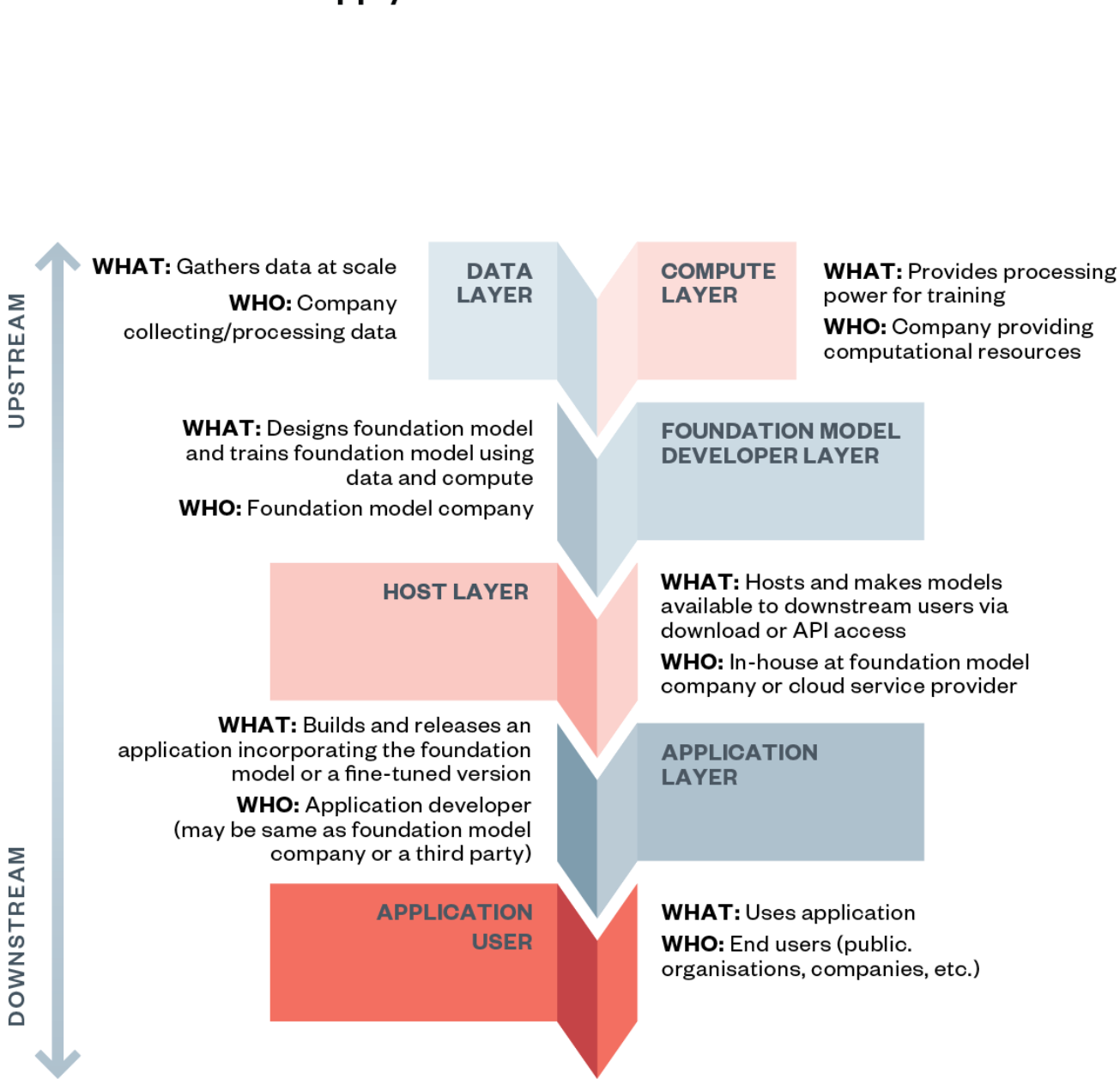


Value chain of AI



Different safety risks originate and proliferate at different parts of value chain

