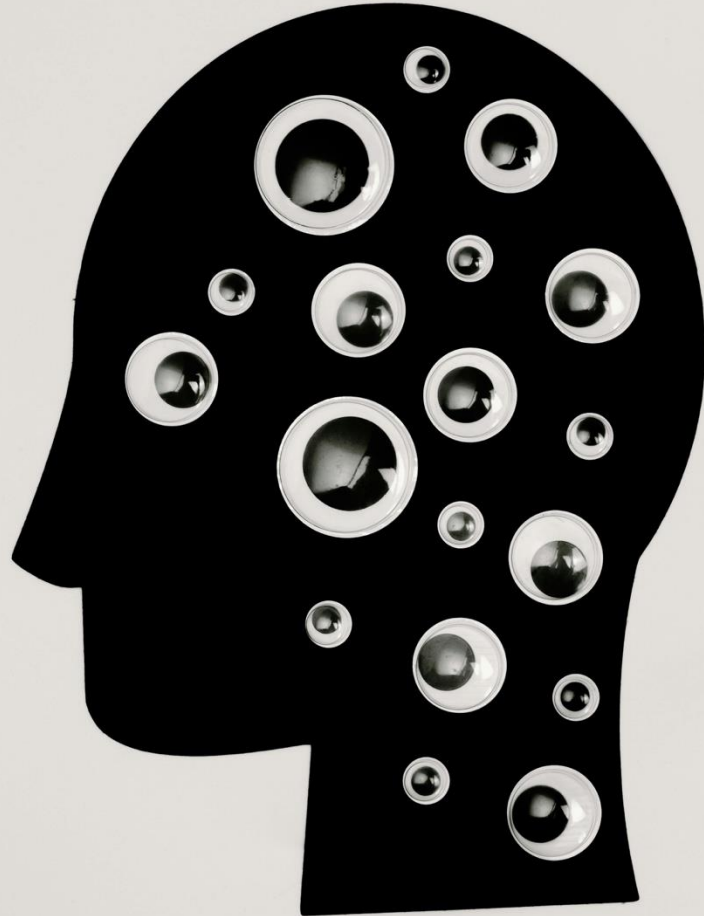


AI



AI and Generative AI: Current Capabilities and Future Possibilities in Maximo and beyond

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Hype or Reality?



Why The AI Hype Needs A Reality Check

Emil Sayegh Contributor ⓘ

Serial technology CEO covering all things IT & Tech.

Focus On Benefits, Not Buzzwords

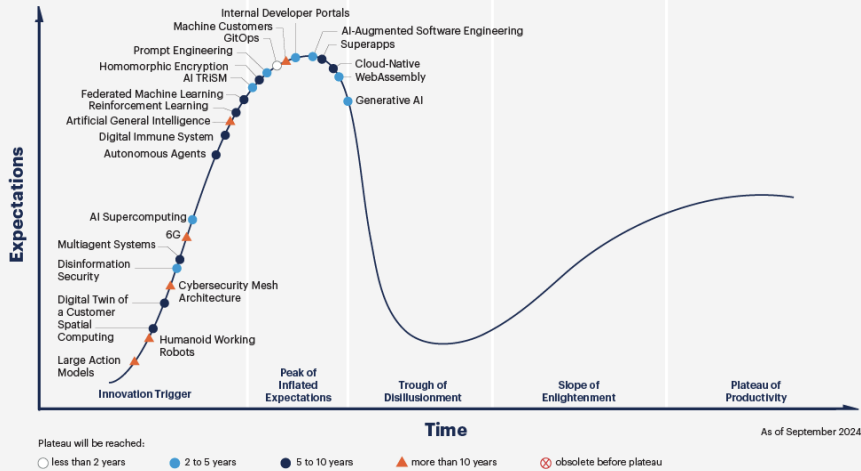
The AI hype train is speeding toward a disappointment unless we rethink how we approach it. We need to stop overmarketing AI as the solution to everything and start focusing on the real value it brings. AI, when applied correctly, can offer immense benefits — efficiency, accuracy, cost savings and more. But it's not magic, and we shouldn't treat it like a one-size-fits-all solution.

Spotlight on 2024 Gartner Hype Cycle™ for Emerging Technologies

Disruptive technologies hold great potential — for those businesses capable of overcoming the risks involved.

By [Arun Chandrasekaran](#) | October 10, 2024


Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies, 2024



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My personal question ...

How can I,
How can we,
working for, in, with
companies
implement
AI & GenAI
in action?



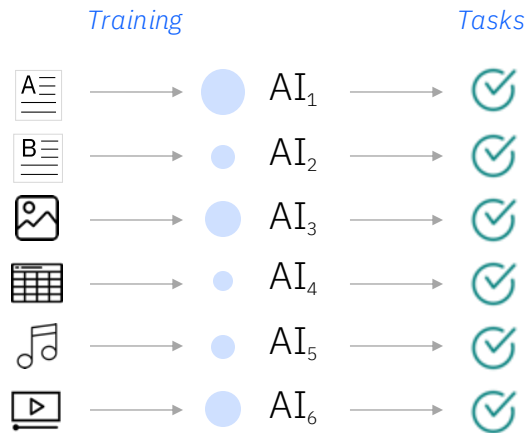
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Foundation models establish a new paradigm for AI capabilities

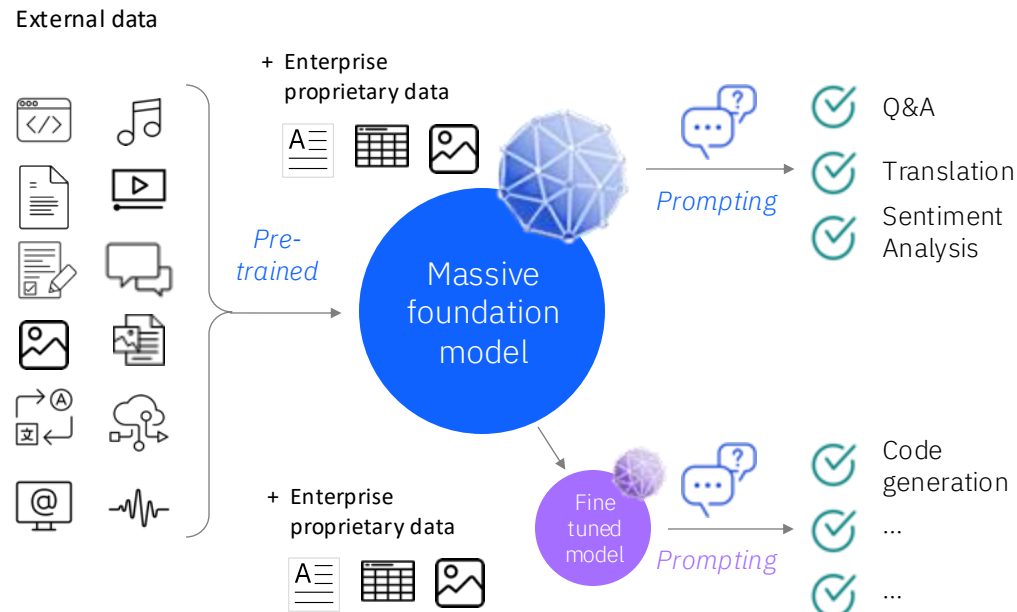
The impact of generative AI

Traditional AI models



- Individual siloed models
- Require task specific training
- Lots of human supervised training

Foundation models



- Massive multi-tasking model
- Adaptable with minimized training
- Pre-trained unsupervised learning
- Massive unlabeled data
- Self-supervision at scale

Enhanced capabilities

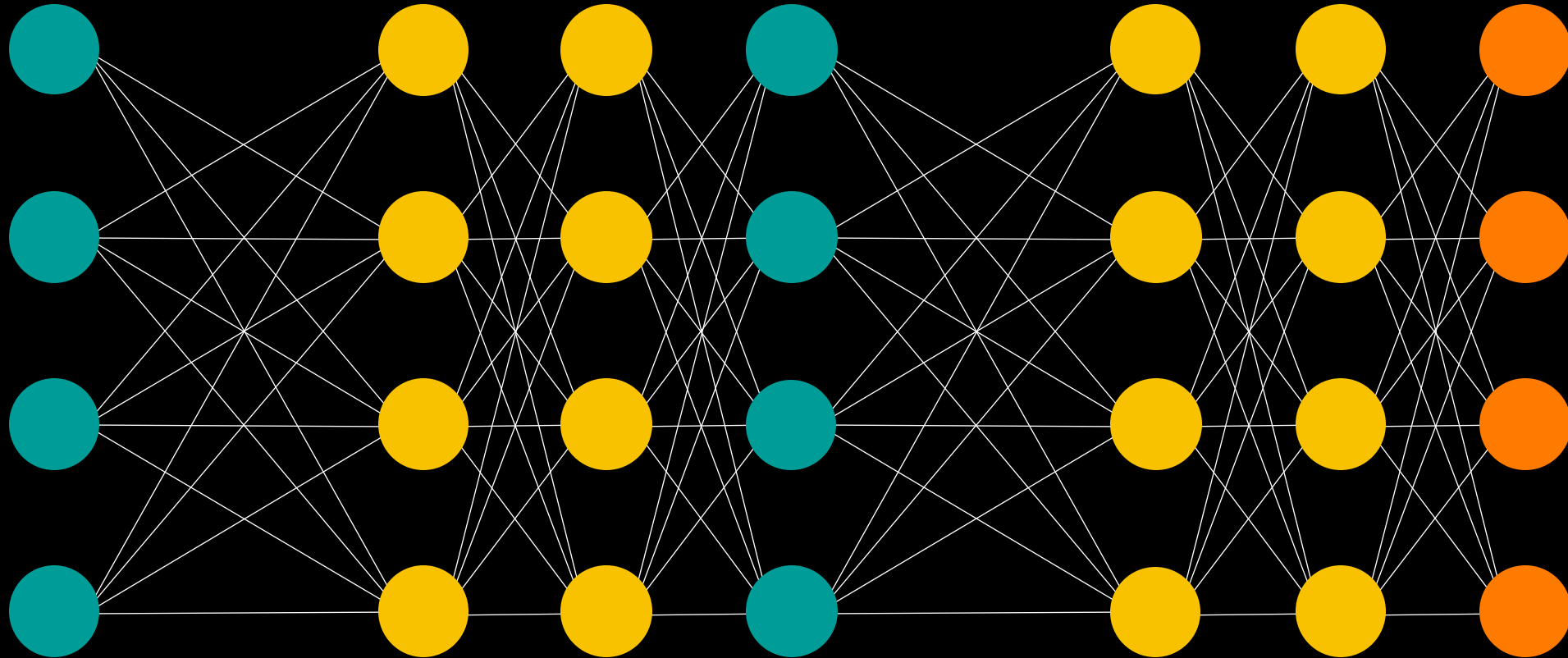
- Summarization
- Conversational Knowledge
- Content Creation
- Code Co-Creation

Key advantages

- Lower upfront costs through less labeling
- Faster deployment through fine tuning and inferencing
- Equal or better accuracy for multiple use cases
- Incremental revenue through better performance

Data is the lifeblood of AI

Foundation models



Foundation model training:

a lot of **unlabeled data** + a little **labeled data**



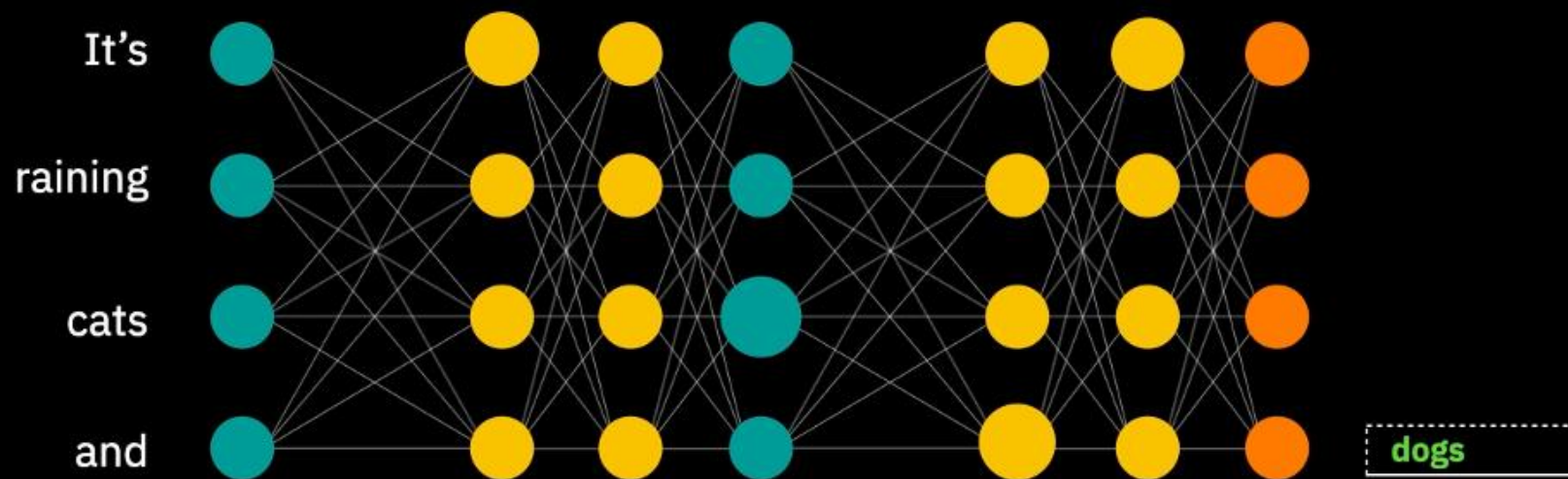
Unlabeled data for training:
100 billion sentences

