



# Impact of Generative AI on Human Creativity and Creative Processes

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This presentation is based on a few research talks I gave in several universities between April and June 2023.





I took this photo :)

## Science & Tech

After Sending 'Girl With a Pearl Earring' Out on Loan, the Mauritshuis Has Hung an A.I. Facsimile in Its Place. Fans Are Not Happy

The controversial portrait was submitted through an open call for 'Pearl Earring' substitutes launched by the museum.

**Taylor Dafoe**, February 28, 2023





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May 26, 2015, 07:31am EDT

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Nov 17, 2014, 03:41pm EST

In 2009, while Detroit was reeling and cutting costs - as GM killed off Pontiac, Hummer, Saab and Saturn - the famous [Bob Lutz of GM laughed at Tesla and said it really wasn't a car company](#). He proclaimed Tesla would never really matter, because as it tried to grow up it would never compete effectively. According to Mr. Lutz, nobody really wanted an electric car, because it didn't go far enough, it cost too much and the speed/range trade-off made them impractical. Especially at the price Tesla was selling them. And who would want a roadster?

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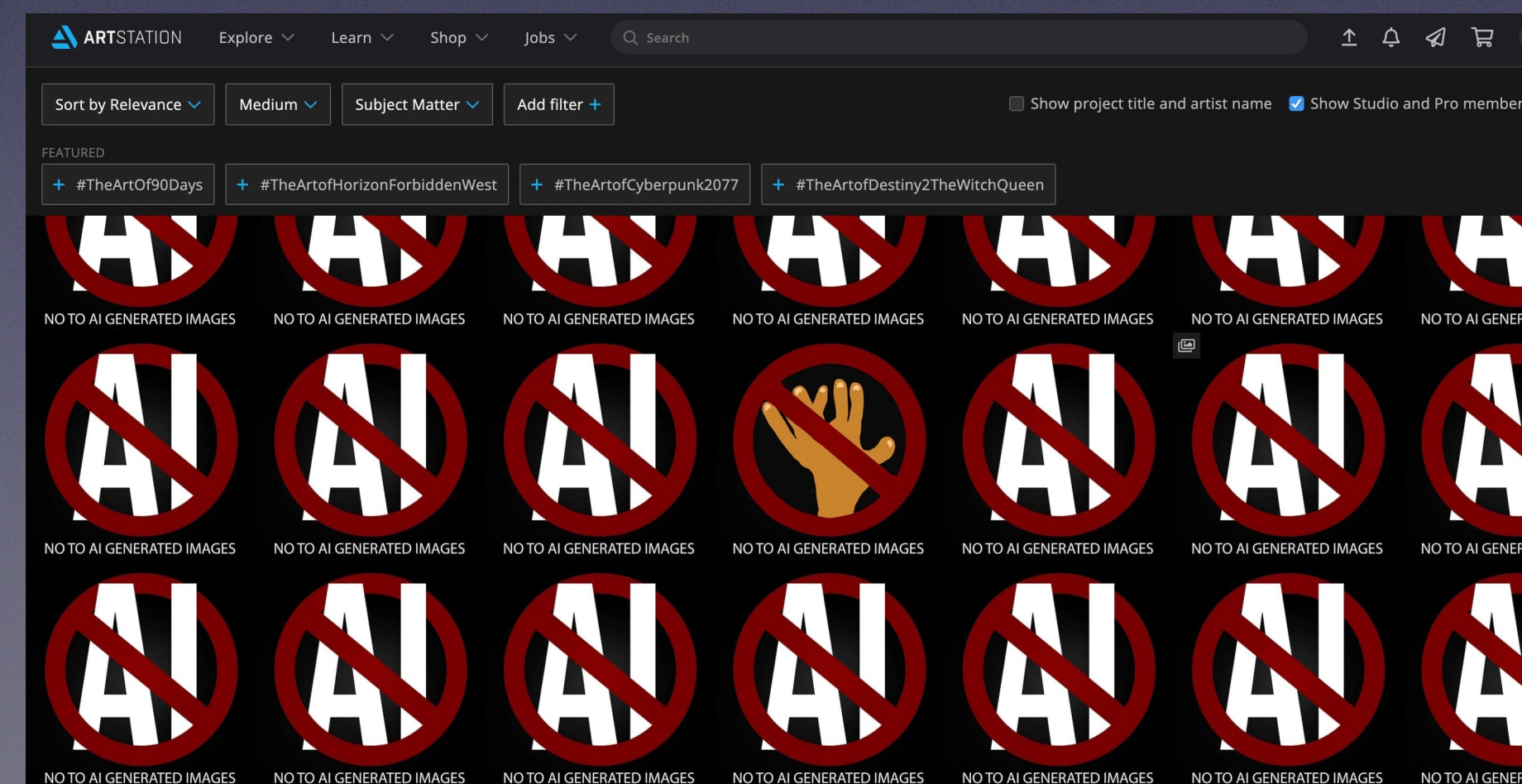
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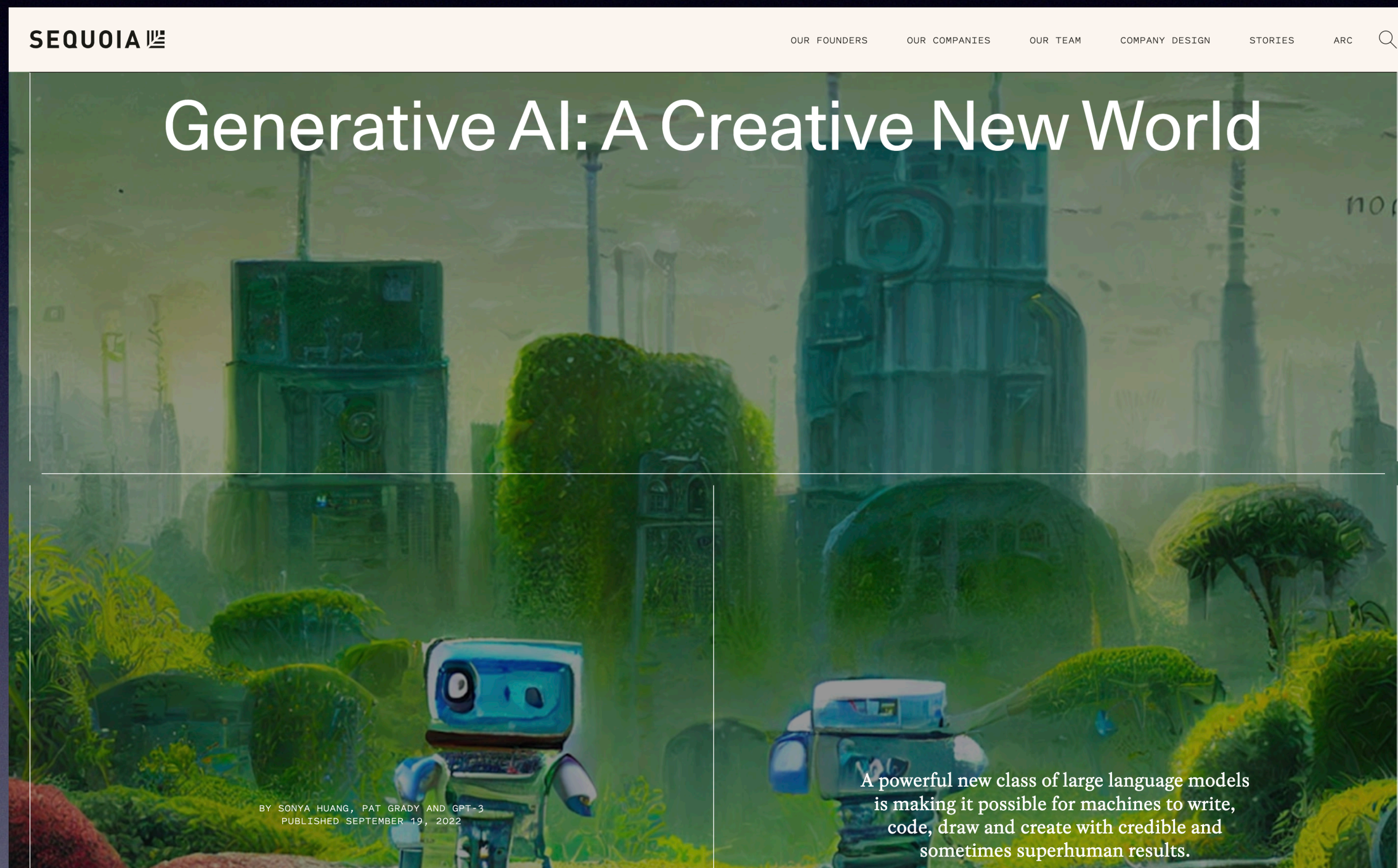
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More controversial >> more disruptive?