Foundation model supply chain



Risk origination examples

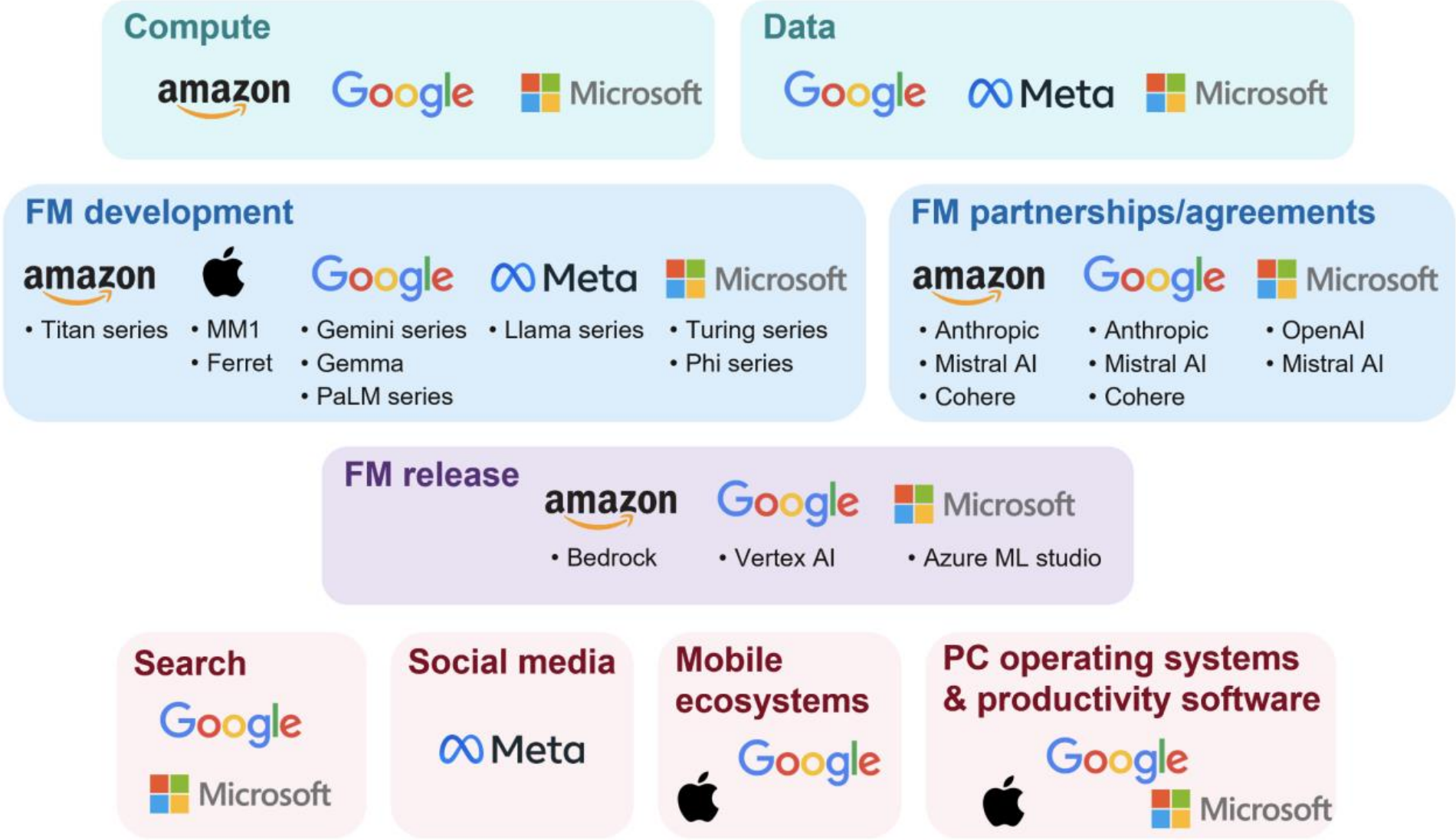
Risk proliferation examples

	Bias	Misuse	Unexpected capabilities	

(Icon size corresponds to likelihood)

Note: This is one possible model (there will not always be a separate or single company at each layer)

