An aerial photograph of a dense forest of tall, thin trees, likely pines or firs, with a winding path visible through the canopy. The lighting is soft, creating a mix of bright green and deep shadows.

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AI, GenAI and Watsonx in Sustainability Software

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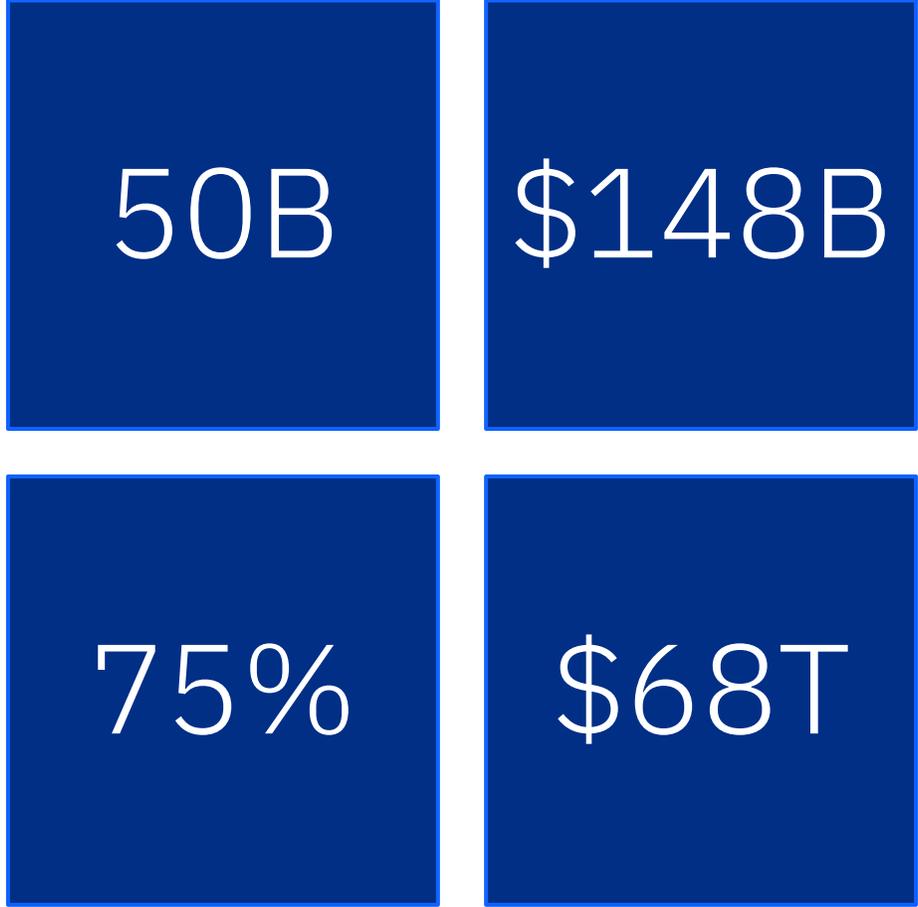
Program Director, IBM Sustainability Software



Agenda

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- How Foundation Models Work
 - GenAI in Sustainability Software (Maximo)
 - AI in Sustainability Software

Sustainability is a BIG problem



Sustainability Goals are
best accomplished when
they are in sync with key
Business Imperatives

My personal question ...

How can I,
How can we,
working for, in, with
companies
implement
sustainability
in action?



Where is the opportunity in sustainable operations?



Companies with a network of Physical Assets

- Reduce emissions
- Energy efficient facilities and assets
- Longer asset life
- Climate risk mitigation
- Regulatory compliance

20%–30%

Increased productivity



Companies with a large IT Infrastructure

- Reduce emissions
- Lower cost of IT
- Improved power utilization
- Regulatory compliance

30% in 6mo.

Reduced cloud and data center consumption



Companies with complex Supply Chains

- Enable track and trace
- Lower product carbon footprints
- Reduce fuel consumption
- Deliver sustainable sourcing
- Scope 3 emissions
- Regulatory compliance

52%

Reduction in expedited freight costs

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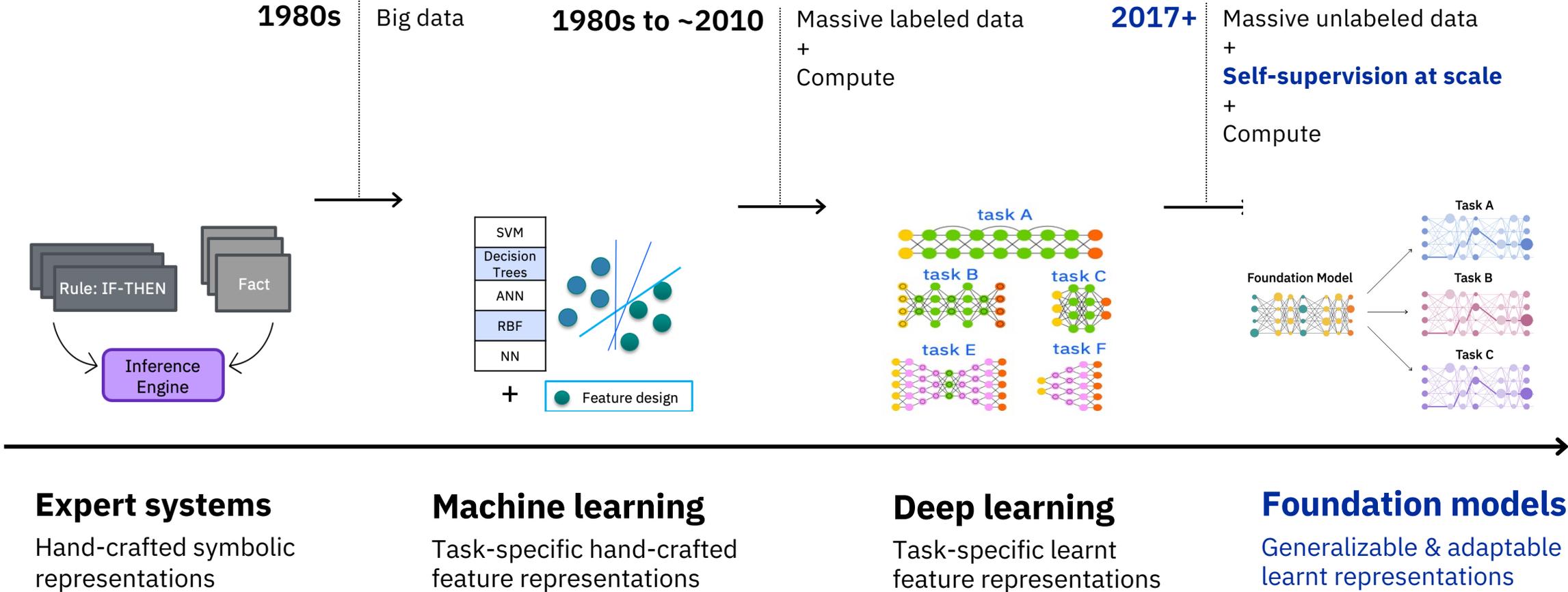
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How do
foundation
models
work?

Generative AI and foundation models

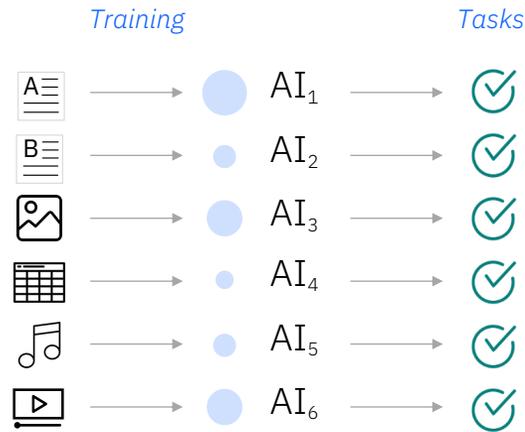
The story of AI is a story of data representations



Foundation models establish a new paradigm for AI capabilities

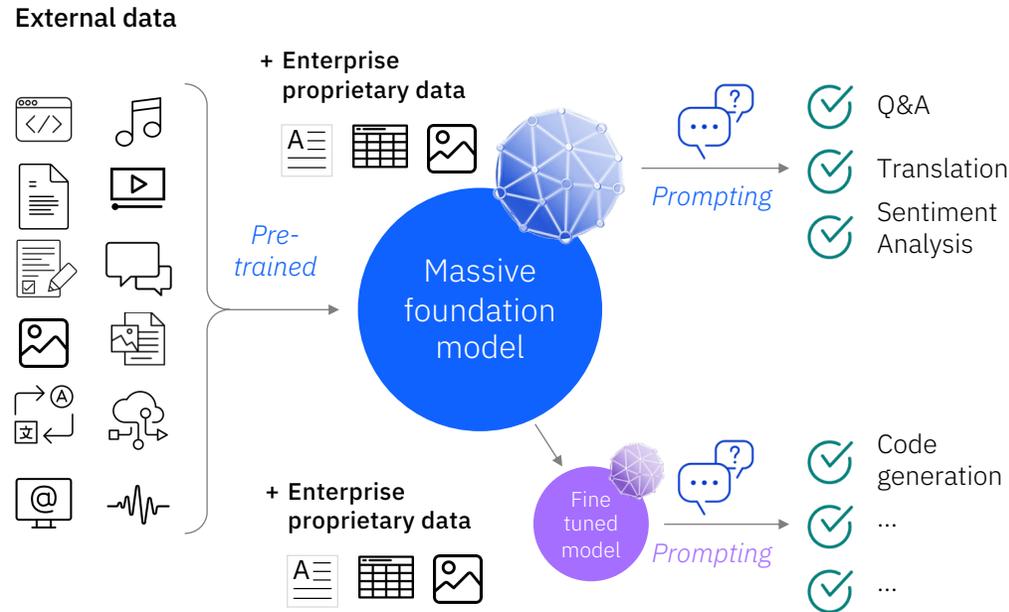
The impact of generative AI

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

Enhanced capabilities

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

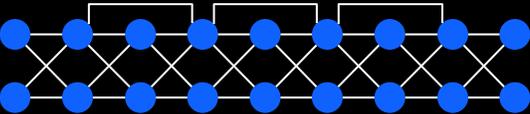
Key advantages

- 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

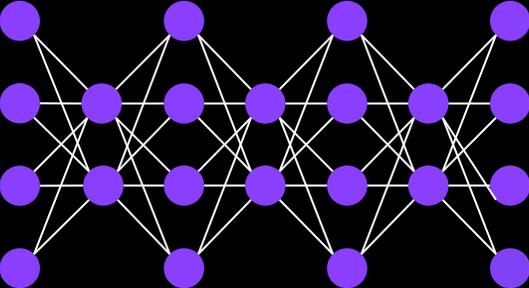
up to **70% reduction** in certain NLP tasks