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Labeled data for fine tuning:
1000 examples

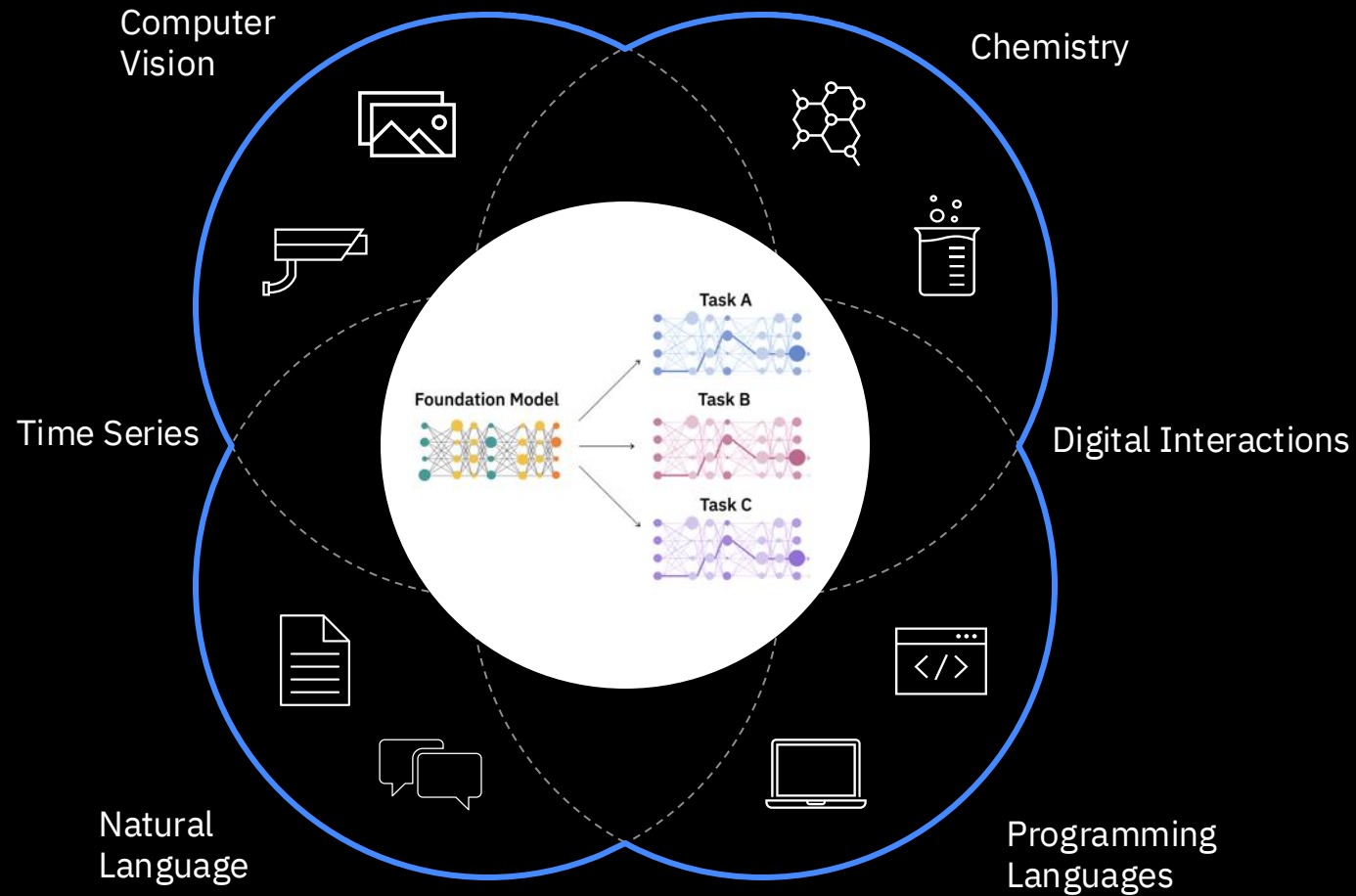


Training a foundation model: Self-supervision



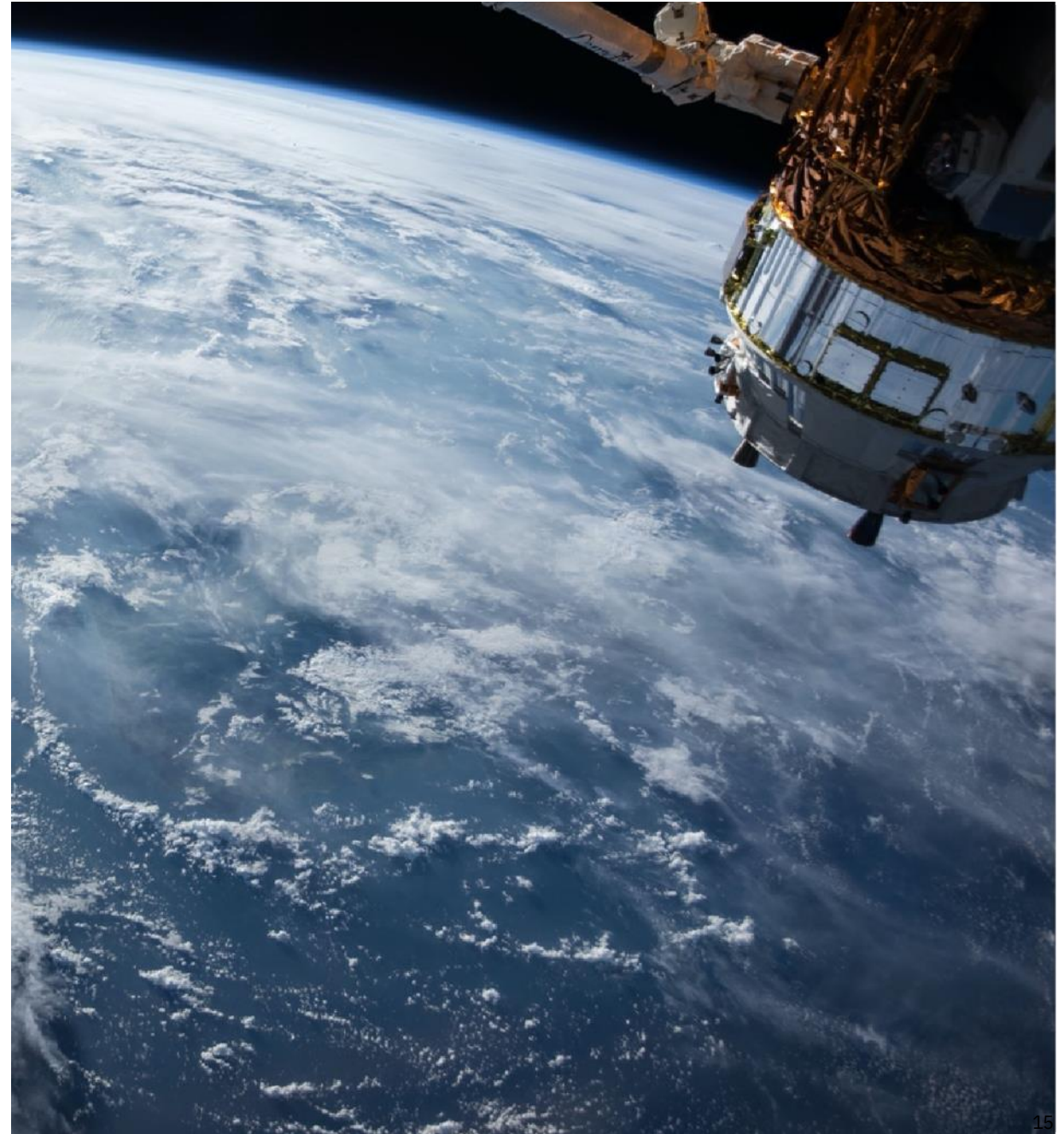
The use cases for
Foundation Models
go well beyond Large
Language Models (LLMs)

But the implications of foundation models go well beyond Large Language Models (LLMs)

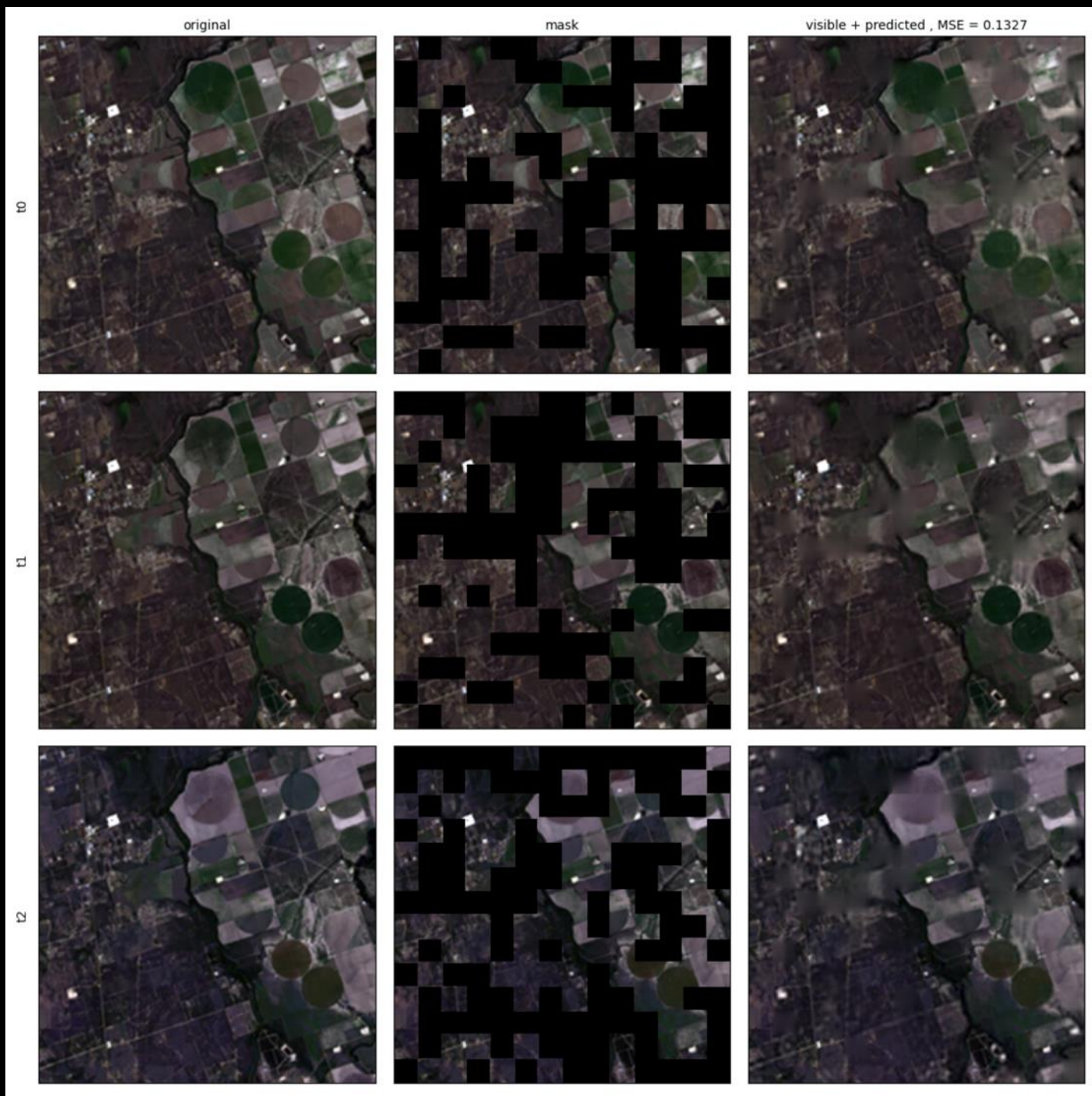


We collaborated with NASA to develop a Geospatial foundation model trained on HLS data.