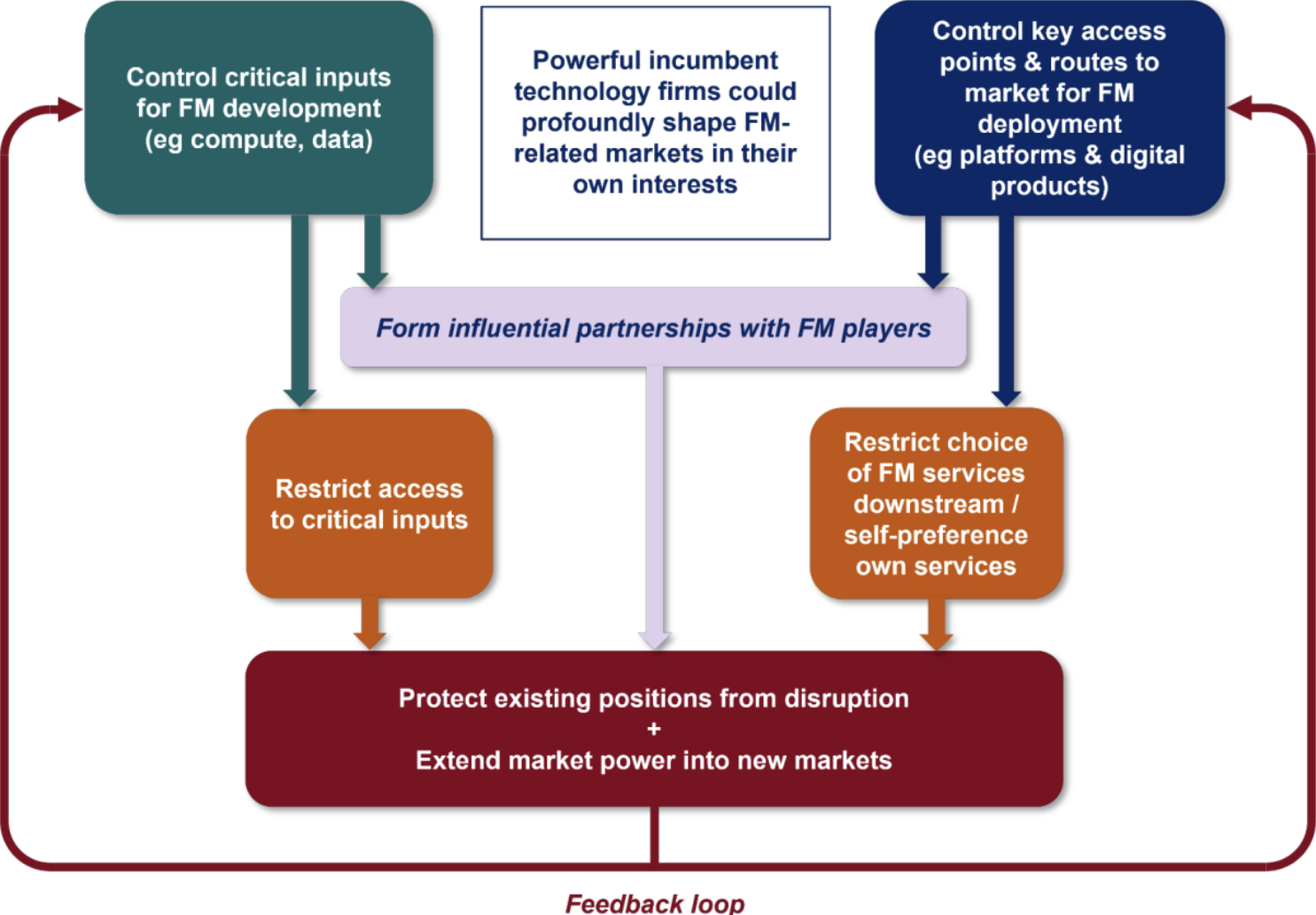
Consolidated market



Source: Competition and Markets Authority, AI Foundation Models Update

Means take it or leave it contracts

Figure 4 - Incumbent technology firms could shape FM-related markets in their own interests



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Procurement challenges

- Document analysis of 16 public sector procurement processes around AI
- Finds **there is no standardised method for determining what success looks like, or defining whether AI is working in the public interest**
- Lack of practices for assessing the efficacy and impacts of AI in high-stakes decisions



Misuse can have serious implications for you

US lawyer in legal trouble after citing cases 'invented' by ChatGPT

As artificial intelligence sweeps the online world, it has conjured dystopian visions of computers replacing not only human interaction, but also human labour.

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Air Canada ordered to pay customer who was misled by airline's chatbot

Company claimed its chatbot 'was responsible for its own actions' when giving wrong information about bereavement fare



What is claimed?

What do we know?

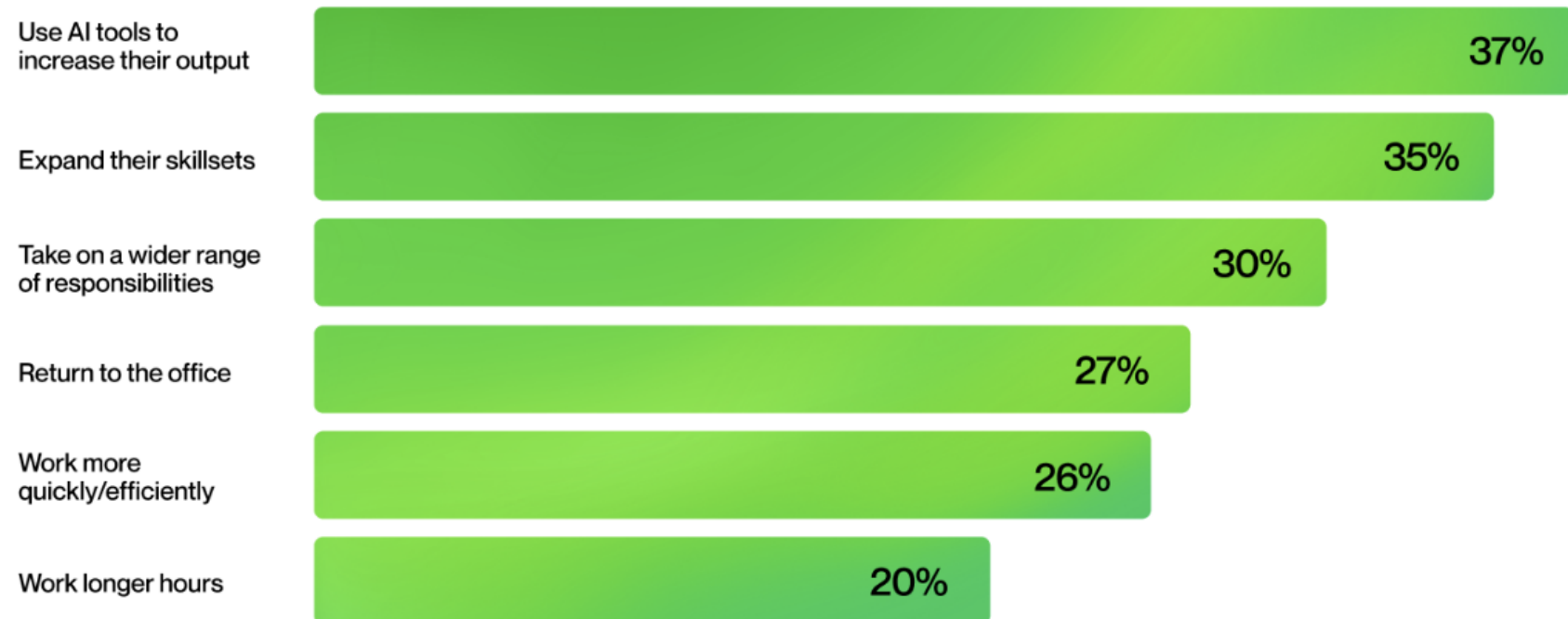
Productivity saver?