Classical AI models: purpose-built and siloed

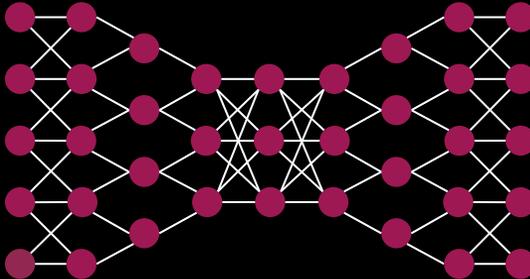
Translation



Summarization

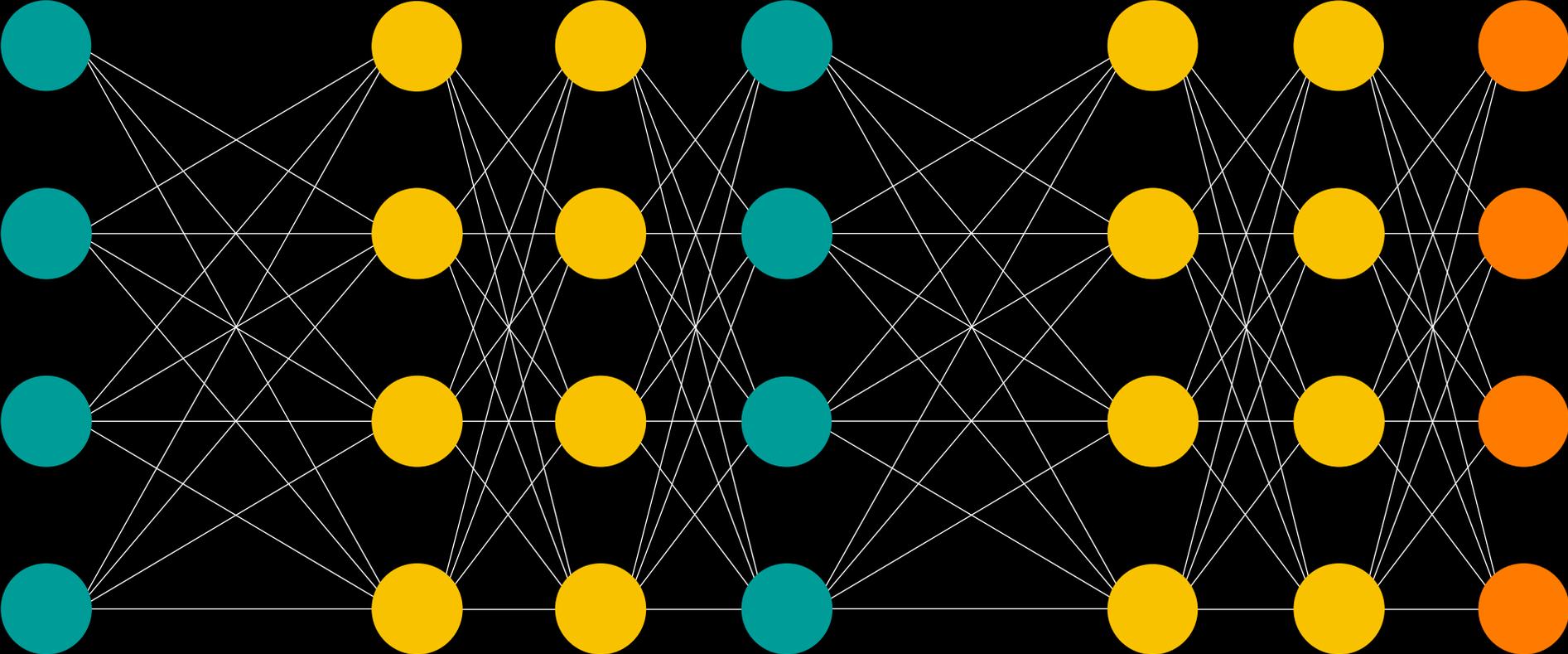


Question Answering



Each model performs a discrete task

Foundation models



Foundation model training: a lot of **unlabeled data** + a little **labeled data**

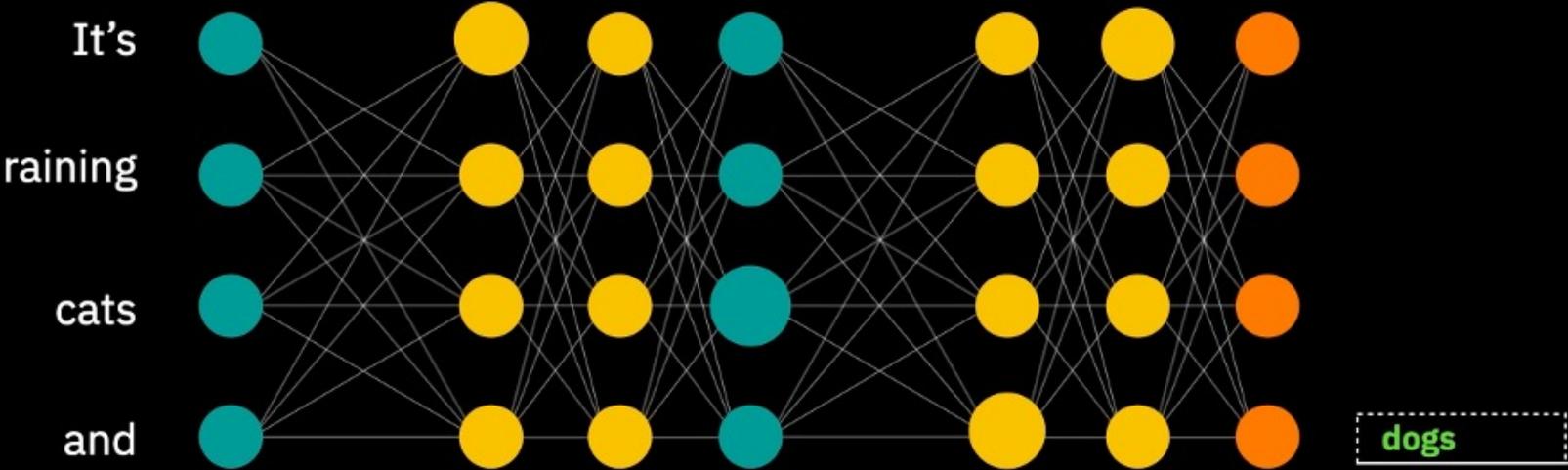


Unlabeled data for training:
100 billion sentences

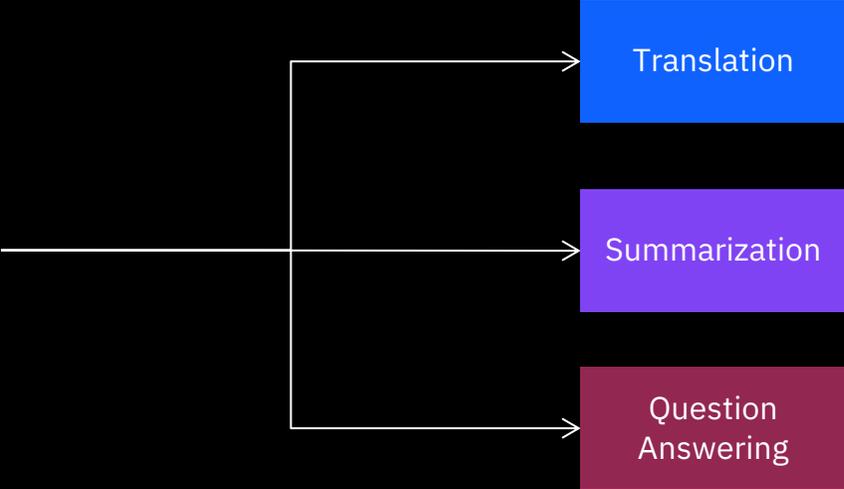
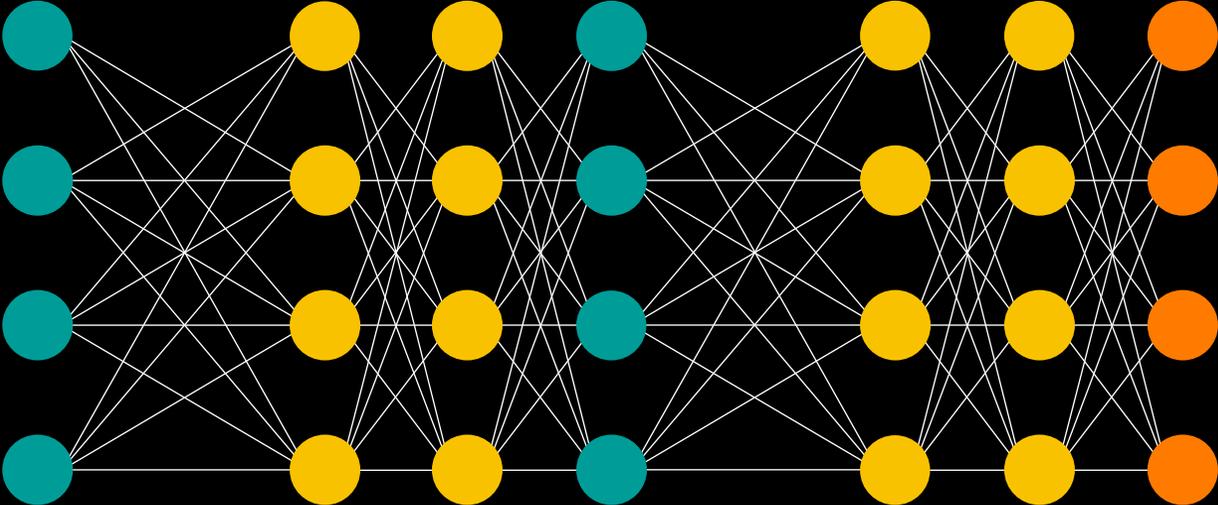
Labeled data for fine tuning:
1000 examples