The Harmonized Landsat Sentinel-2 (HLS) dataset provides global land observations every 2-3 days at 30 meter resolution.



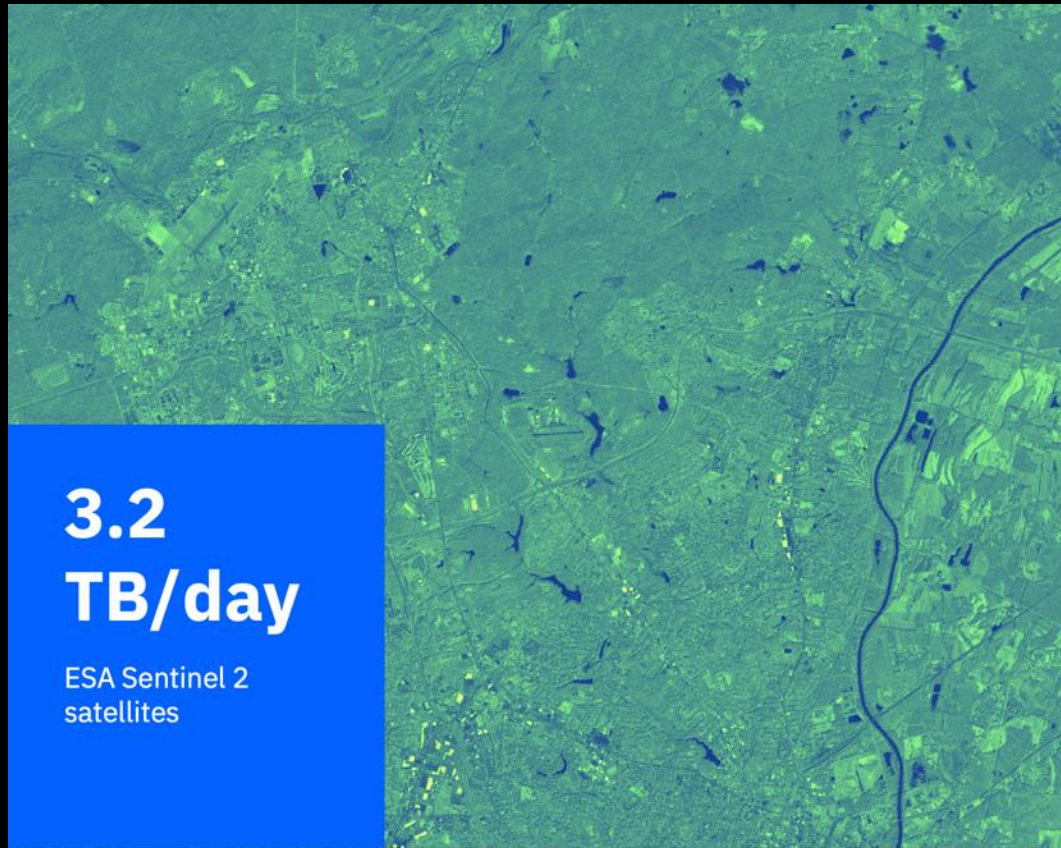
Geospatial Foundation Model Training Result



Two core types of geospatial data relevant for sustainability

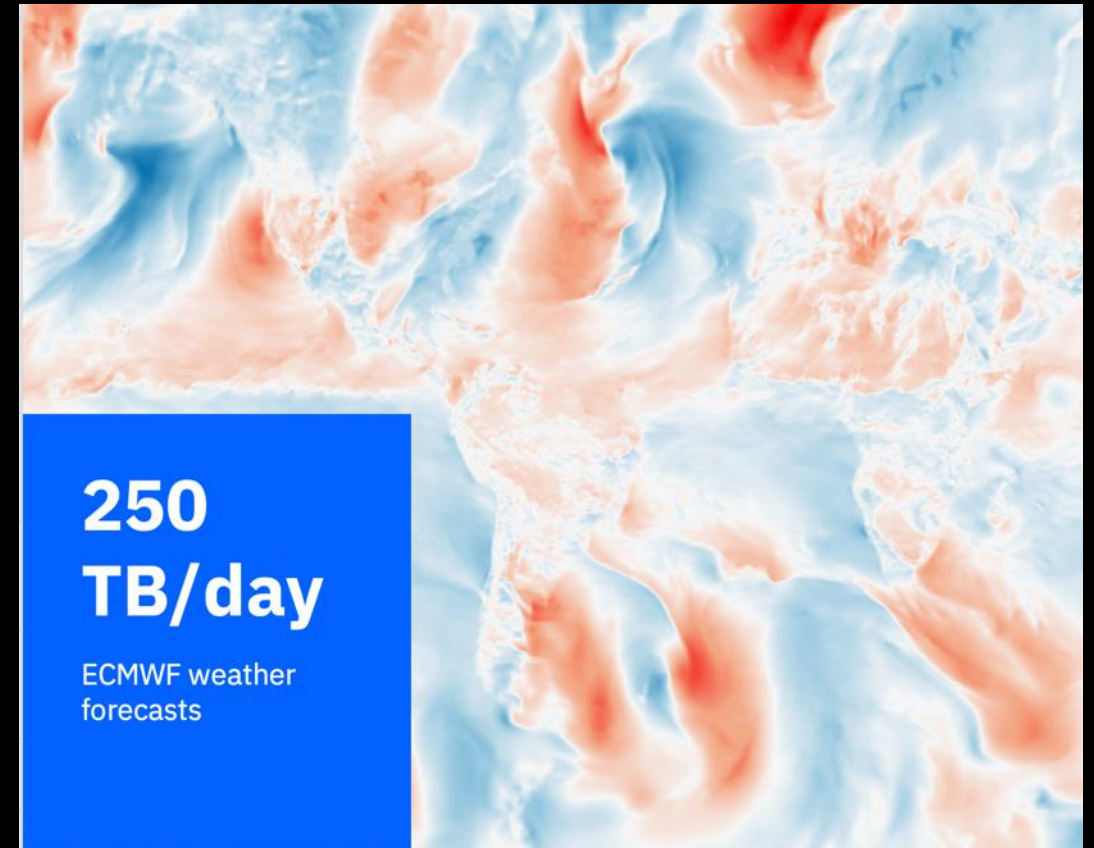
Satellite and aerial imagery

- Multimodal – images from multiple satellites representing different spectral bands



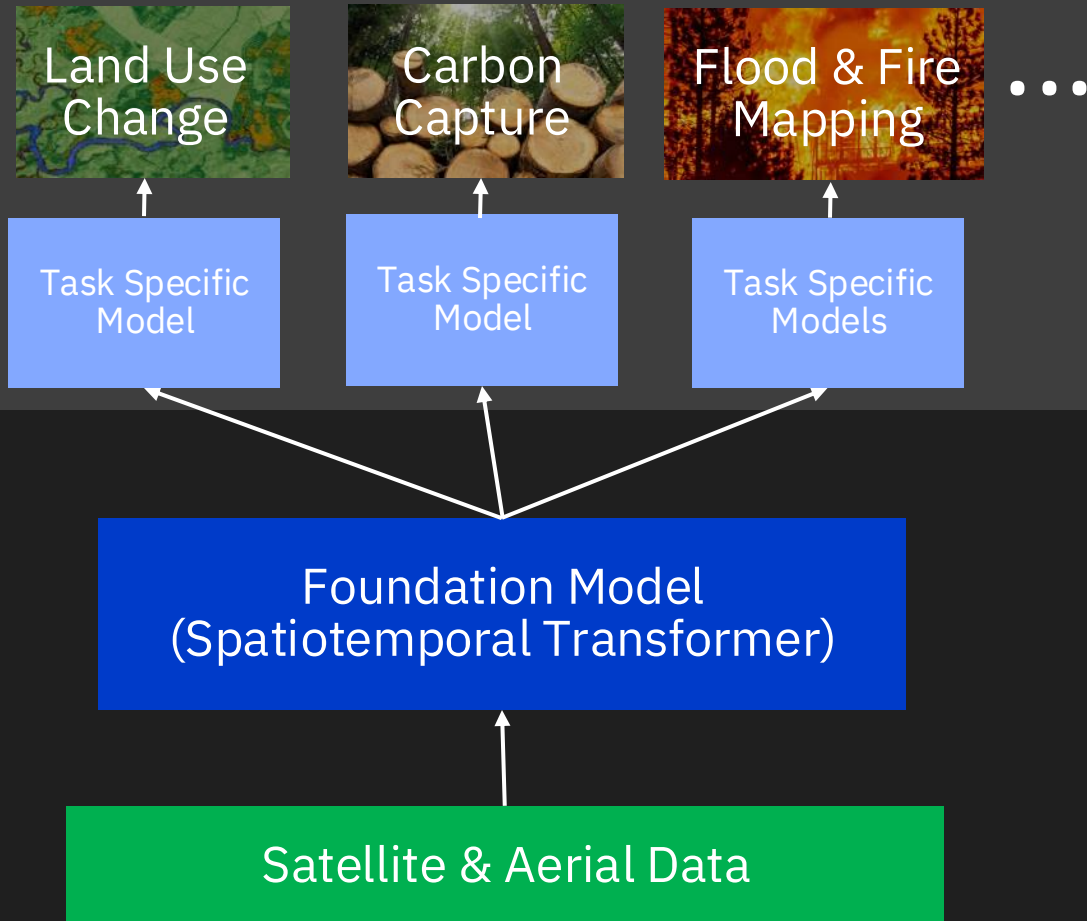
Weather measurements & forecasts

- Multimodal – time series from different processes (temperature, precipitation, wind,...)