Almost 80% of workers who use generative AI in their jobs said it has added to their workload and is hampering their productivity.

Eighty-one percent of C-suite executives report that, over the past year, they have expected workers to increase their output with the help of AI tools (37%), expand their skill sets (35%), take on a wider range of responsibilities (30%), return to the office (27%), work with greater efficiency (26%), and work more hours (20%).

Increased demands on employees

Over the past year, business leaders have increased demands on employees by asking them to:



Source: Upwork Research Institute, 2024

Source: UpWork survey on Generative AI productivity

Tasks for Summarisation

Claim: These systems can summarise your documents

What we know: Over 50% of book summaries (including by Claude Opus and GPT-4) were identified as containing factual errors and errors of omission.

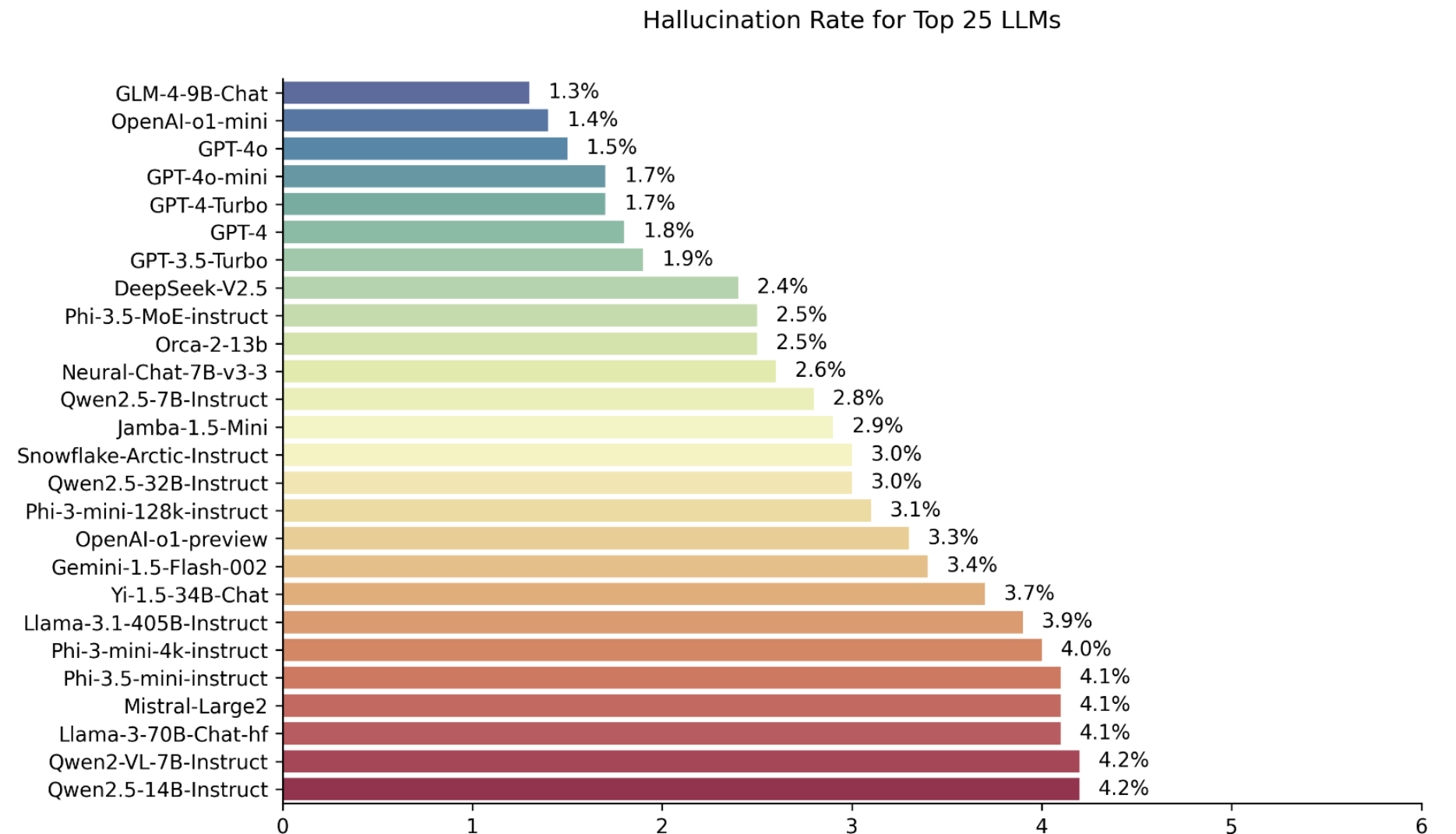
	CLAUDE-3-OPUS	GPT-4-TURBO	GPT-4	GPT-3.5-TURBO	MIXTRAL
🗨️ Chronology	33.3	36.0	46.2	50.0	61.5
🗨️ Omissions	52.0	80.8	65.4	84.6	65.4
🗨️ Factuality	58.3	69.2	80.8	69.2	84.6
🗨️ Overemphasis	20.8	34.6	19.2	30.8	46.2
🗨️ Underemphasis	12.5	23.1	19.2	38.5	34.6
🗨️ Vague/Generic	0.0	23.1	3.9	38.5	38.5
🗨️ Repetitive	0.0	11.5	0.0	7.7	3.9
🗨️ Data-Influenced	0.0	23.1	19.2	19.2	34.6
👍 Comprehensive	54.2	30.8	38.5	15.4	34.6
👍 Well-done	50.0	23.1	26.9	11.5	15.4

Table 6: Percentage of summaries per model identified with specific issues, based on annotator comments. The upper row, colored in **purple**, outlines categories of critique, whereas the lower row, in **green**, indicates categories where the models received compliments.