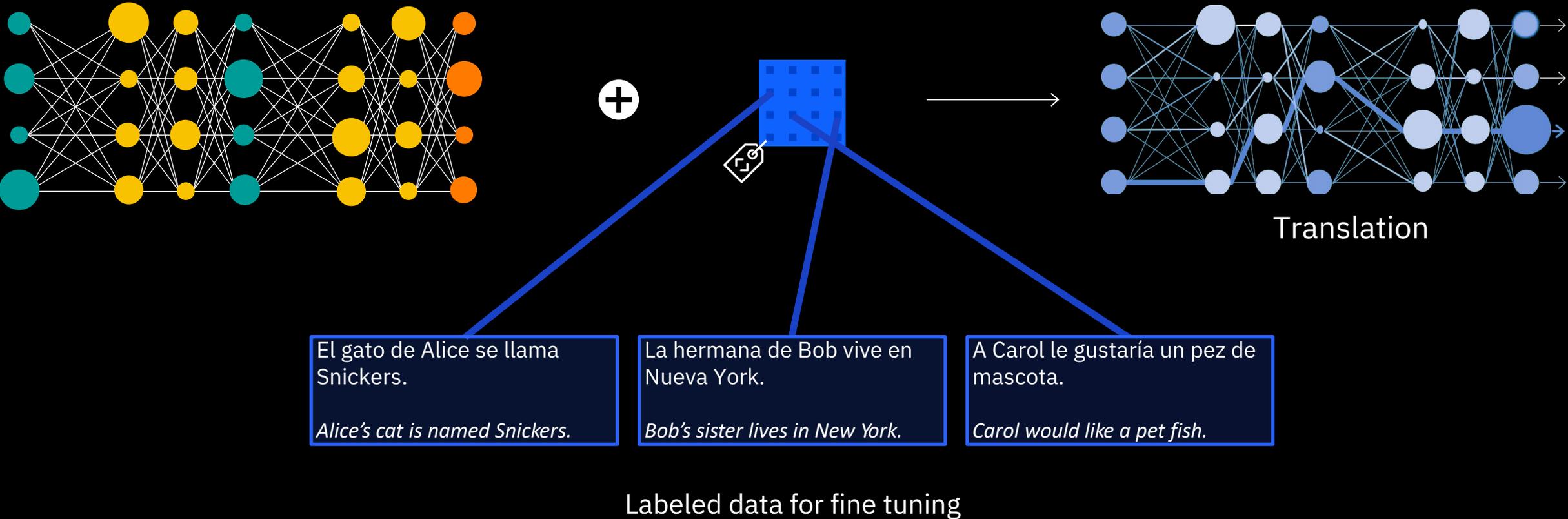
Training a foundation model: Self-supervision



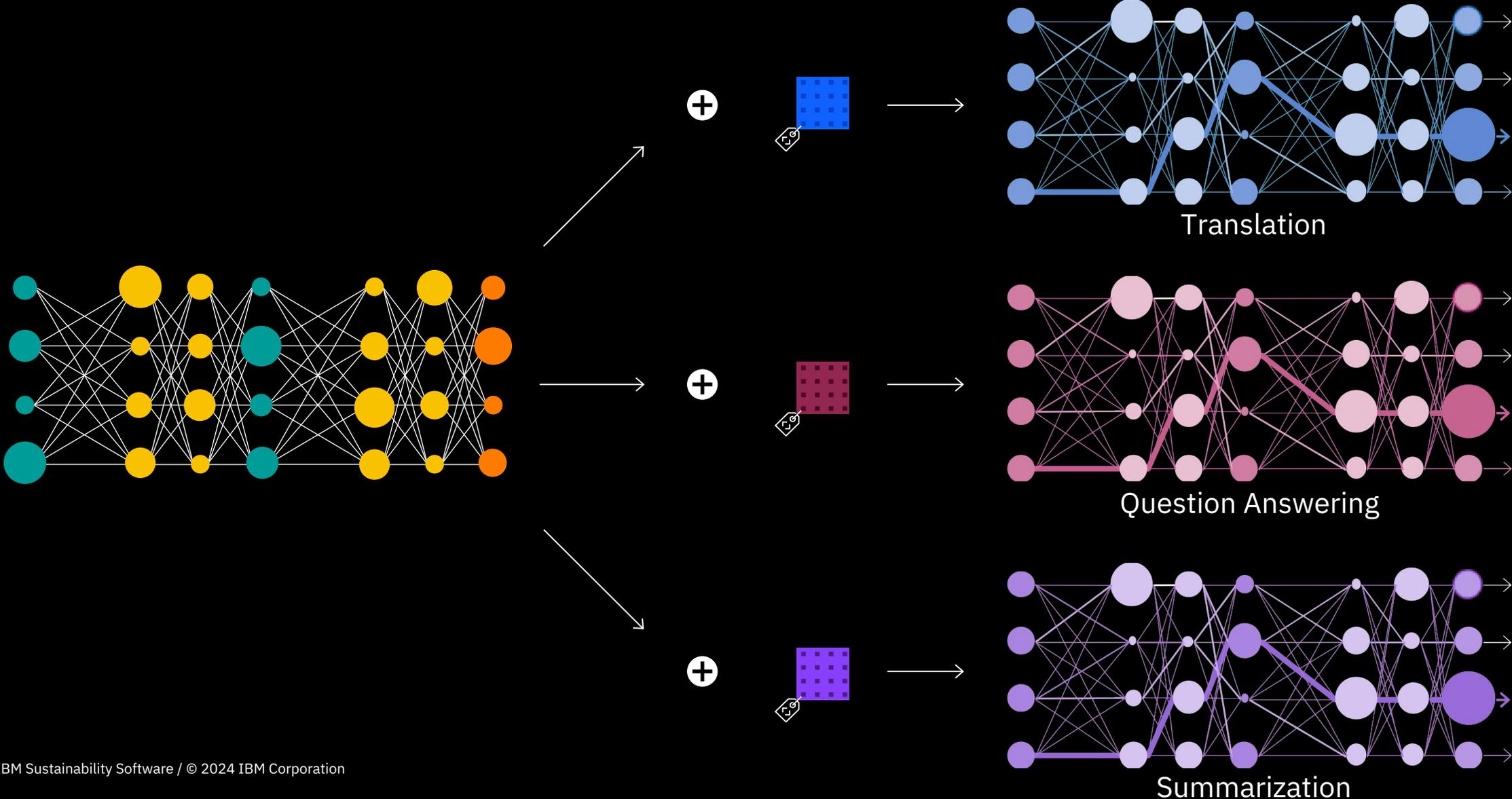
Foundation models



Fine tuning a trained Foundation Model



Fine tuning: One trained Foundation Model for many tasks

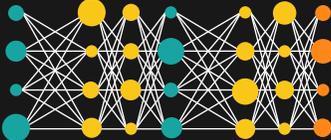


Foundation models: How do they work?