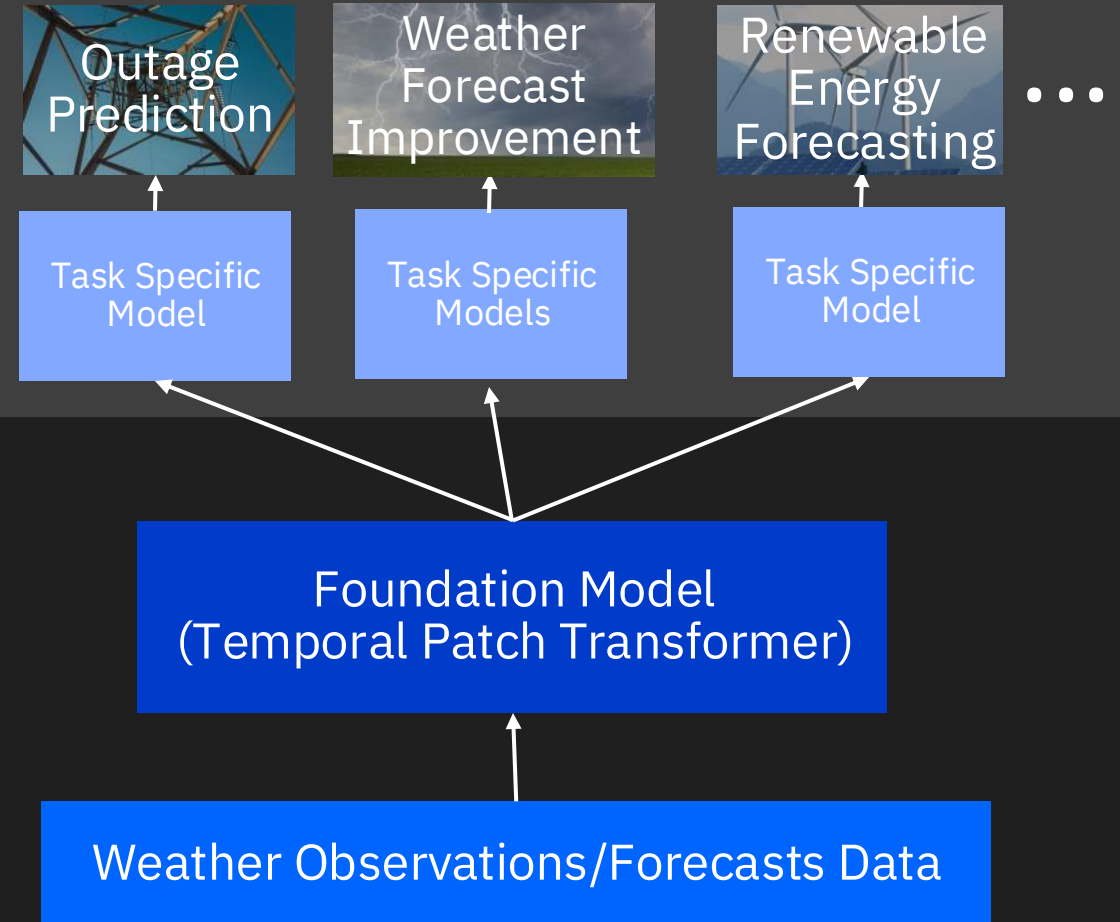


Foundation models for sustainability

Image Segmentation Use Cases

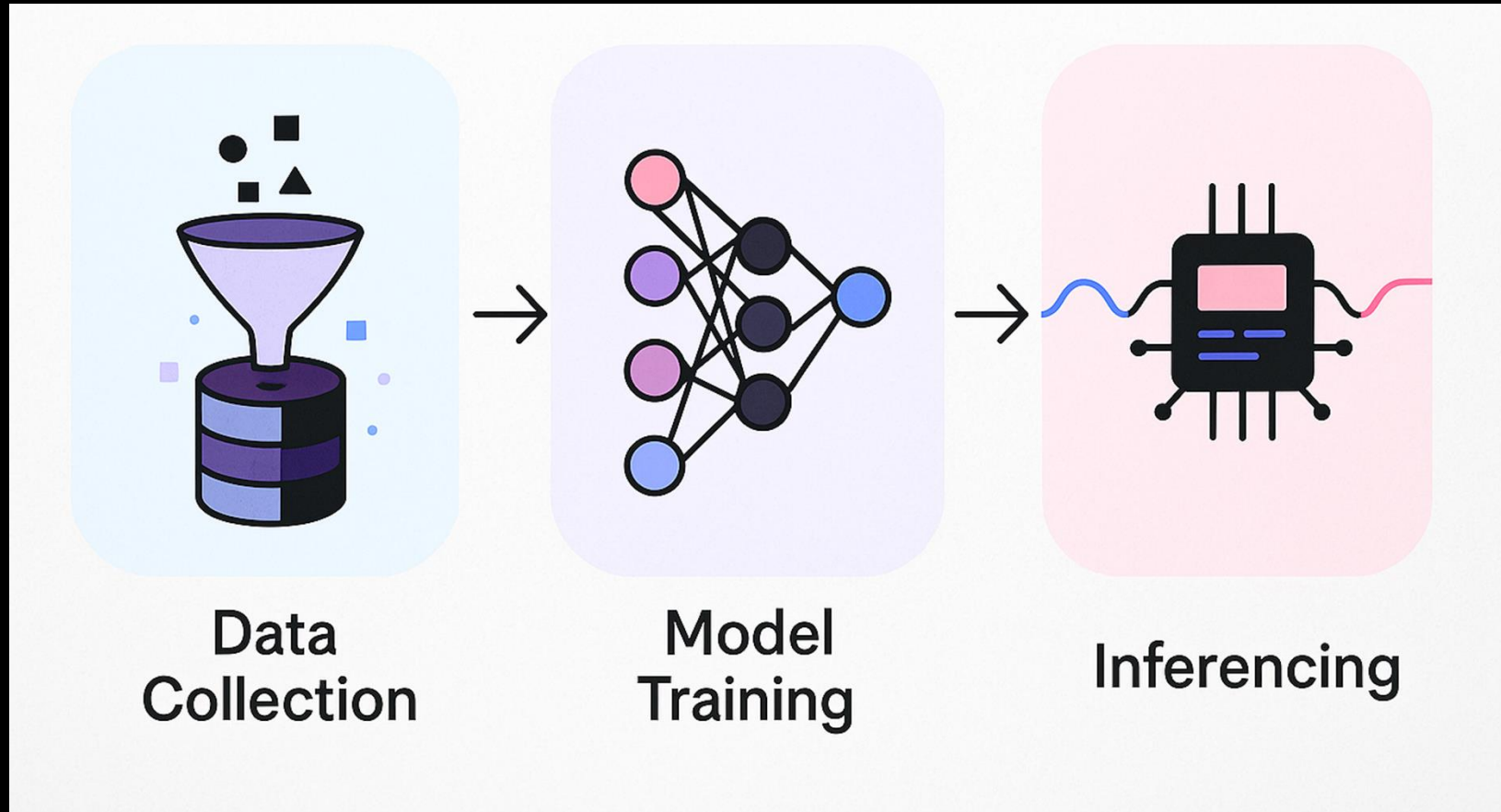


Weather Use Cases





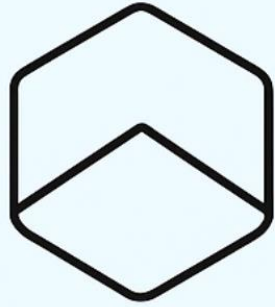
What is inside the “black box” of AI





Who has heard
about Agents?

Fundamental Shift in AI is underway



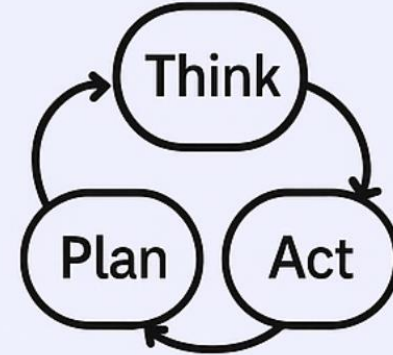
**AI that
can generate
for you**

- Prediction
- Text Generation
- Pattern matching



Assistants

Powered by
single customized
LLM



Agents

Powered by
Think-Plan-Act



Who
has
heard
about
RAG?



Two common issues with large language models

Lack of information source

“The bank offers 2.5% interest on accounts with a balance over \$20,000.00.”

This sounds great – but where did the information come from?

How can a user verify that this is true?

Where is it documented?

Outdated information

“Who is the highest-scoring player in the NBA?”

The Llama-3-405b-instruct model returns:

” Kareem Abdul-Jabbar holds the record for the most points scored in the NBA with a total of 38,387 points”.

This is an outdated answer as LeBron James broke that record in 2023.

This means that llama-3-405b-instruct was trained on pre-2023 data.

What is retrieval-augmented generation?

RAG is an AI framework for retrieving facts from an external knowledge base to ground large language models (LLMs) on the most accurate, up-to-date information and to give users insight into LLMs' generative process.

Retrieval augmented generation (RAG)

RAG addresses these issues:

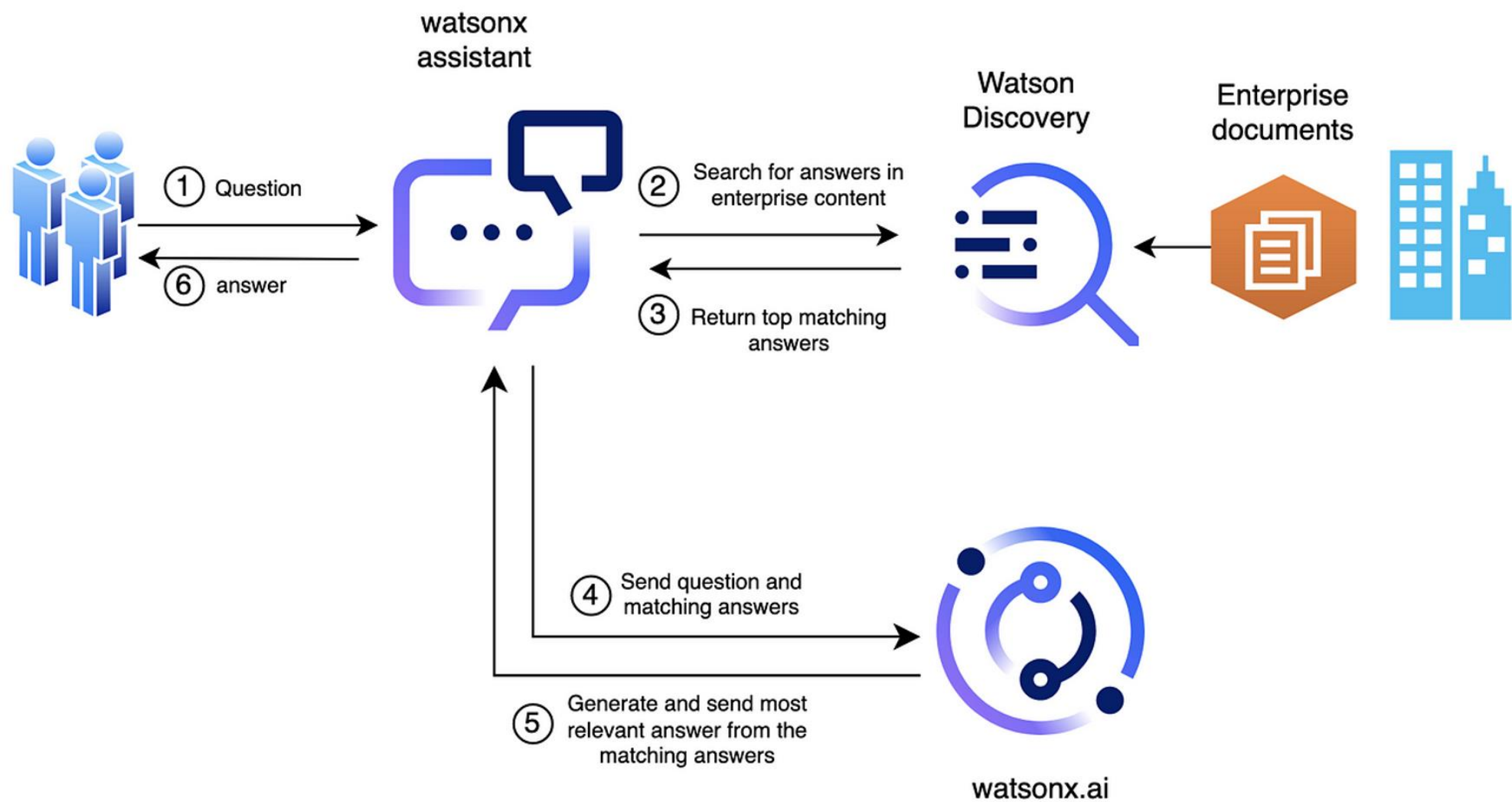
- Where did the LLM get its answer?
- Is the answer based on updated material?

RAG does this by:


- Working with “external data” (data not used for training the LLM):
 - Source of answers? From curated, validated, and accurate data
 - Currency of data? As current as the source
- NO model retraining required

A “human interaction” analogy of RAG is providing an update document to a person and asking them to answer question based on the information in the document.






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Generative AI Opportunities: Applying foundation models in our Asset Lifecycle Management Software portfolio

In flight




Failure mode context understanding

We are training a GenAI model to understand failure points. FMEA (Failure Mode and Effects Analysis) data is not available for many kinds of assets, and it can take time to acquire. This model can then be applied to other assets where data does not exist.



Work order intelligence

We are training an LLM to classify and recommend work order codes, which will assist and (if desired) enable auto-approval of work orders overcoming human error and limitations.



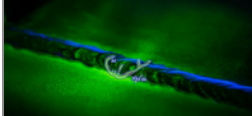
Health: prediction & anomaly

We are using GenAI to create sensor-level models trained on a small sample of sensor data. This greatly speeds time to value for asset health prediction.



MVI anomaly detection

MVI AI currently can lack accuracy for “Few-Shot” anomaly detection. We are building a transformer-based foundation model that will fill these gaps.




MVI prompt tuning

We are using foundation models and prompt-tuning to dramatically reduce the effort required to train the model for MVI.




Above ground biomass measurement

Use Geospatial Foundation Models to measure above ground biomass for known land cover and vegetation species.



Flood and fire detection


Use geospatial model to detect fire tracks and floods leveraging data from NASA. Would enable stakeholders to quickly understand the impacts of flood and fire.



Activity based scope 3 estimation


Leverage LLM to ingest and understand invoice level data to categorize business activities and estimate carbon emissions generated by the business at a more granular level.

In pipeline




Assist: technician assistant

We are using a GenAI assistant trained on service manuals and work orders to give technicians the latest asset service info and generate repair workflows.




MAS onboarding assistant

We are training an LLM model to answer questions that arise in implementation that can guide clients about costs, effort and risks.



Envizi SRM assistant

The sustainability disclosure environment is complex. We hope to train a GenAI virtual assistant to help guide our users through the process.



Envizi sustainability assistant

Sustainability journeys can be complex and require digesting vast amounts of data. We hope to train a Gen AI model to assist our users in this journey.

Work Order Intelligence Problem Code Recommendations using watsonx

New GenAI feature recommends problem codes to assist with existing challenges faced by customers to address poor quality (or missing) work order data, impacting effective maintenance prioritization decisions as well as time spent on review and approval.