Tasks for Knowledge Generation

Claim: You can use this like a search engine to find information.

What we know: Hallucinations for top models still occur 1-4% of the time; this is worse (up to 27%) for some types of products, and depends on the prompt/task



Useful for:

1. Tasks where truth doesn't matter
2. Tasks where truth can be easily verified
3. Tasks where you are comfortable delegating authority to a system **that may be wrong 1-27% of the time.**

Impacts on legal careers

Will AI replace jobs? Radiographers

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AI trained on X-rays can diagnose medical issues as accurately as doctors

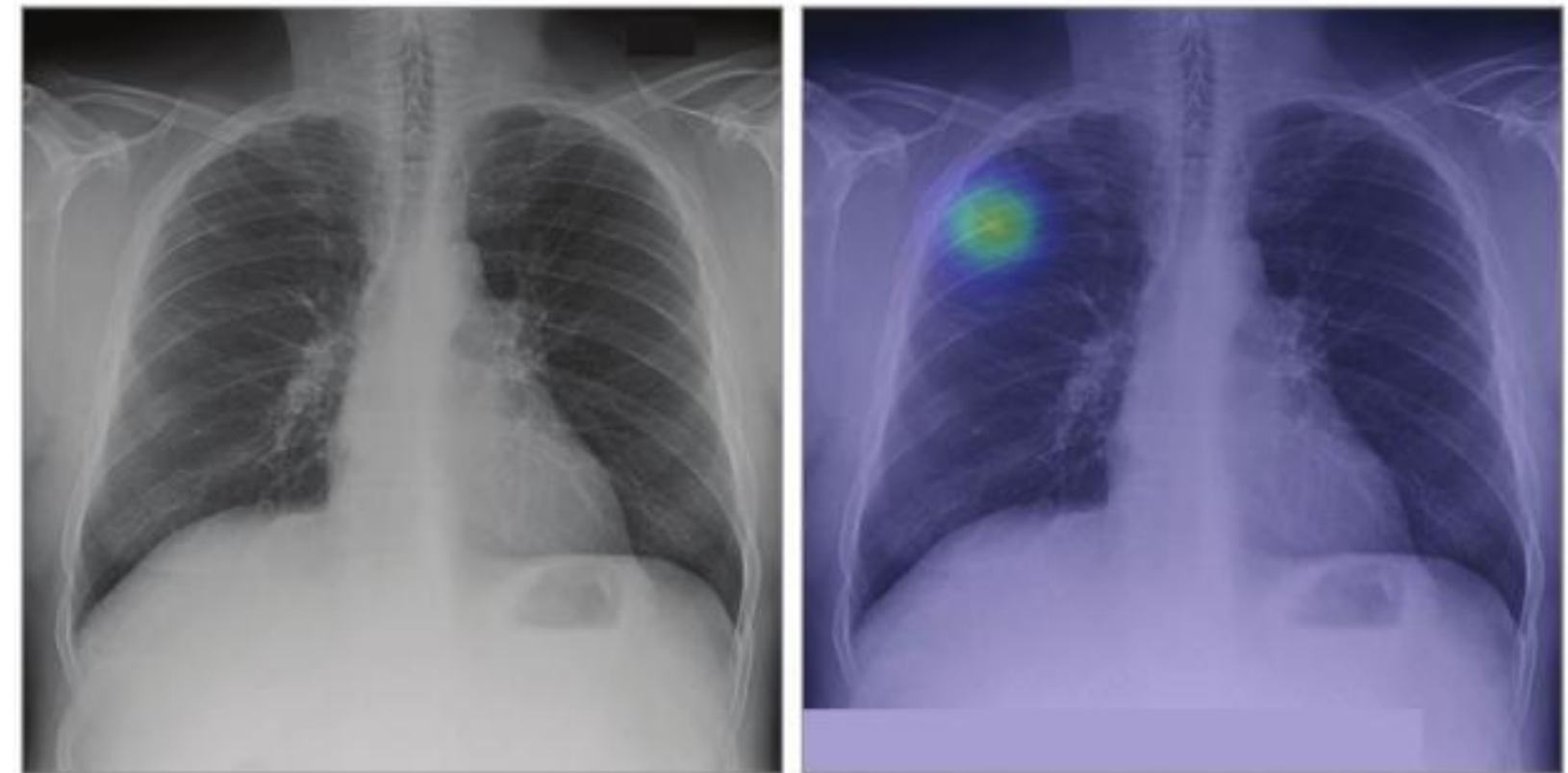
"The ultimate second opinion": AI just as good as doctors at analysing X-rays, shows new study



Example image from X-Raydar

Figure 2. Frontal Chest Radiographs of Patients With Malignant Pulmonary Nodules Missed by NLST Radiologists But Detected by Artificial Intelligence Algorithm

C Chest radiograph of man in his 50s (without AI detection) **D** Chest radiograph of man in his 50s (with AI detection)



MGH and Lunit, 2020

Will AI replace jobs? Radiographers



Geoff Hinton

“I think that if you work as a radiologist, you are like Wile E. Coyote in the cartoon. You’re already over the edge of the cliff, but you haven’t yet looked down. There’s no ground underneath. People should stop training radiologists now. It’s just completely obvious that in five years deep learning is going to do better than radiologists.”