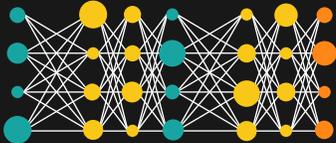
 Self-supervised training



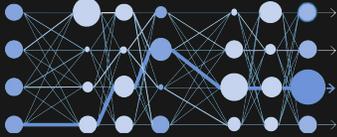
Foundation model



 Task-specific fine-tuning



+



Translation model

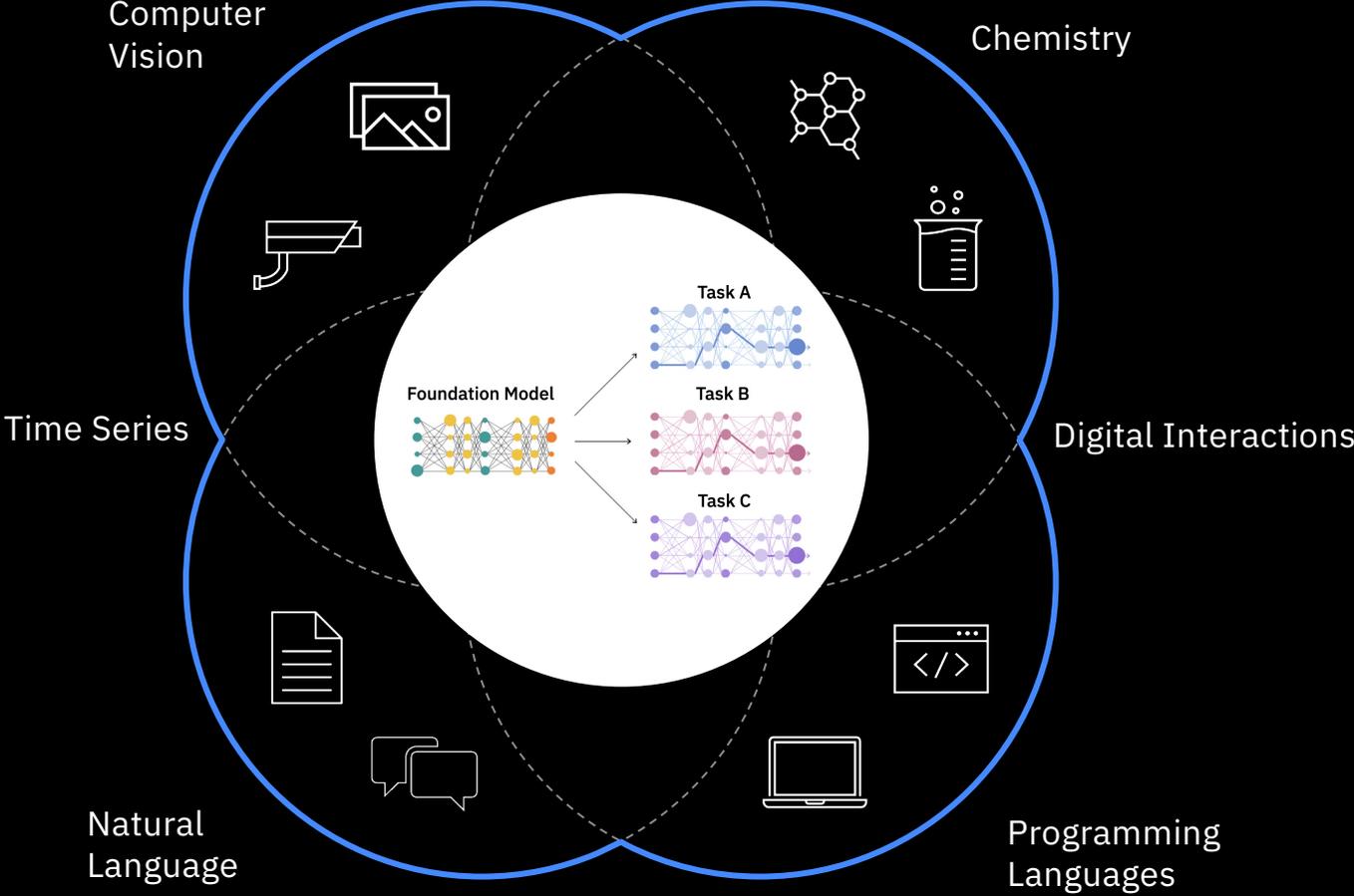


Summarization model



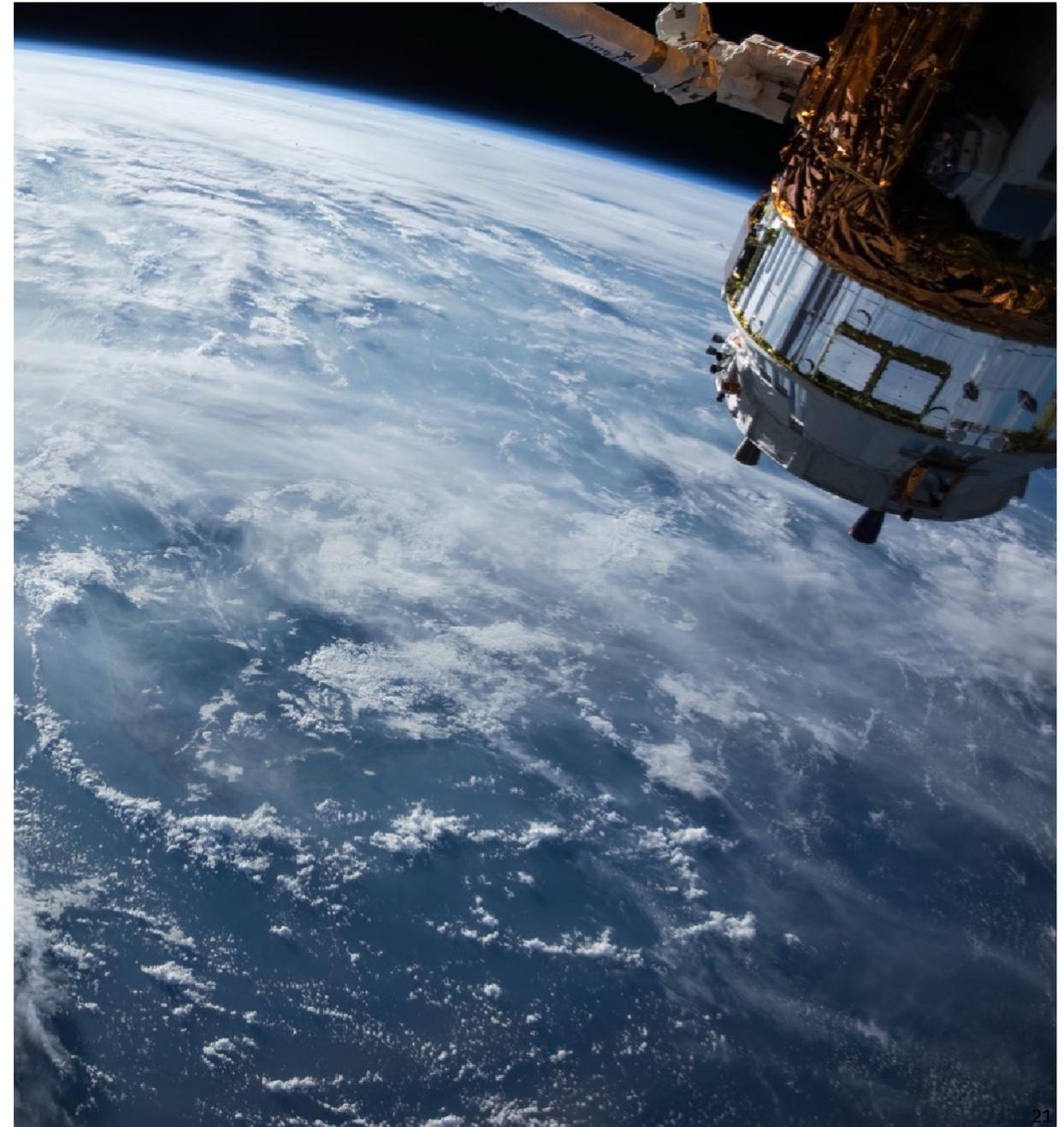
Answer finding model

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.