- AI model trained using long and short descriptions from a small set of related work orders
- Work Orders displays the AI recommendations for review/accept
 - Uses new IBM Design UI elements incorporated into Graphite
 - Provides confidence score of the predictions
- Work queue surfaces the top AI recommendation to accept
- Leverages watsonx

The screenshot displays the 'Edit work order' page in the IBM Maximo Application Suite. The main form includes fields for Description, Work type, Reported by, Asset and location, and Failure class. A modal window titled 'Recommendation' is open, showing a table of suggested problem codes with their descriptions and confidence scores. The table lists three options: VIB (Vibration, 60% confidence), NOI (Noise, 55% confidence), and PLU (Plugged/choked, 50% confidence). The 'VIB' option is selected. Below the table, there are 'Cancel' and 'Apply' buttons. A red box highlights the 'Problem code' field in the main form, which currently shows 'Unspecified'. Below this field, a link indicates 'Recommendation + 2 more' and a specific recommendation is shown: 'AI Vibration 60%'.

Problem code	Description	Confidence
<input checked="" type="radio"/> VIB	Vibration	60%
<input type="radio"/> NOI	Noise	55%
<input type="radio"/> PLU	Plugged/choked	50%

Include key words that explain what the work

Last updated 2/14/1024 1:00 pm

Hide long description

Edit Insert Format

↓ B I U ↺ sans-serif

Work type

CM

Reported by

Edward Smith

Asset and location

Asset

983763



Location

BR430



Failure class

PUMP



Specify a failure class and then select a problem code.

Recommendation

Select a recommended problem code.

Regenerate



Problem code	Description	Confidence
<input checked="" type="radio"/> VIB	Vibration	60%
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CancelApply

Problem code

Unspecified



Recommendation + 2 more

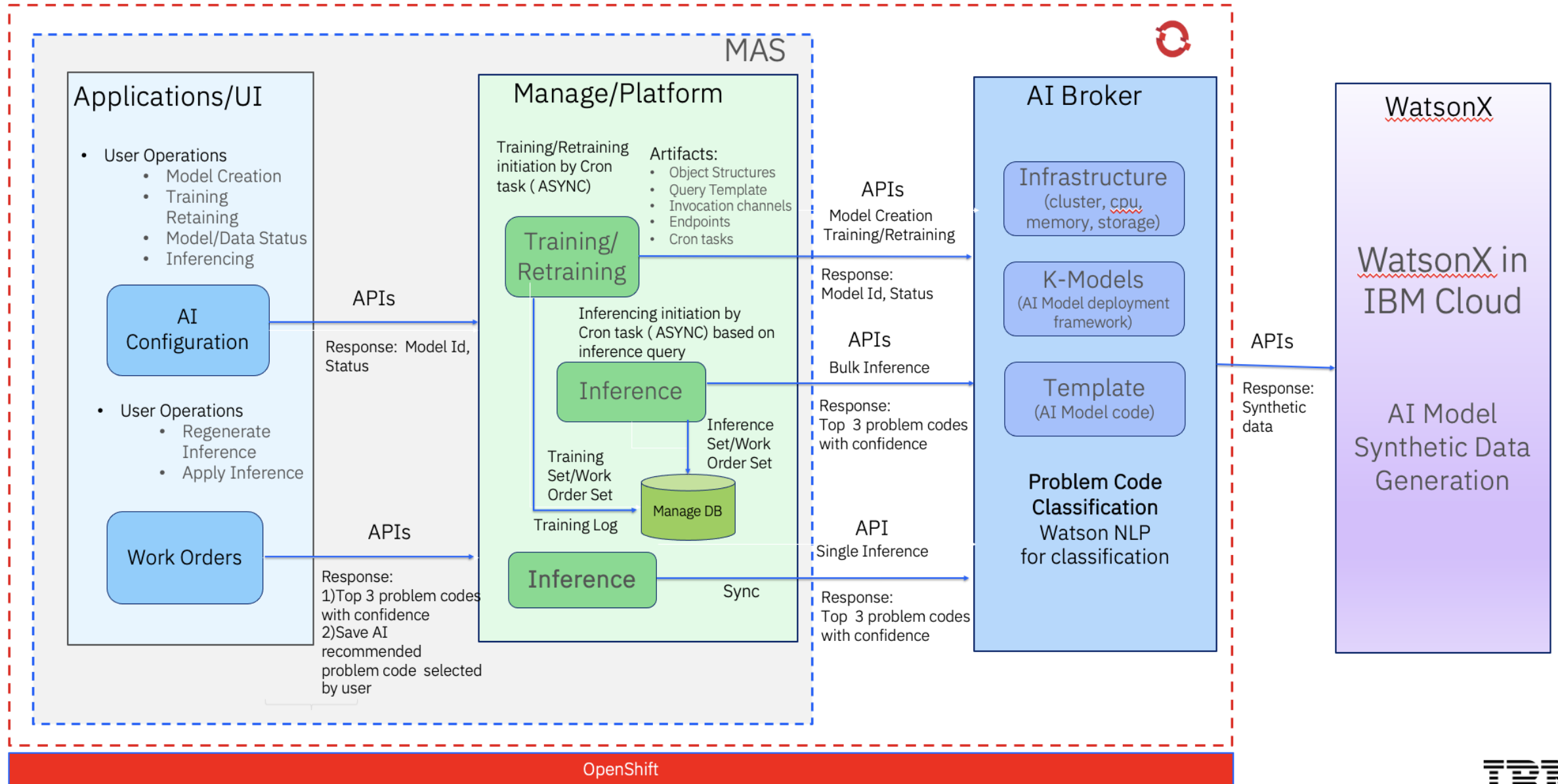


AI Vibration 60%

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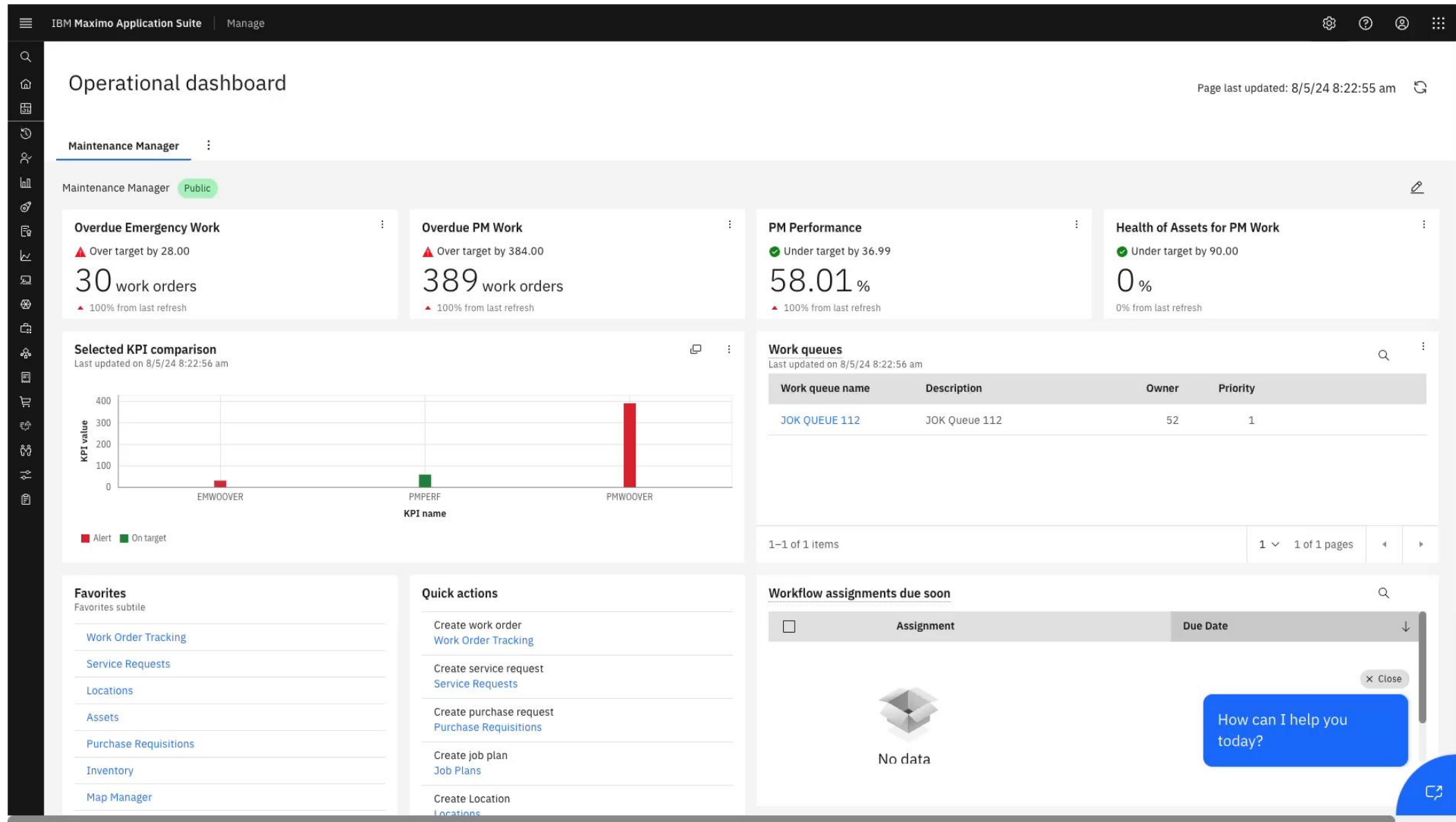
Cancel

Work Order Intelligence - Architecture



Conversational AI demo

Target delivery: Future



Maximo AI Assistant

Content Retrieval

- Quickly find and display hidden, relevant information from unstructured texts and data sets across all integrated Maximo systems using natural language prompts. Initial support for WO/SR/Assets.

Calculations

- Perform calculations based on natural language (i.e. Count, Sum, Max/Min, Frequencies) to support further analysis

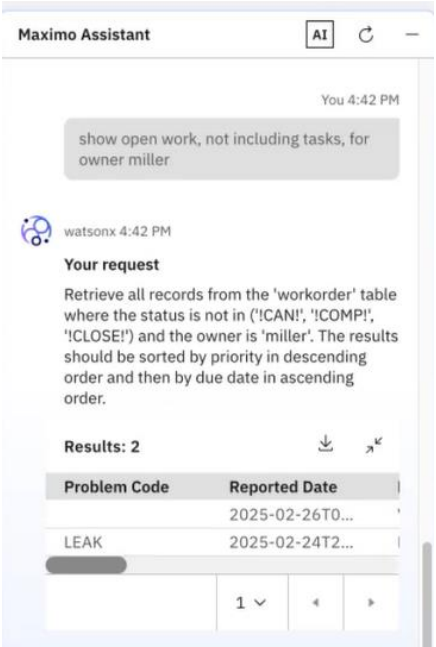
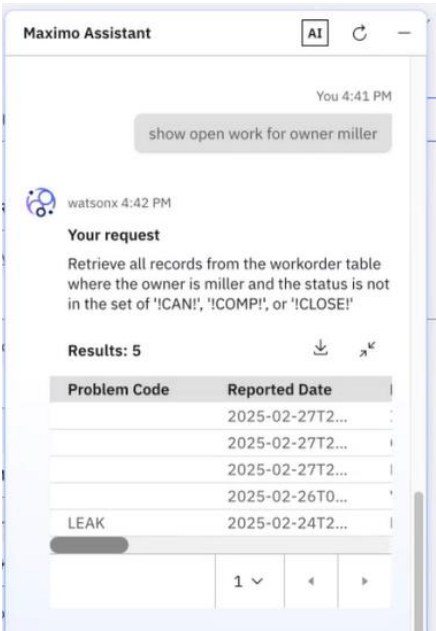
FUTURE (9.1+)

Summarizations

- Capture key points and overviews by transforming large amounts of domain-specific texts and data into summaries

Workflow Automation

- Automatically recommend and guide the execution of next steps related to human-entered tasks and goals



Result

Retrieve all records from the workorder table where the owner is miller and the status is not in the set of 'ICANI', 'ICOMPI', or 'ICLOSE!'

Results: 5

Job Plan	Asset	Task?	Site	Owner	Priority	Work Order	Failure Class	Status
	11555	true	BED...	MILLER	2	T1104	PUMPS	WAPPR
		false	BED...	MILLER	5	2009		WAPPR
POUTPR	11555	false	BED...	MILLER	6	1217	PUMPS	WAPPR
	11555	true	BED...	MILLER	2	T1108	PUMPS	WAPPR
	11555	true	BED...	MILLER	2	T1141	PUMPS	WAPPR

1-5 of 5 items

Result

Retrieve all records from the 'workorder' table where the status is not in ('ICANI', 'ICOMPI', 'ICLOSE!') and the owner is 'miller'. The results should be sorted by priority in descending order and then by due date in ascending order.