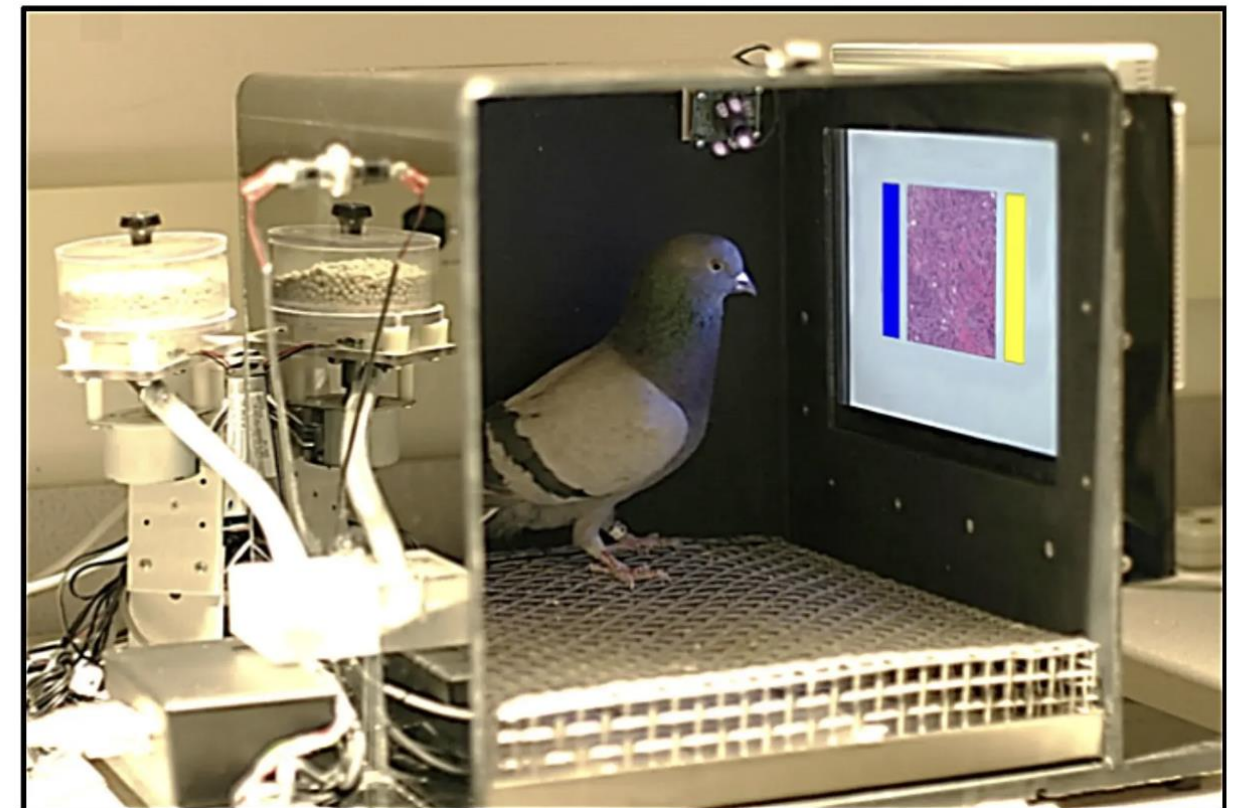
Nov 24, 2016

Will AI replace jobs? Radiographers

- Radiographers possess clinical knowledge and experience that AI cannot fully replicate. Complex cases often require nuanced interpretation and context that AI may miss.
- Radiographers play a crucial role in patient care, providing empathy and explaining procedures.
- Radiographers ensure image quality and manage equipment, tasks that require physical presence and expertise.
- Radiographers can adapt to unexpected scenarios or emergencies, which AI systems may struggle with.

Paging Dr. Pigeon; You're Needed in Radiology

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The pigeons' training environment at the University of Iowa included a food pellet dispenser, a touch-sensitive screen that projected medical images, and blue and yellow choice buttons on either side. University of Iowa/Wassermann Lab

Augment, or kill jobs?

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Will AI destroy a job ladder, or enable a new one?

Stop AI Stealing the Show

Join our campaign to strengthen performers' rights in response to the rise of AI across the entertainment industry.

How the next generation of law students use AI

Seven in 10 teens say they have used at least one type of generative AI tool.

49% of teens say they have checked other sources to verify the accuracy of generative AI outputs used for school assignments, and 39% of teens who have used AI for school have detected problems and inaccuracies in gen AI outputs

Teens who've had class discussions about generative AI are more likely to have nuanced views about its usefulness and challenges.