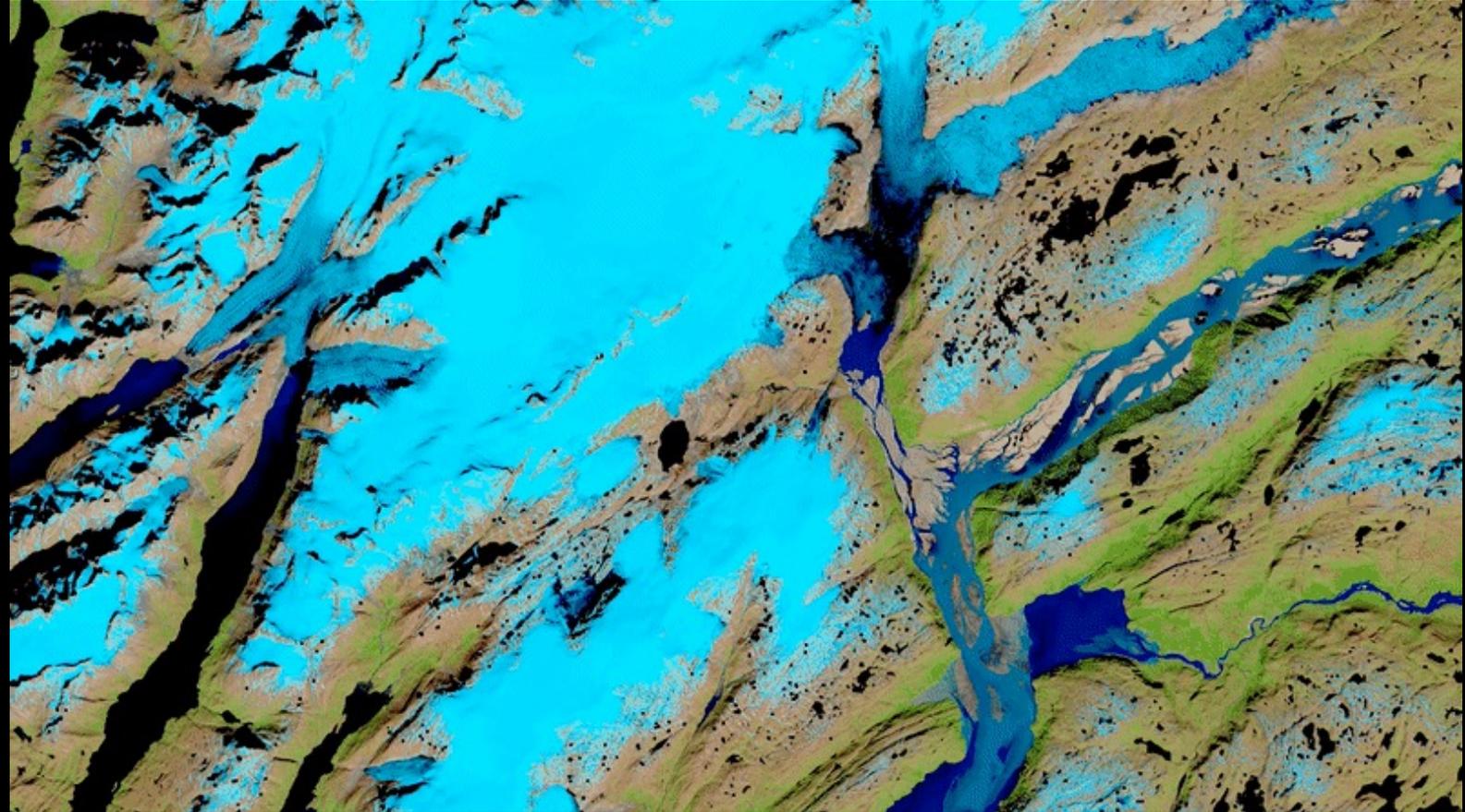


NASA - IBM Partnership

IBM's AI will now help
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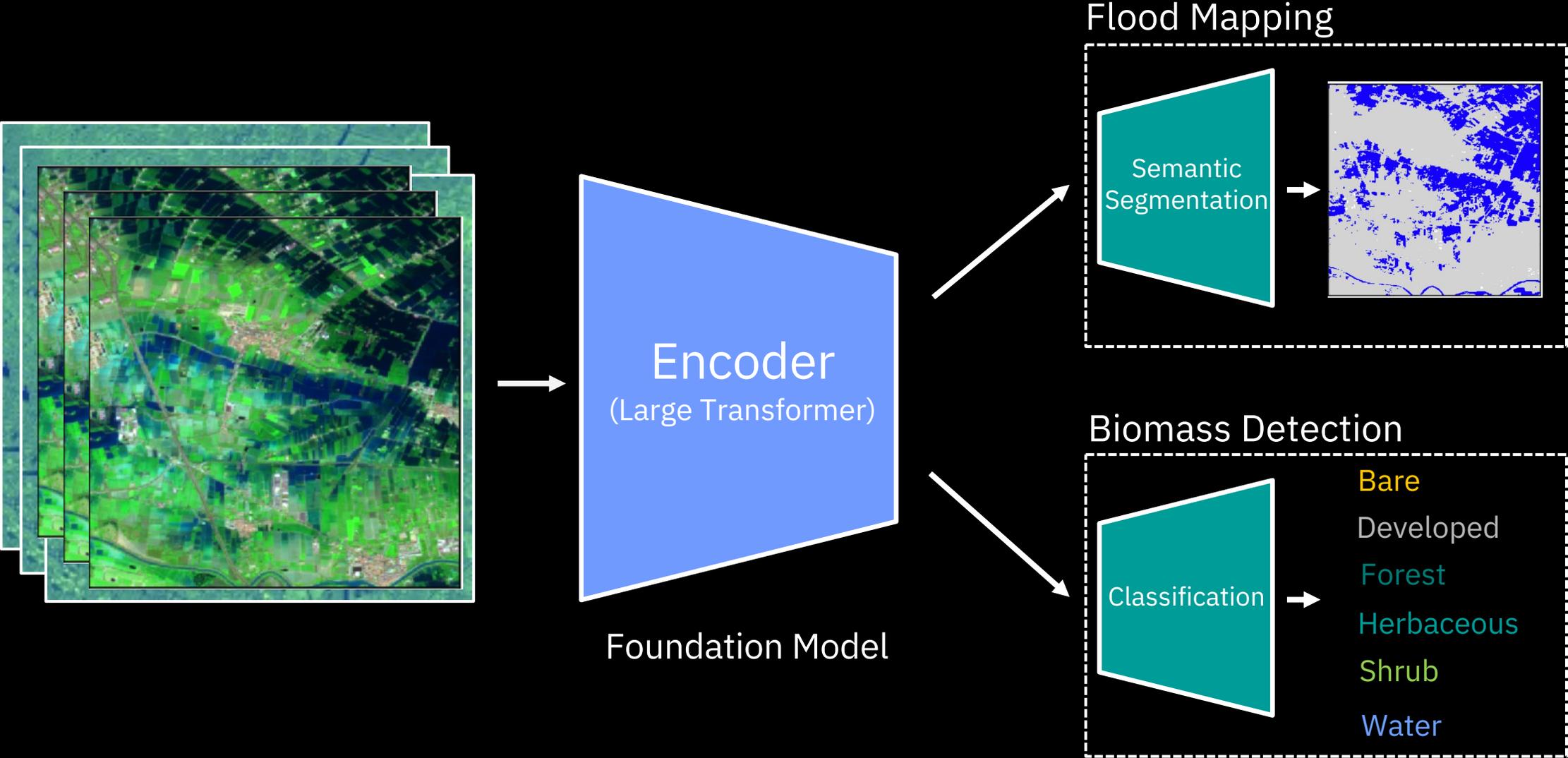
NASA partners with IBM
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NASA, IBM Join Forces to
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Climate Change
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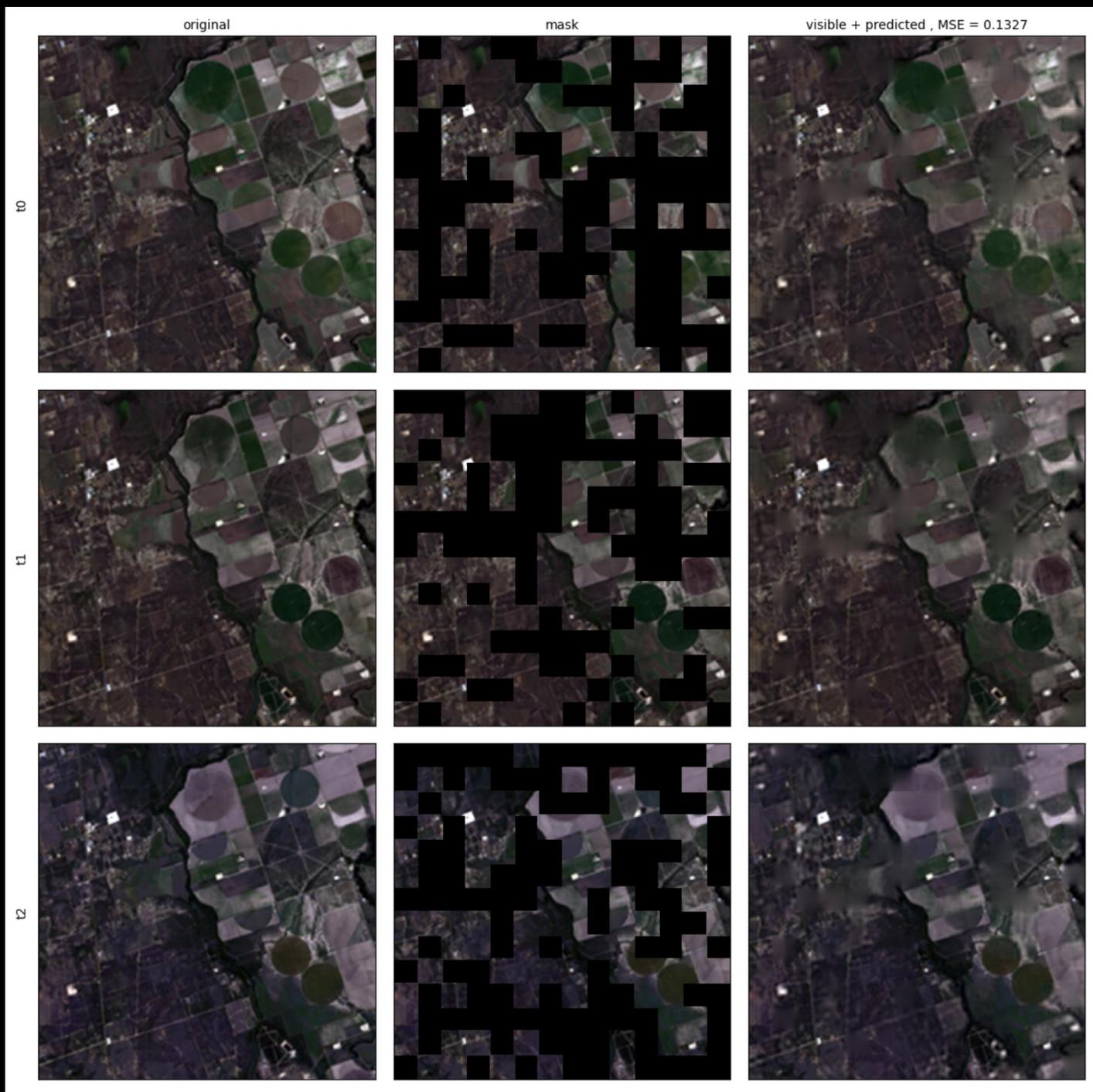


Short-wave infrared (SWIR) false color composite of glacial retreat near Innarsuit, Greenland from 2013 – present. (Source: NASA IMPACT)