Results: 2

Job Plan	Asset	Task?	Site	Owner	Priority	Work Order	Failure Class	Status
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Uncover lease information using GenAI



Query unstructured source documents to uncover lease details not normally abstracted during the lease abstraction process



Improve accuracy of data already abstracted by using AI to validate lease data entered in MREF



Save time and money leveraging Gen AI to assist with lease abstraction activities

Search Leases

Select a Lease

Lease Agreement dated 09_18... ▾

Sample Questions

How is the commencement date determined?

What is the square footage of the rental?

Provide a list of the annual rate per square foot and the monthly base rent for all periods starting from CD

Lease File: Lease Agreement dated 09_18_2012.pdf

Lease Type: Lease

Landlord: ██████████ LLC

Tenant: ██████████ Inc.

Assignor: Not assigned

Enter your question










Can the tenant have early access to the premise?

Summary Context

Yes, the tenant can have early access to the premises, evidence of compliance with insurance obligations, and for paying for any other Building services requested dated 09_18_2012.pdf", page_numbers: [7, 7, 7])

Maximo Application Suite

Best-of-class
capabilities to
provide complete
view of enterprise
assets

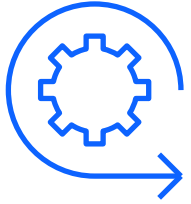
 Manage Intelligent Asset Management	 Monitor Monitor and Detect Anomalies	 Health 360 View of Assets
 Predict Predictive Failures	 Visual Inspection AI-Powered Insights	 Schedule Schedule Work and Resources
 Mobile Technician Work Execution	 Assist Prescriptive Assistance	 Safety Actionable Insights for Worker Safety

IBM Cloud Pak for Data | IBM Watson Studio | IBM Watson ML

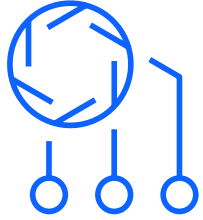


Key benefits of IBM Maximo Visual Inspection

Fast, easy, accurate



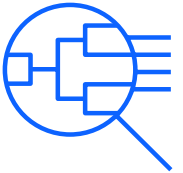
Point-and-click AI model building – in just a few hours



Process automation



AI-powered insights at scale



Real-time quality assurance – “error proofing”



Improve efficiency & performance of assets – Maximo integration

The Great Belt Bridge, Denmark



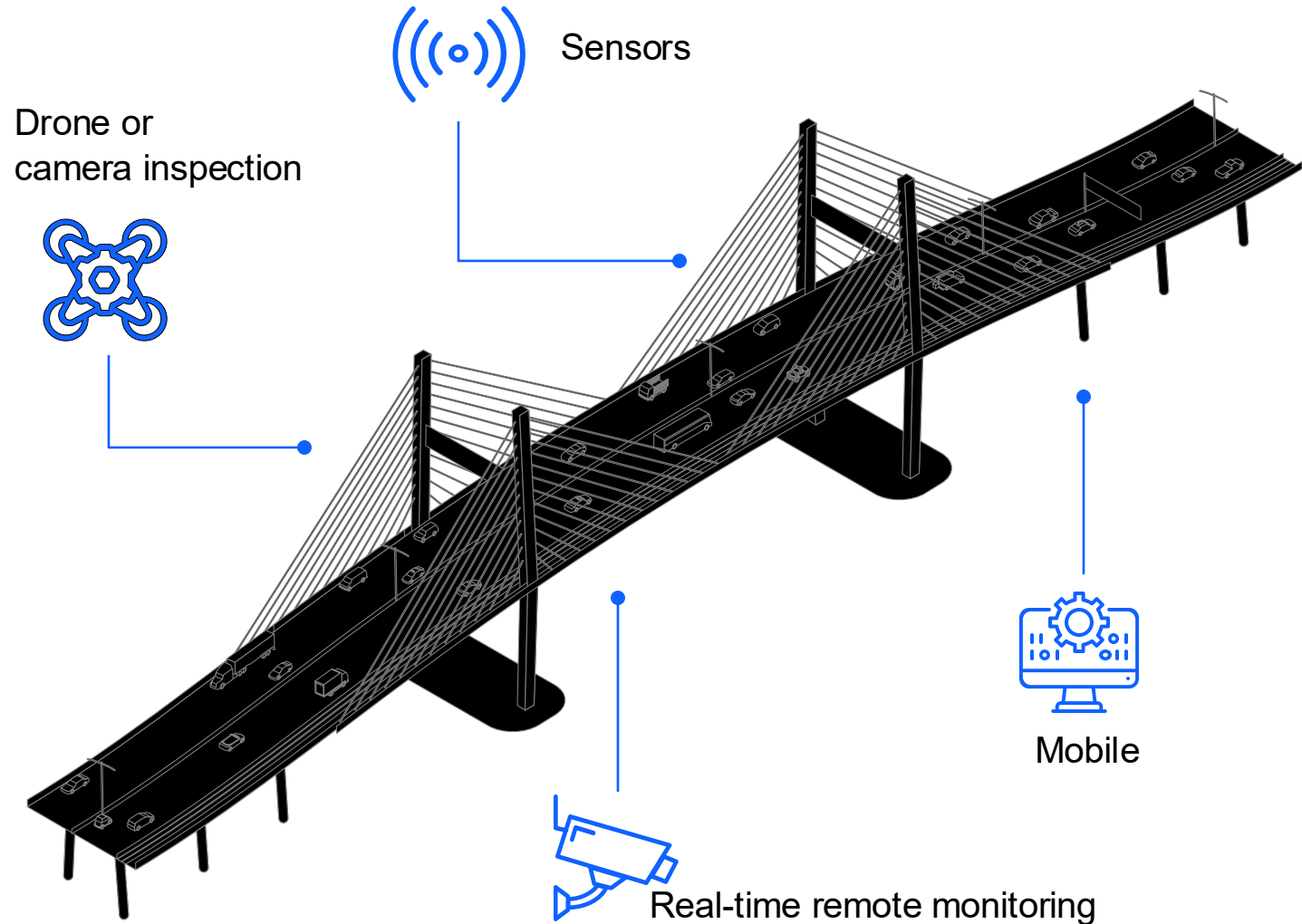
Modernized Civil Infrastructure Inspection

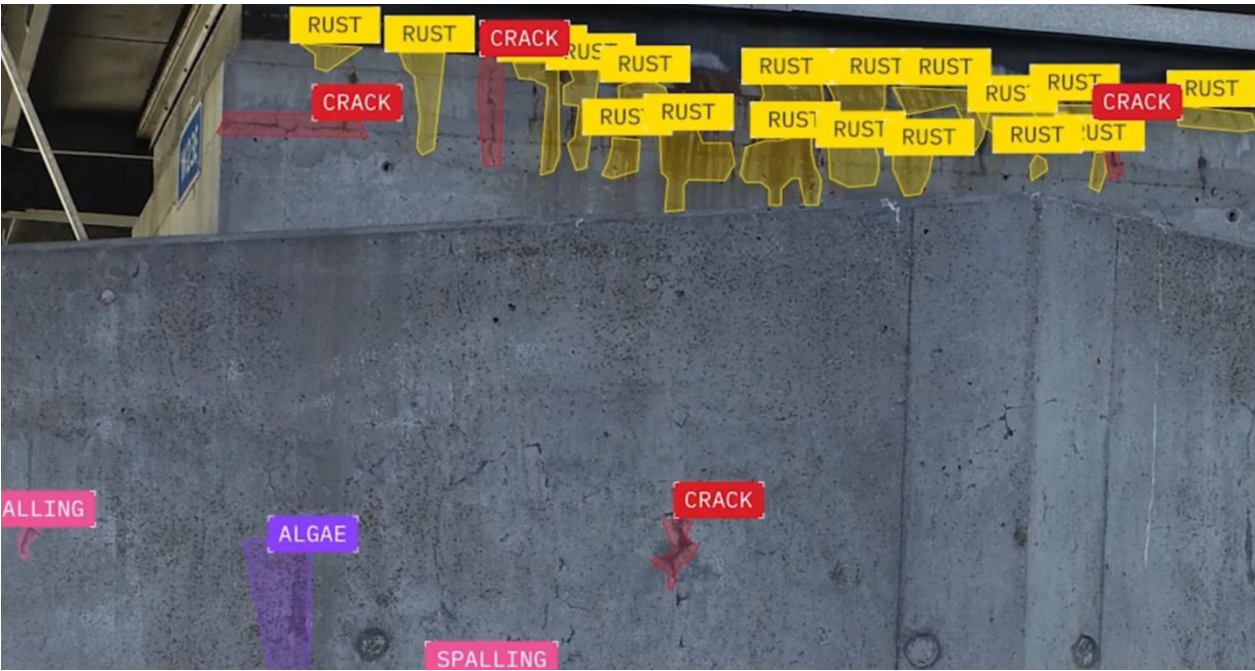
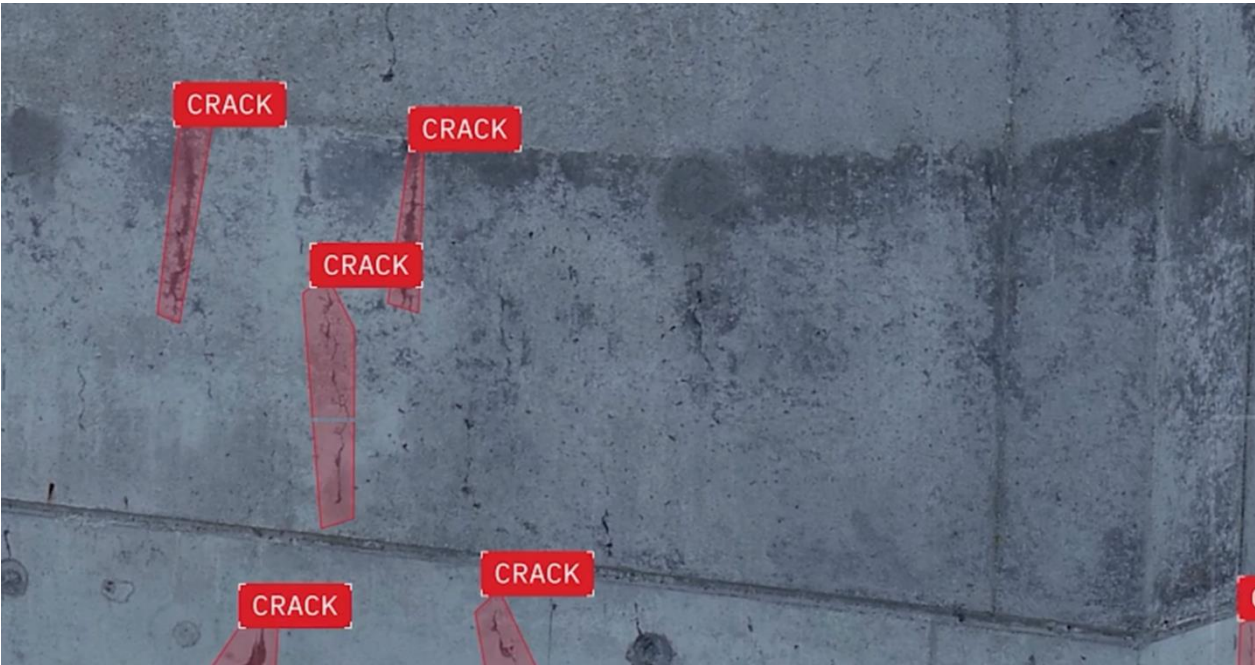
Reduce manual inspections

Deliver consistency and accuracy with minimal human effort and risk

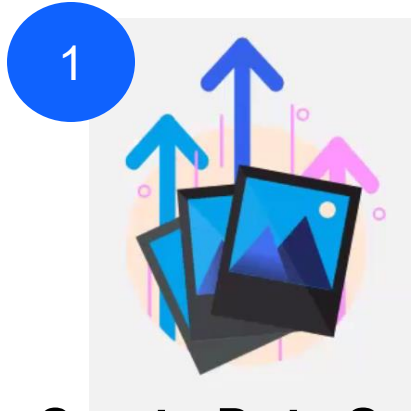
Improve speed and precision

High-resolution AI immediately identifies cracks on large surface areas





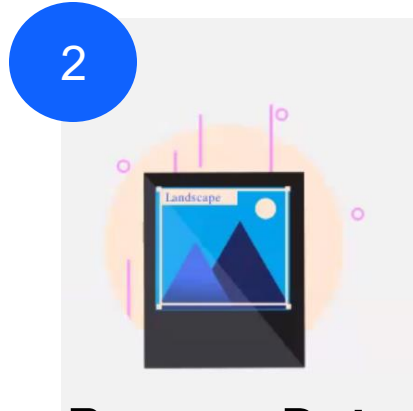
AI Model training and execution with Maximo Visual Inspection



Create Data Set

Collect example images around:

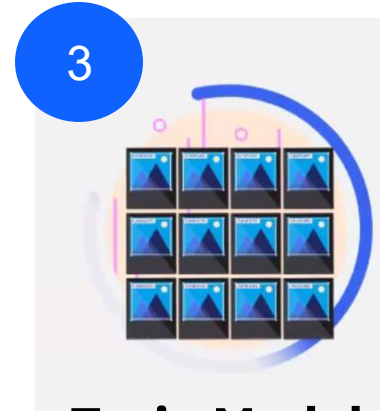
- **Insulators:** cracked/broken skirts, missing cotter pins, flash-over damage, etc.
- **Structures:** rust, missing bolts, rot, missing top plates, damaged guys, damaged or missing guy protectors, etc.
- **Conductors:** broken strands, damaged wraps, rust, etc.