Teen and parent purpose of generative AI use

Among teens and parents who use gen AI, the percentage who have ever used it to assist them in the following ways...	Users of gen AI	
	Total Teens	Total Parents
Help with homework	53%	n/a
Learn a new skill	n/a	22%
Keep me from being bored	42%	n/a
Translate something from one language to another	41% ^a	39% ^a
Brainstorm ideas	38% ^a	27% ^b
Write a document or email	35% ^a	37% ^b
Create a new image or video	33% ^a	24% ^b
Summarize or synthesize information	33% ^a	30% ^a
Create content as a joke or to tease another person	19% ^a	10% ^b
Get advice on a personal issue	18% ^a	17% ^a
Plan an activity	16% ^a	19% ^a
Keep me company	15% ^a	7% ^b
Seek health-related advice	14% ^a	20% ^b
Generate new content from a person's voice or image	12% ^a	11% ^a
Write code or create an app	12% ^a	12% ^a

Copilot, or crutch?

Many studies on ‘automation bias’ and ‘complacency bias’ – that we defer to AI decisions, often when under time pressure and multi-task load.

But this has been around for decades. Training and accountability practices help avoid this.

Complacency and bias in human use of automation: an attentional integration

[Raja Parasuraman](#)¹, [Dietrich H Manzey](#)

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PMID: 21077562 DOI: [10.1177/0018720810376055](https://doi.org/10.1177/0018720810376055)

Automation bias: decision making and performance in high-tech cockpits

[K L Mosier](#)¹, [L J Skitka](#), [S Heers](#), [M Burdick](#)

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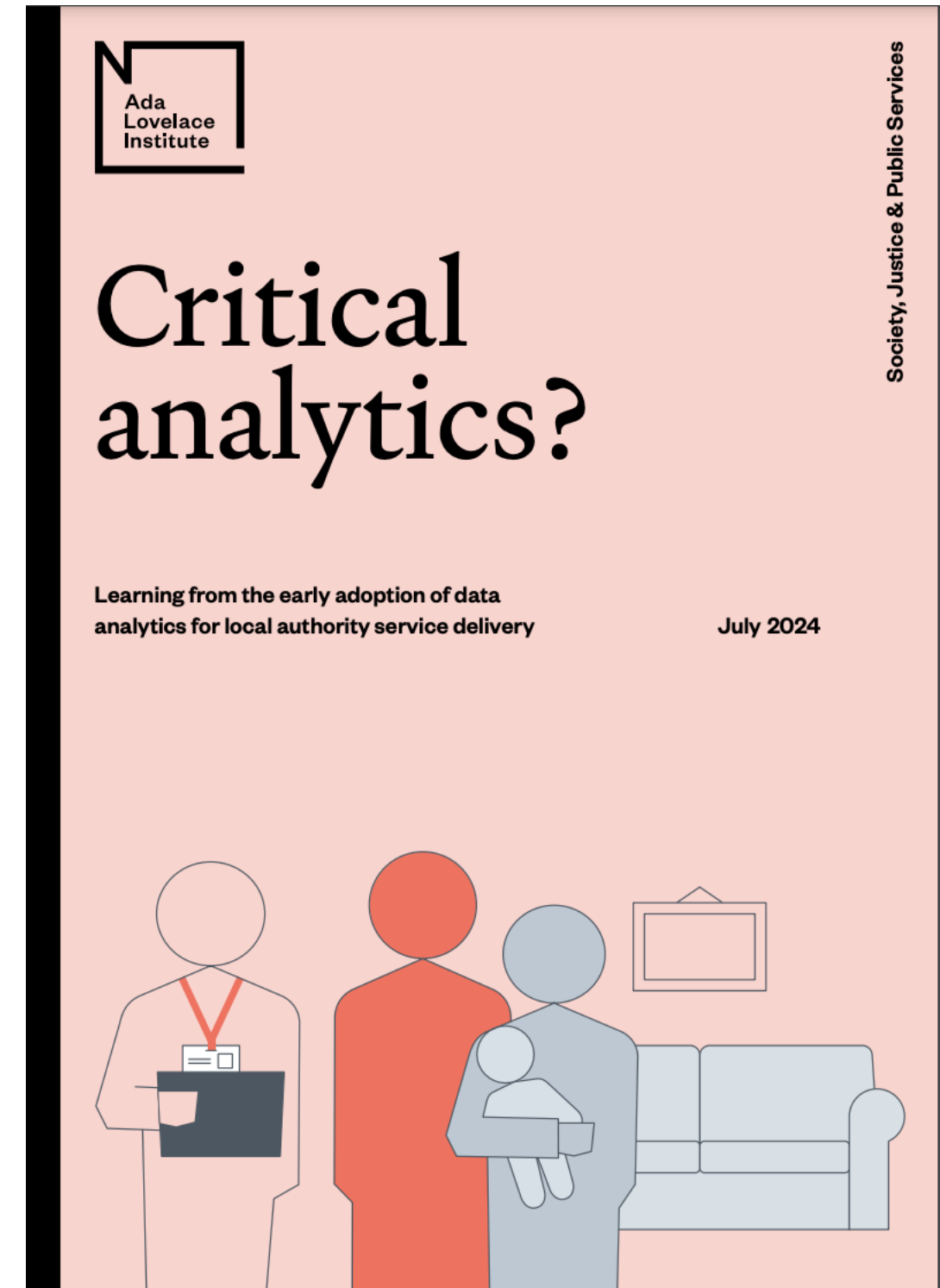
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Getting this right in practice