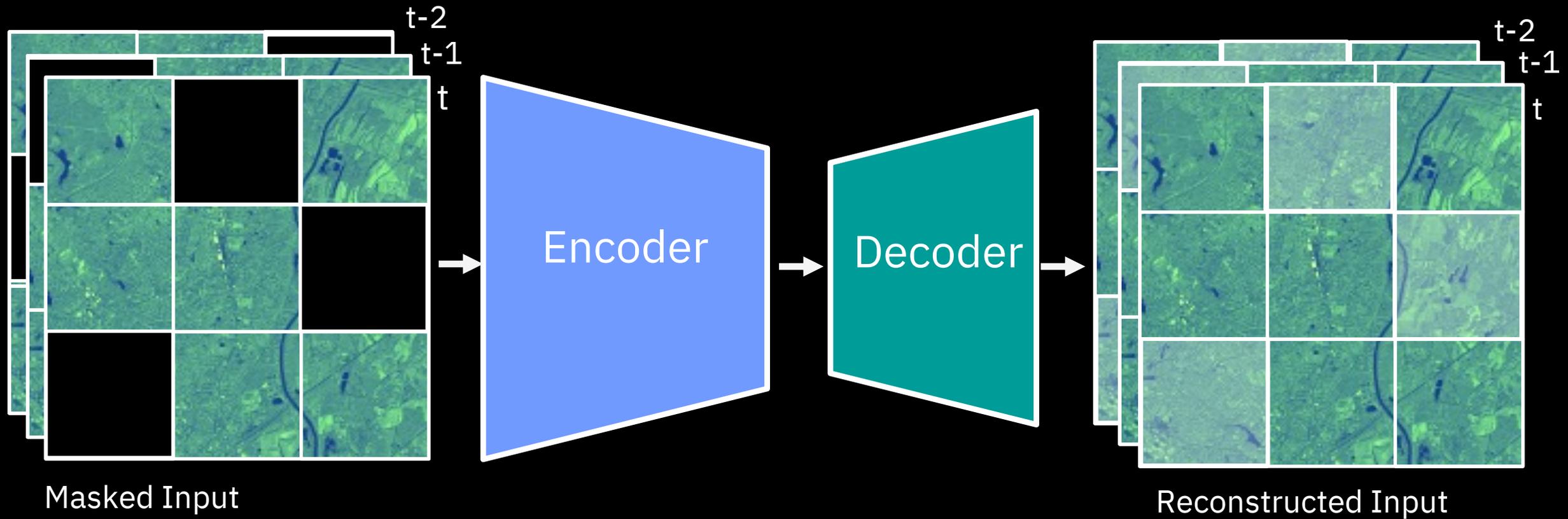
Fine tuning a trained Foundation Model



Geospatial Foundation Model Training Result



Training a foundation model: Self-supervision



Two core types of geospatial data relevant for sustainability

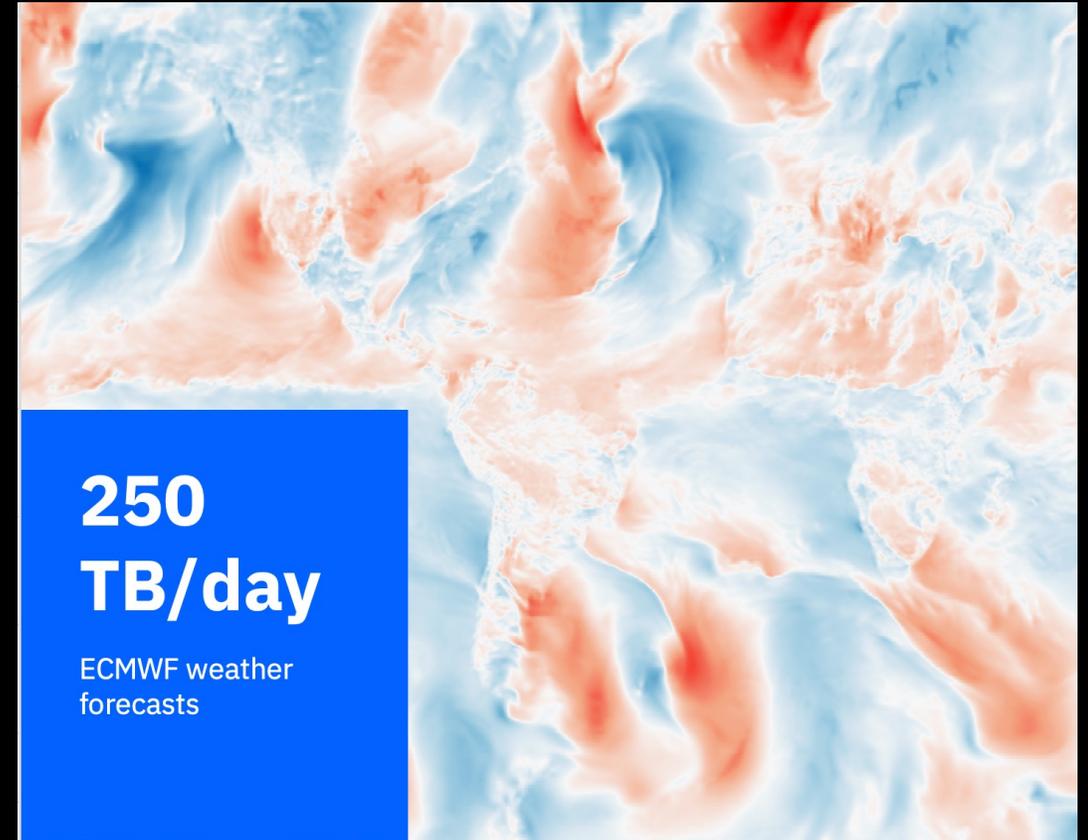
Satellite and aerial imagery

- Multimodal – images from multiple satellites representing different spectral bands



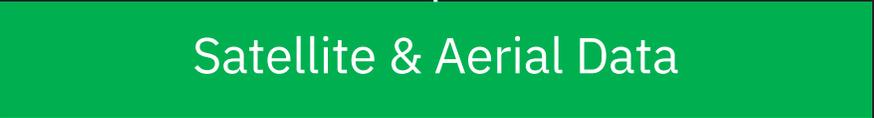
Weather measurements & forecasts

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

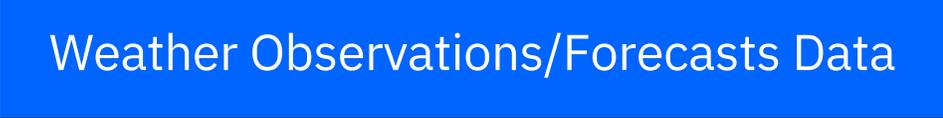
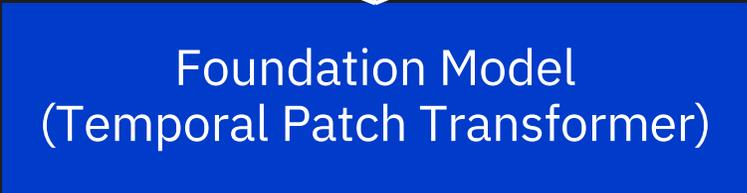


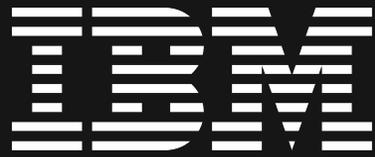
Foundation models for sustainability

Image Segmentation Use Cases



Weather Use Cases







Why NASA, IBM, And Hugging Face's Open Source Model Is A Big Deal

Ted Schadler, VP, Principal Analyst AUG 16 2023

What do you get when you combine an open source platform, a massive and critically useful dataset, and an ability to open-source an AI foundation model?

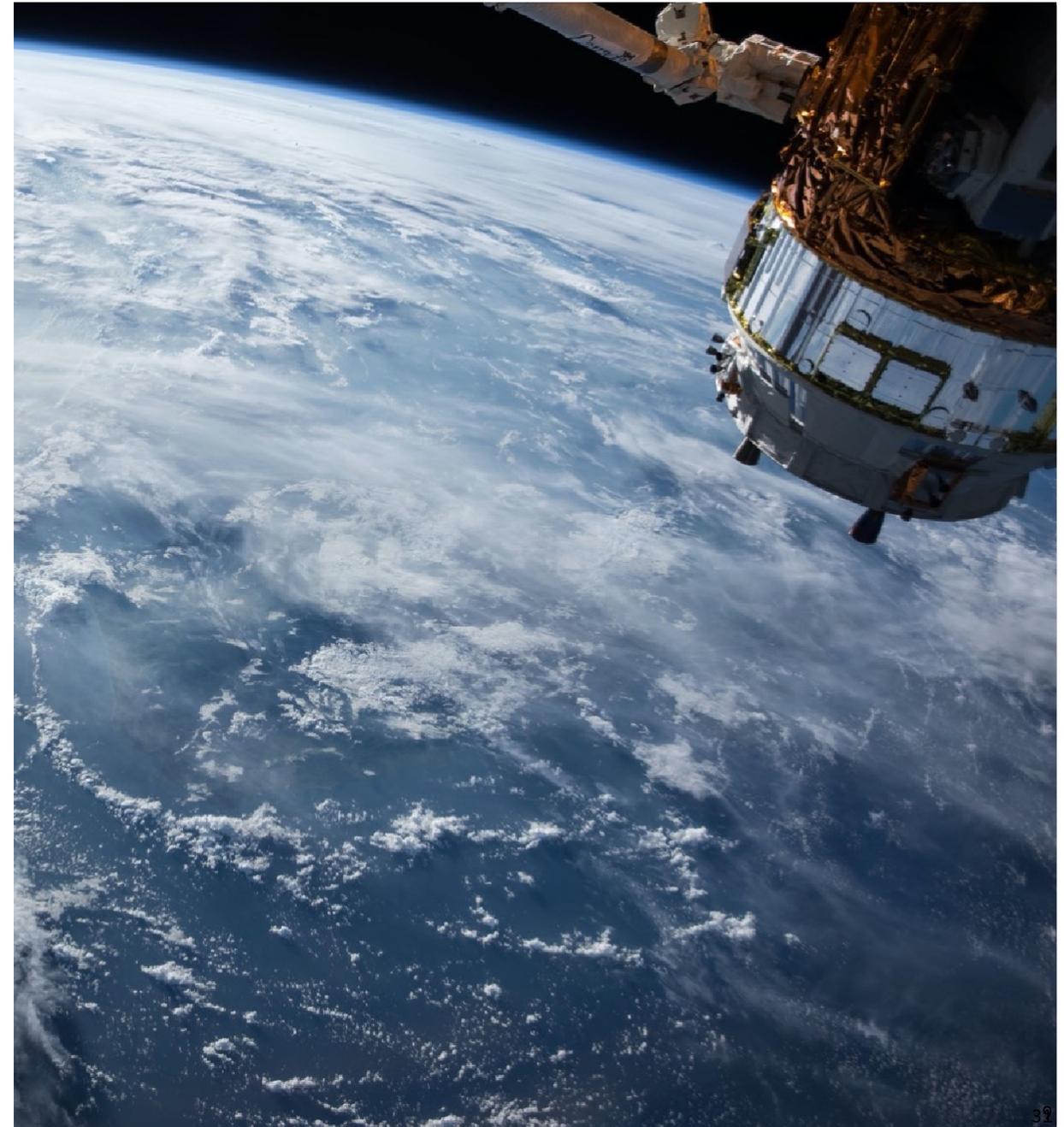
If you're NASA, IBM, and Hugging Face, you get a massive opportunity to make geospatial data available to all through an open source geospatial AI foundation model. We like this open source geospatial intelligence resource and commitment for three reasons:

Data is the lifeblood of AI

Harmonized Landsat Sentinel-2

Harmonized Landsat Sentinel-2 ([HLS-2](#)) provides consistent global observations of the land.