Prepare Data

Import images and click to:

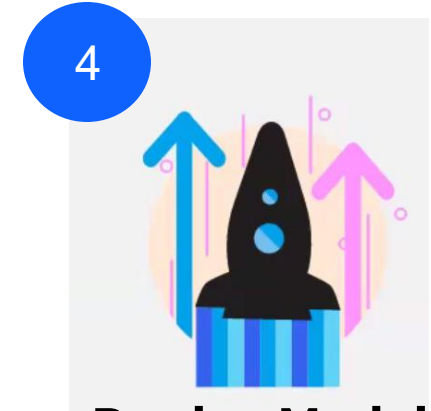
- Assign categories to images
- Label objects within images



Train Model

Click to create a model:

- Object Detection
- Image Classification
- Anomaly Detection



Deploy Model

Real-time Processing or Batch Processing using:

- IP Cameras
- Image Folder
- Video Folder

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Woonsocket, Winter Street

3411 - 872406

Vitrified Clay Pipe Circular 12

● Crack



jetbridge_connected

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beltloader_baggage

employee

Maximo Visual Inspection Mobile



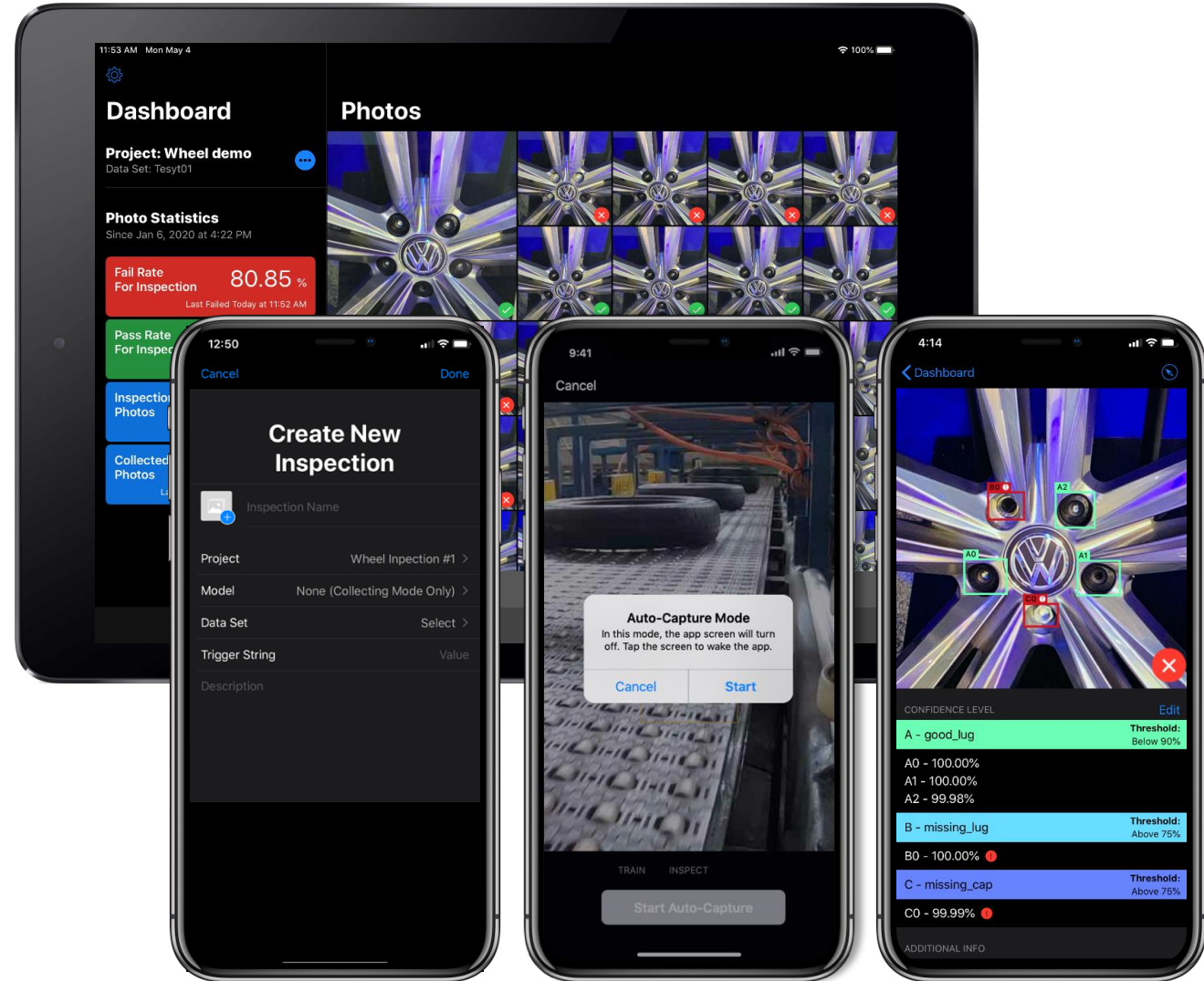
All-in-one:
compute, camera, 5G



Speed to value:
Capture, train, prove



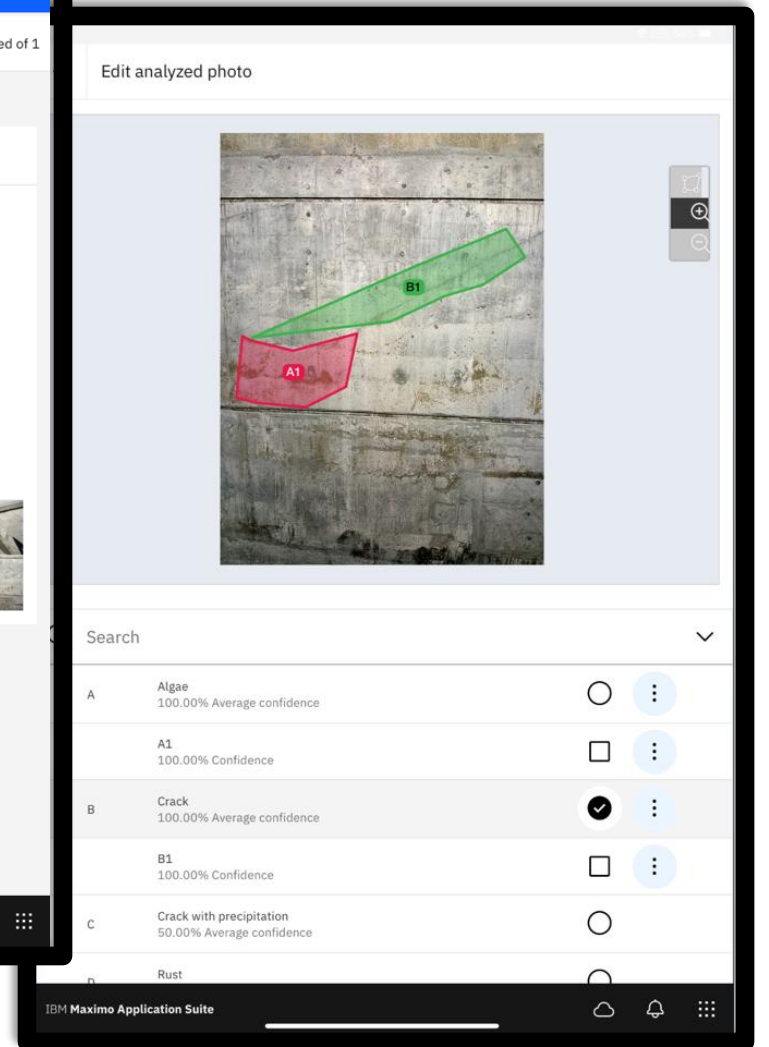
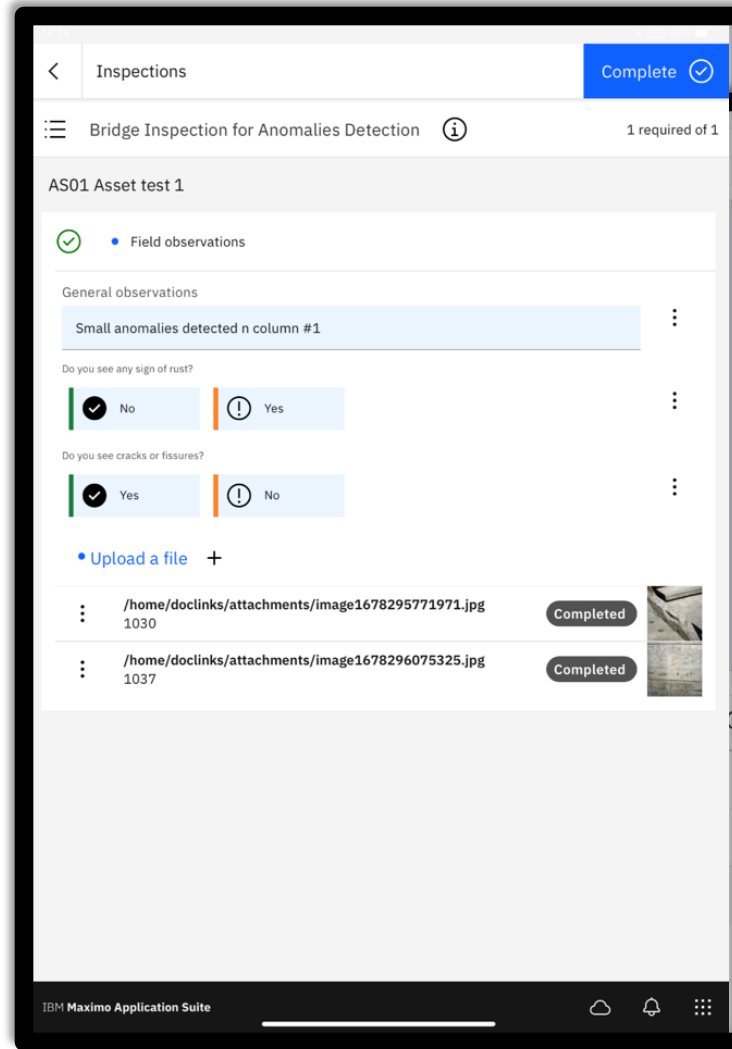
Integration with model
training platform; perform
inferencing at the edge



Mobile Inspections in MAS

Functionalities:

- Integration Maximo Visual Inspections with Maximo Mobile
- Add automated visual inspection to an asset inspection workflow
- Performs inferencing remotely, allowing the flexibility to run on a wide variety of mobile devices