- Ethnographic study of the use of predictive analytics in social care in a local authority
- Found that the system was not designed to fit the needs of social workers, didn't trust the outcomes of the tool
- Tool failed to lead to improved outcomes

What could help

- Pilots
- Co-design
- Trainings



Developing policies for using AI

Principles

- Principle 1: You know what generative AI is and what its limitations are
- Principle 2: You use generative AI lawfully, ethically and responsibly
- Principle 3: You know how to keep generative AI tools secure
- Principle 4: You have meaningful human control at the right stage
- Principle 5: You understand how to manage the full generative AI lifecycle
- Principle 6: You use the right tool for the job
- Principle 7: You are open and collaborative
- Principle 8: You work with commercial colleagues from the start
- Principle 9: You have the skills and expertise that you need to build and use generative AI
- Principle 10: You use these principles alongside your organisation's policies and have the right assurance in place



HM Government

Generative AI framework for HM Government

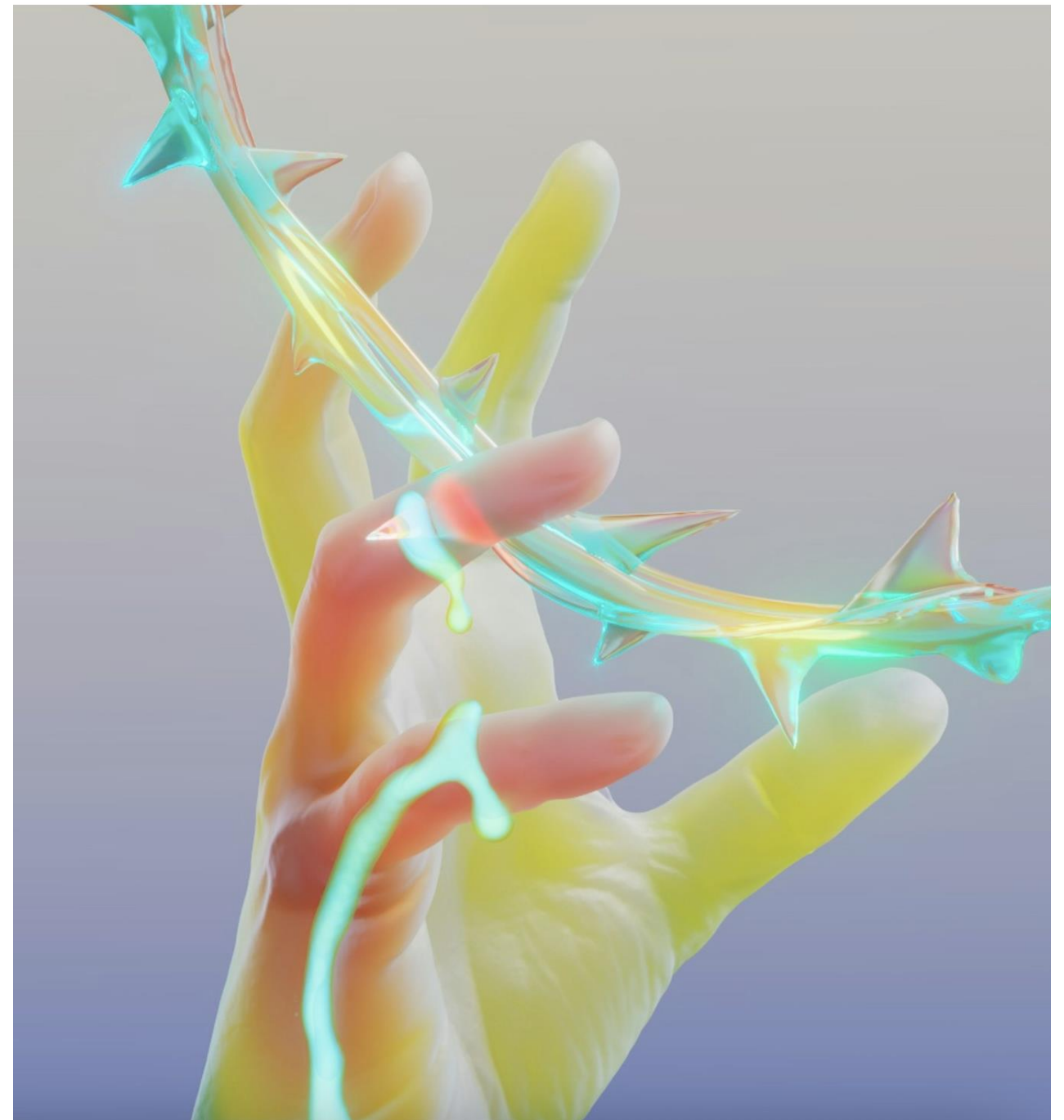
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What parts of the profession should not be automated

- Emotional intelligence and client relationships
- Ethical decision-making and professional judgment
- Developing interdisciplinary knowledge (law, tech, business)



Shannon Vallor, The Danger Of Superhuman AI Is Not What You Think

Shaping the Future of Legal Practice

- Update law school curricula with AI and tech courses
- Develop AI governance frameworks within law firms
- Implement ongoing AI professional development programs
- Provide hands-on training with AI-powered legal tools
- Emphasise human-AI collaboration, not replacement
- (Re)consider your job ladder, and what will make a sustainable growth
- Collaborate on industry-wide AI ethics and standards

Thank you



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