- Data available in [tiles](#), aligned with the Military Grid Reference System (MGRS).⁹
- Global [30m resolution](#) imagery every [2-3 days](#)
- Each tile has 3660 x 3660 pixels, corresponding to ~110 x 110 km.



Near Infrared (NIR)

In remote sensing applications, the near-infrared (NIR) band, together with the visible spectrum (RGB), [provide abundant information about ground objects](#)

Near Infrared (NIR) is a subset of the infrared band of the electromagnetic spectrum, covering the wavelengths ranging [from 0.7 to 1.4 microns](#). This wavelength is just outside the range of what humans can see and can sometimes offers clearer details than what is achievable with visible light imaging.

Short-wave infrared (SWIR)

defines a specific wavelength range over which optical and electronic components are designed and coated. SWIR imaging offers a number of advantages compared to visible when [used for inspection, sorting, surveillance, quality control, and host of other applications](#).

Short Wave IR (SWIR) is a subset of the infrared band in the electromagnetic spectrum, covering the wavelengths ranging [from 1.4 to 3 microns](#). This wavelength is not visible to human eyes and as a result can often offer a better image than what is achievable with visible light imaging

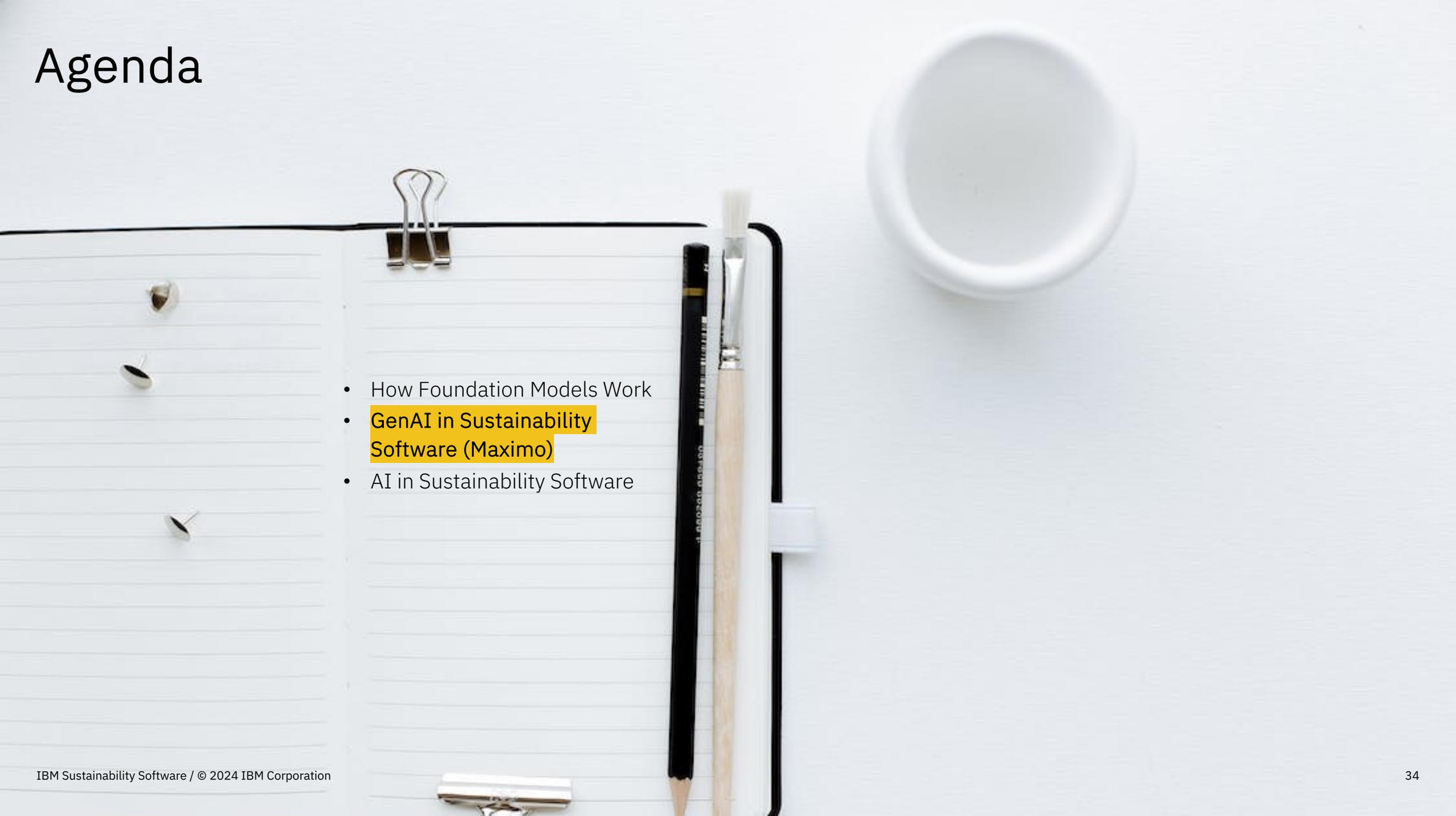
NIR and SWIR



This is also a great reminder to technology executives that you will incorporate many intelligences into your genAI-fueled applications. **Do not expect or plan to rely solely on a large language model from Microsoft or Google.** Most of the specific value will lie in these domain-specific genAI intelligences.

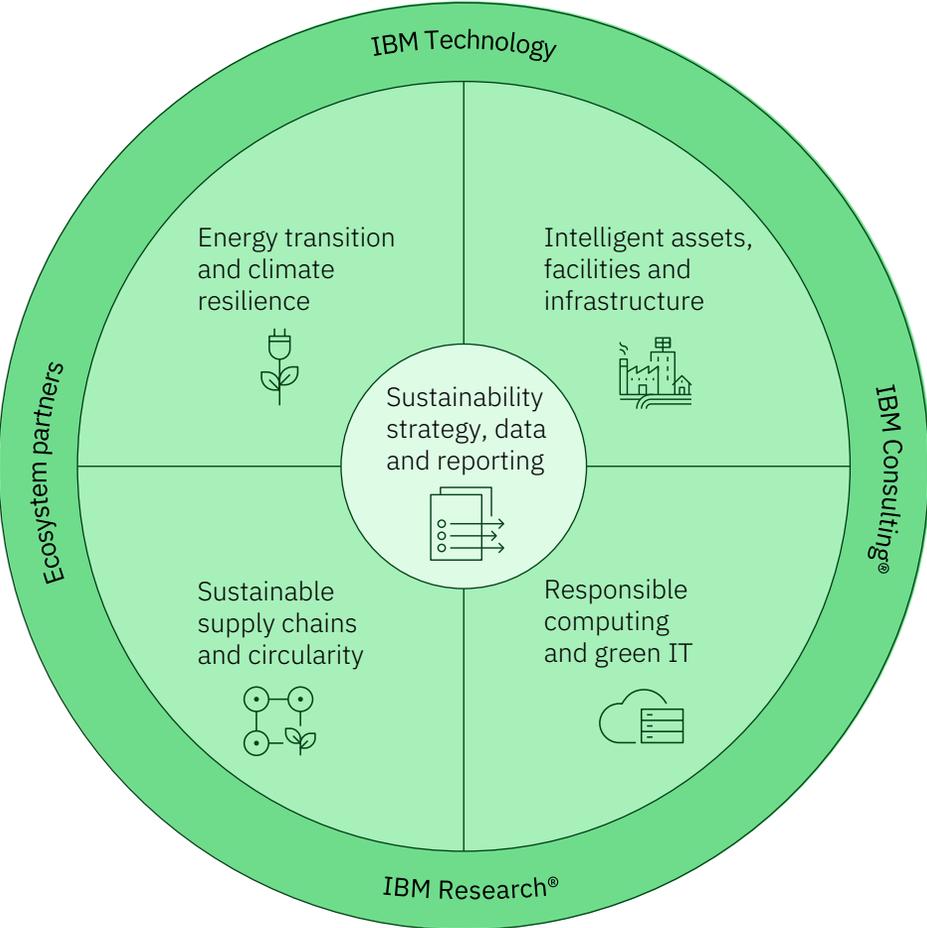
You will create real applications by orchestrating the intelligences you need (including your own knowledge foundation models and your machine-learning models and software).

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IBM Sustainability: Turning ambition into action

IBM helps companies achieve their sustainability goals by infusing data with AI into daily operations enabled by expertise to deliver profit and purpose.



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Co-create roadmaps that capture business value and leverage the power of generative AI to accelerate clients' realization of their sustainability agendas. Curate, report and operationalize data to unlock competitive insights, improve performance and meet regulatory requirements.

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Embed strategy, experience, technology, thought leadership and provision of managed services.

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Ecosystem partners

Collaborate with a diverse network of strategy, technology and services partners.