The path to value – quality inspection

Stop defects at the point
of installation



Reduce defects and
expensive rework costs

\$10,000s daily

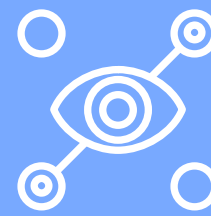
Quickly react
to change



Dynamically update
AI models

In seconds

Reduce manual
visual inspection



Improve quality
inspection consistency

Accurate 24/7

Improve production
and assembly quality

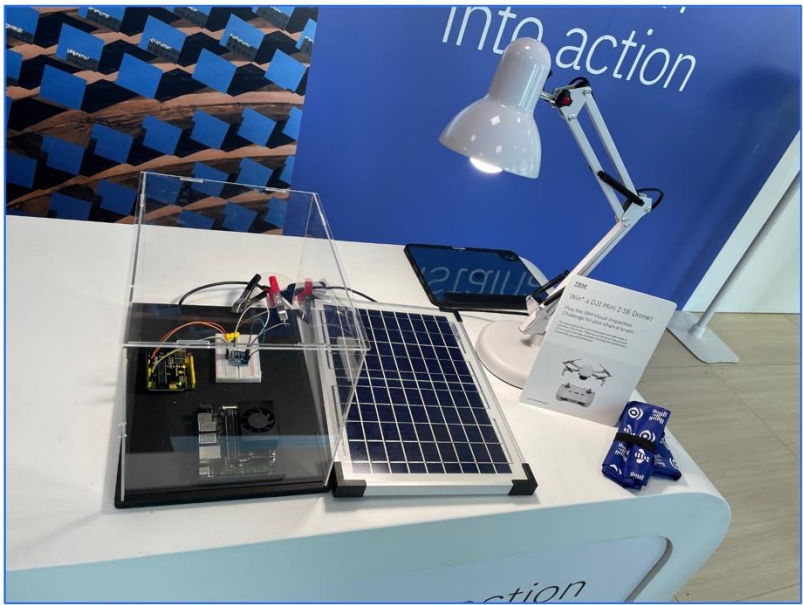
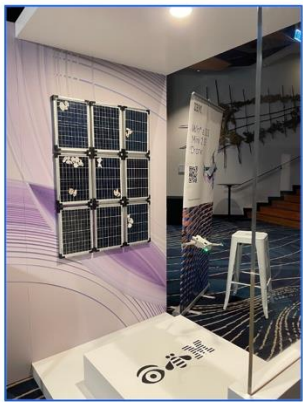
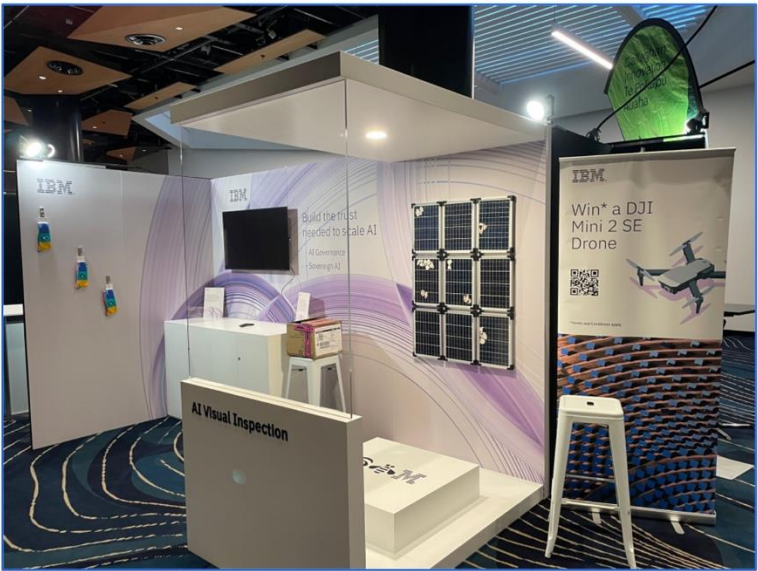


Increase
revenue

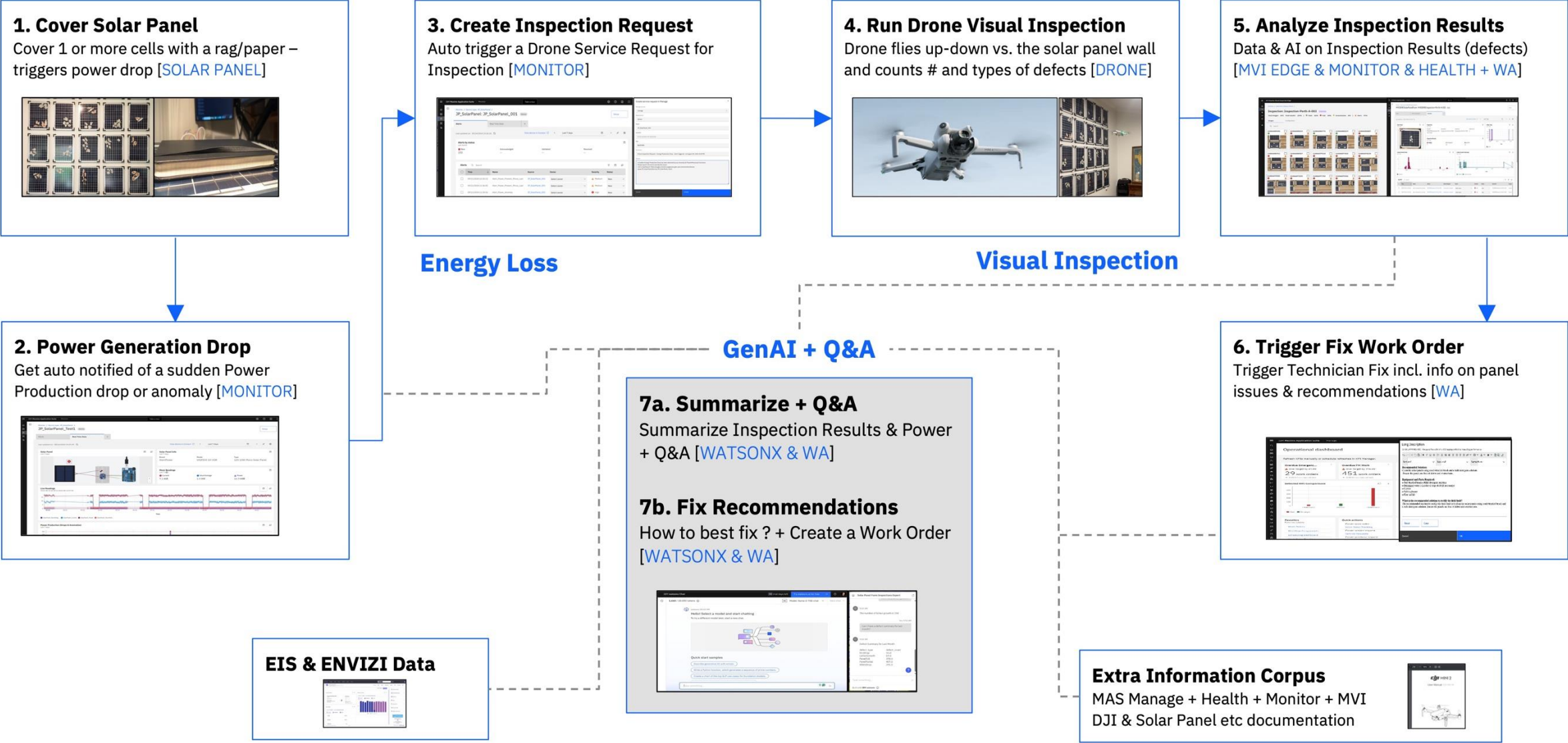
By millions \$

ROI measured in weeks/months

From Drone to Fix – Solar Farm Inspection – The Setup



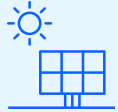
From Drone to Fix – Solar Panel Farm Inspection – Overall DEMO Flow & Stories





IBM Maximo Renewables

IBM Maximo Renewables is an AI-powered SaaS platform that **collects plant data**, **applies data science models** to identify **causes for underperformance**, and suggests **actions to increase generation**.



Solar

Utility-scale and
Distributed



Wind

Supporting all
major OEMs



Energy Storage

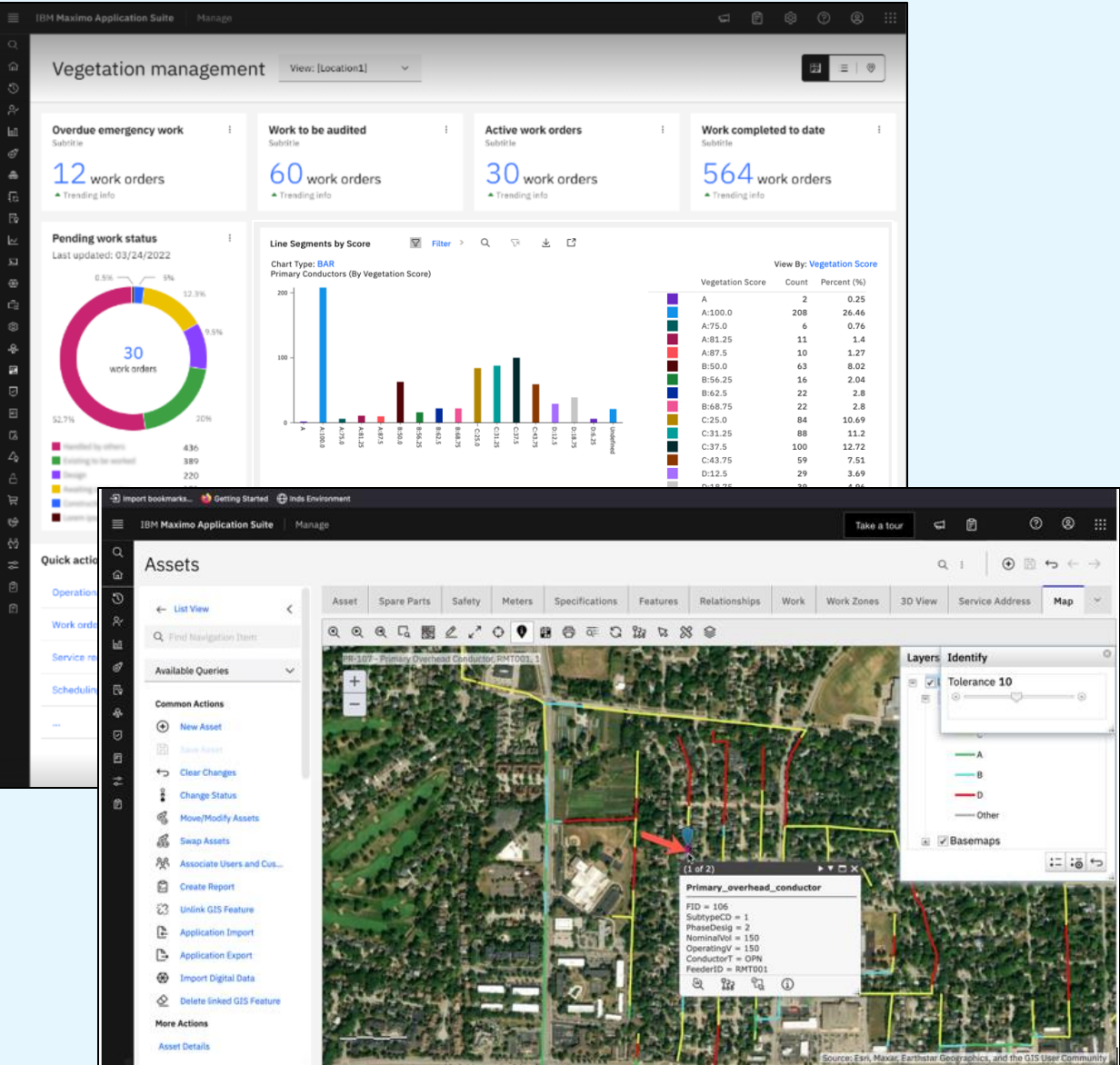
Supporting multiple
chemistries



Available Now

Maximo Vegetation Management Solution

From insights to execution



Structure Data

Handling a variety of huge complex data sources, gathered from different channels in different points in time. Common data types, in addition to the Customer's asset data, include ground inspection data, satellite imagery and LiDAR

Extract Insights

The second step is converting raw data into actionable insights. Characteristics like changes in tree height, canopy, tree size and tree size are crucial to vegetation management process. Efficient planning and execution requires a clear set of scores and KPIs to assist in planning and execution

Prioritize and Plan

The vegetation intelligence is mapped across the entire distribution enterprise, enabling crews to prioritize the work for the prioritized vegetation scored circuit, helping to optimize and enhance planning of tree trimming and felling activities.

Manage & Report

Managing tedious communication and manual reporting leads to management overhead and with the help of technology this overhead can be reduced. Dashboards with the exact status of work that is in progress, work completed and work remaining can be created.

Available Now

IBM Named an Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) Leader

IBM has been recognized as a market leader in [Enterprise Asset Management \(EAM\)](#) by the independent research and advisory firm **Verdantix**

IBM Maximo Application Suite (IBM Maximo)
receiving top marks in the new report

"[Green Quadrant: Enterprise Asset Management Software 2024](#)."

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Verdantix Green Quadrant: Enterprise Asset Management Software 2024



Source: Verdantix analysis

IBM is the only recognized leader across all segments

Verdantix Green Quadrant results



Connected Portfolio
Intelligence
Platforms (IWMS)



Asset
Performance
Management



Enterprise
Asset
Management



**“LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL NOT BECAUSE OF THE
THINGS WE SEE OR DO. LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE WE MEET.”**

Simon Sinek