Generative AI use cases in Sustainability Software



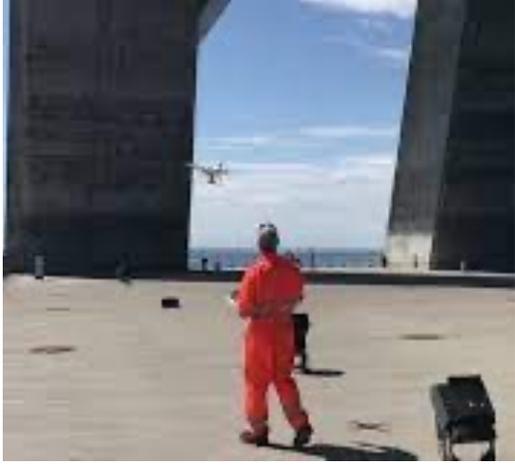
Above ground biomass



Scope 3 estimation



Work order intelligence



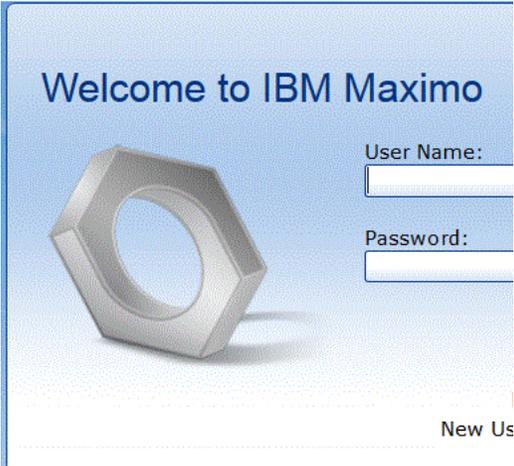
MVI anomaly detection



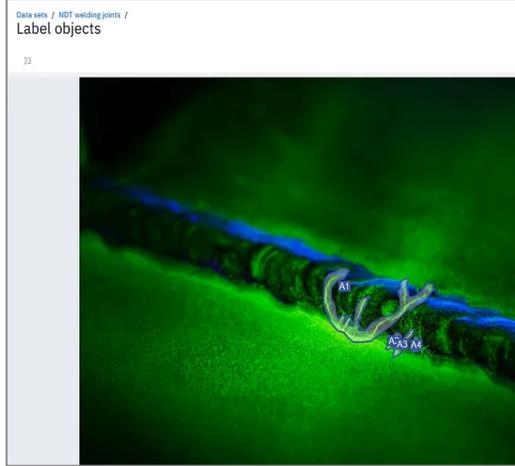
Wildfire and flood detection



Failure mode understanding



MAS onboarding assistant



MVI visual prompt tuning

Failure Mode Context Understanding

Identify common failure points and paths to failure for new assets to improve predictive maintenance and reliability programs



Challenges

- Understanding how assets fail is crucial in providing preventative maintenance and reducing asset downtime.
- Failure Mode and Effects Analysis provides key insights into this area
- However, FMEA data is not available for many kinds of assets, and it can take time to acquire



Solution

- Train a generative model of Uptake data to understand failure points and modes on common assets
- Use the generative model to produce data for assets that we have not worked with in the past
- Auto-populate FMEA rules and maintenance strategies in Maximo Health for new clients
- Identify new tags that can be used for anomaly detection and failure event analysis

Products and Technology:

Maximo Manage, Maximo Health, Maximo Predict, Maximo Monitor and watsonx.ai



Benefits

- Reduced time to value for asset classes where we have less experience
- More accurate failure assessments and preventative maintenance plans
- Automated creation of maintenance strategies for new assets & clients
- Improved Anomaly Detection and Event Prediction capabilities in Maximo Health and Predict



Work Order Intelligence.

Automatically identify and correct inaccurate failure codes in Maximo work orders



Challenges

- Understanding why a work order was created is key in finding patterns and in optimizing operations
- The collection of failure code information in work orders is typically manual and very error prone.
- Clients often do not collect data for all their asset classes, and it can take a significant amount of time to build up an adequate history of failure data



Solution

- Train an LLM to do classify and recommend work order failure codes
- Use that model to verify, correct or suggest the proper failure code for a given work order
- Find similar work orders to identify near-duplicate items and understand first time fix efficiency
- Enable automatic approval of work orders based on work order characteristics

Products and Technology:
Maximo Manage, watsonx.ai



Benefits

- Dramatically reduce the effort required to capture and maintain accurate failure code data
- Better understanding of the patterns of failures and potential problem parts
- Automatic approval of typical workorders enabling technicians to focus on solving the problems



MVI Foundation Models

Leverage foundation models to dramatically improve the anomaly detection capabilities in Maximo Visual Inspection and Maximo for Civil Infrastructure



Challenges

- Maximo Visual Inspection is currently based primarily on open-sourced convolutional neural network models
- We have seen that these models are not very accurate for Few-Shot Anomaly Detection problems for visual inspection use cases.
- The current models are also not as performant as they could be in production environments



Solution

- Migrate from CNN-based models to Transformer-based foundation models for anomaly detection

Products and Technology:

Maximo Visual Inspection, Maximo for Civil Infrastructure, watsonx.ai



Benefits

- Increase MVI supported use cases by ~50% leading to more sales opportunities
- Improved ease of use when creating a detection model
- Time to Value – removes the need for a large sample of training data for specific defects
- “Wow” factor with few-shot learning support for PLG



MVI Visual Prompt Tuning

Reduce the effort and training time required to produce a model for Maximo Visual Inspection



Challenges

- Maximo Visual Inspection uses the classic AI pattern of labeling data, training the model and then deploying the model to provide its capabilities
- Even though it does use transfer learning, it still requires several labelled examples for each type of defect that the client wants to detect
- Labeling these examples is time consuming and requires expert knowledge



Solution

- Use a combination of foundation models and prompt-tuning to dramatically reduce the effort required to effectively train the model

Products and Technology:

Maximo Visual Inspection, Maximo for Civil Infrastructure



Benefits

- Significant cost savings to customer in terms of reduced time of experts spent of data labelling
- Ability to use the same foundation model as a basis for prompt-tuning models for other assets and other types of defects



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Where is AI in Sustainability Software?

Route maps

Directions in Route planners

- Provide origin
- Provide destination
- Planner plots points between
- Shows route options

← from 1 Madison Ave, New York, NY 10010, USA to IBM Corporate Headquarters, 1 Orchard Rd, Armonk, NY 10504, USA

1 hr 13 min (36.2 miles) via I-87 N
Fastest route now, avoids congestion on Hutchinson Riv Pkwy N
⚠️ This route has tolls.

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New York, NY 10010, USA

- Get on FDR Dr from Madison Ave and E 42nd St
13 min (2.0 mi)
- Follow FDR Dr, I-87 N and I-287 E to NY-22 N/N Broadway in White Plains. Take exit 6 from I-287 E
34 min (27.8 mi)
- Continue on N Broadway to your destination in Armonk
14 min (6.4 mi)

IBM Corporate Headquarters
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Map features: Petrol, EV charging, Things to do, Hotels, More. Live traffic, Fast/Slow indicator, Layers, Map data © 2024.

AI+ Offering Map

Offering	Business Imperative	AI Type	AI Method	AI Model	AI Capability	Application / Use Case	
Above Ground Biomass	Sustainability Strategy and Roadmap ESG Data, Reporting and Risk Management Intelligent assets, facilities and infrastructure Responsible Computing and Green IT Sustainable supply chain and circularity	Decision Mgmt	Constraint Satisfaction	Classification	Anomaly Detection	Action Recognition	
EIS Outage Prediction		Interaction	Dynamic Programming	Closed Form Optimization	API Task Orchestration	Anomaly removal from data for KPIs	
EIS Thematic Change Maps		Deep Learning	Motion & Manipulation	Clustering	Association Rules	Anomaly detection from asset sensors	
EIS Vegetation Mgmt		Machine Learning	Optimization	Constraint Propagation	Augmentation for Supervised Learning	Anomaly detection for doc flows	
ELM RQA		Generative/FM	Perception	Constraint Satisfaction	Dimension Reduction	Computer Vision	
Envizi			Probabilistic Models	Reinforcement Learning	Direct Policy Search	Data Augmentation	Apportionment
Maximo Assist			Rules Engine	Self-Supervised Learning	Distributional Methods	Data Compression	Asset Failure Probability Prediction
Maximo Monitor			Simulation	Supervised Learning	Dynamic Programming	Factor analysis	Asset Failure Date Prediction
Maximo Predict			Unsupervised Learning	Simulation	Linear Programming	Failure Detection	Asset Failure Progression Prediction
Maximo Scheduler				Supervised Learning	Mixed Integer Programming	Forecasting and Prediction	Asset Failure Progression Prediction
Maximo Visual Insights				Unsupervised Learning	Nonlinear Programming	Fraud Detection	Business Milestone Interval Prediction
MRO IO					Regression	Gradient Boosted Decision Trees	Demand and Inventory Prediction
SCIS Research Asst					Search	Hierarchy Discovery	Image Classification
SCIS Watson Asst					Simulation	Image Classification	Image Generation
Sterling BTI					Structure Discovery	Image Generation	Language Understanding
Sterling BTI Doc Corr				Time Series Analysis	Image Generation	Language Understanding	
Sterling FO				Value Function Estimation	Image Generation	Language Understanding	
TRIRIGA Building Insights					Movement Planning	Multi-objective Optimization	
					Object Detection	Object Detection for assets	
					Pixel Segmentation	Power Outage Forecasting	
					Product Segmentation	Product Requirements Quality Analysis	
					Recommendation Systems	Product Usage forecasting	
					Relationship Discovery	Q & A Assistant on client data	
					Sales Forecasting	Scheduling optimization	
					Scheduling optimization	Scope 3 emissions estimation	
					Spam Detection	Vegetation proximity to Power Lines	
					Text Generation	Visual Change Detection for Satellite Imagery	
					Time Series Forecasting	Visual Defect Detection for assets	
					Time to Failure		
					Video classification		
					Video Generation		
					Visualization		

Reach out to us for all off the details of specific “Route Maps of AI” in our offerings!

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