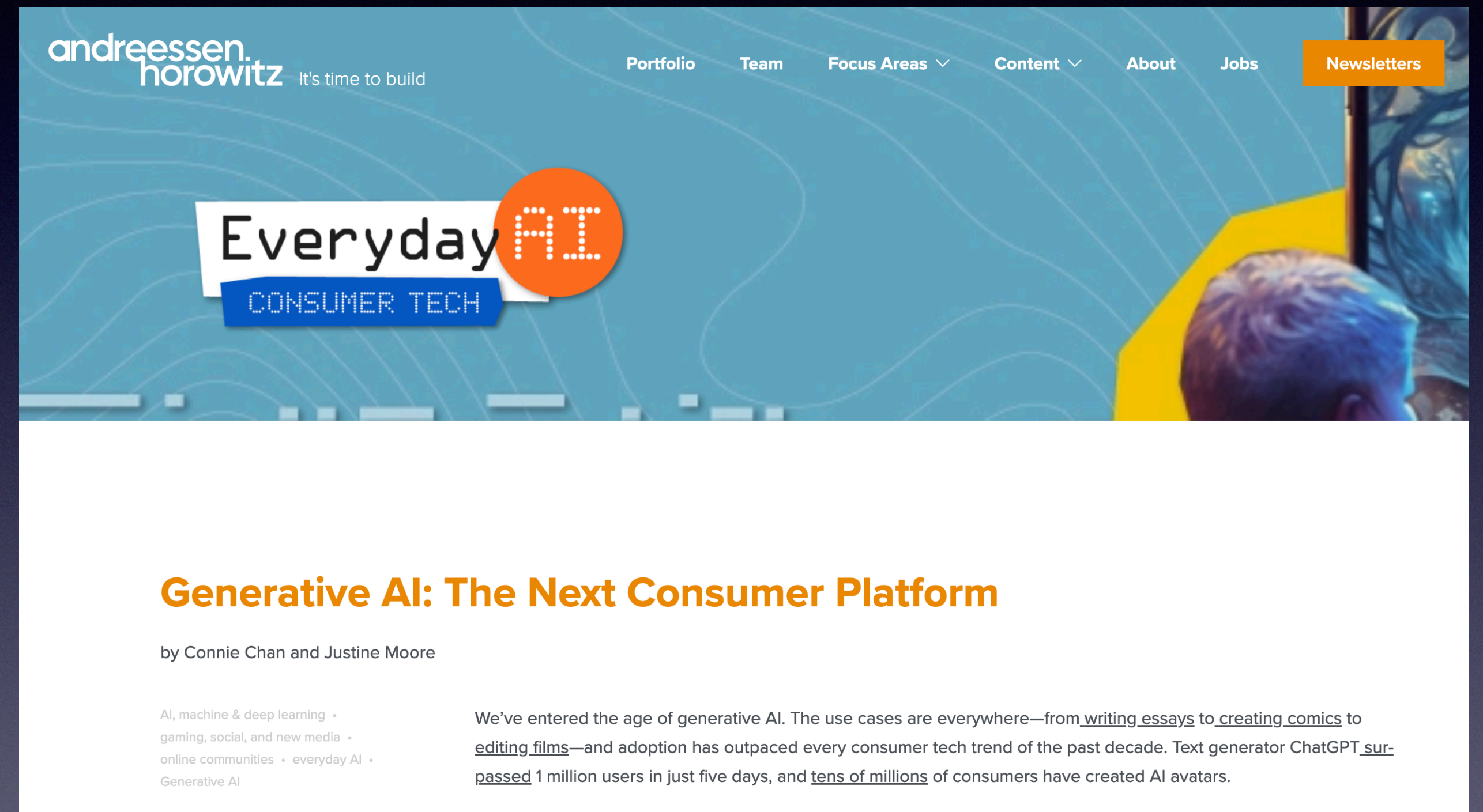


# The Age of Generative AI



September 2022

<https://www.sequoiacap.com/article/generative-ai-a-creative-new-world/>



March 2023

<https://a16z.com/2023/03/17/the-generative-ai-revolution/>



# Large Language Models (LLM)

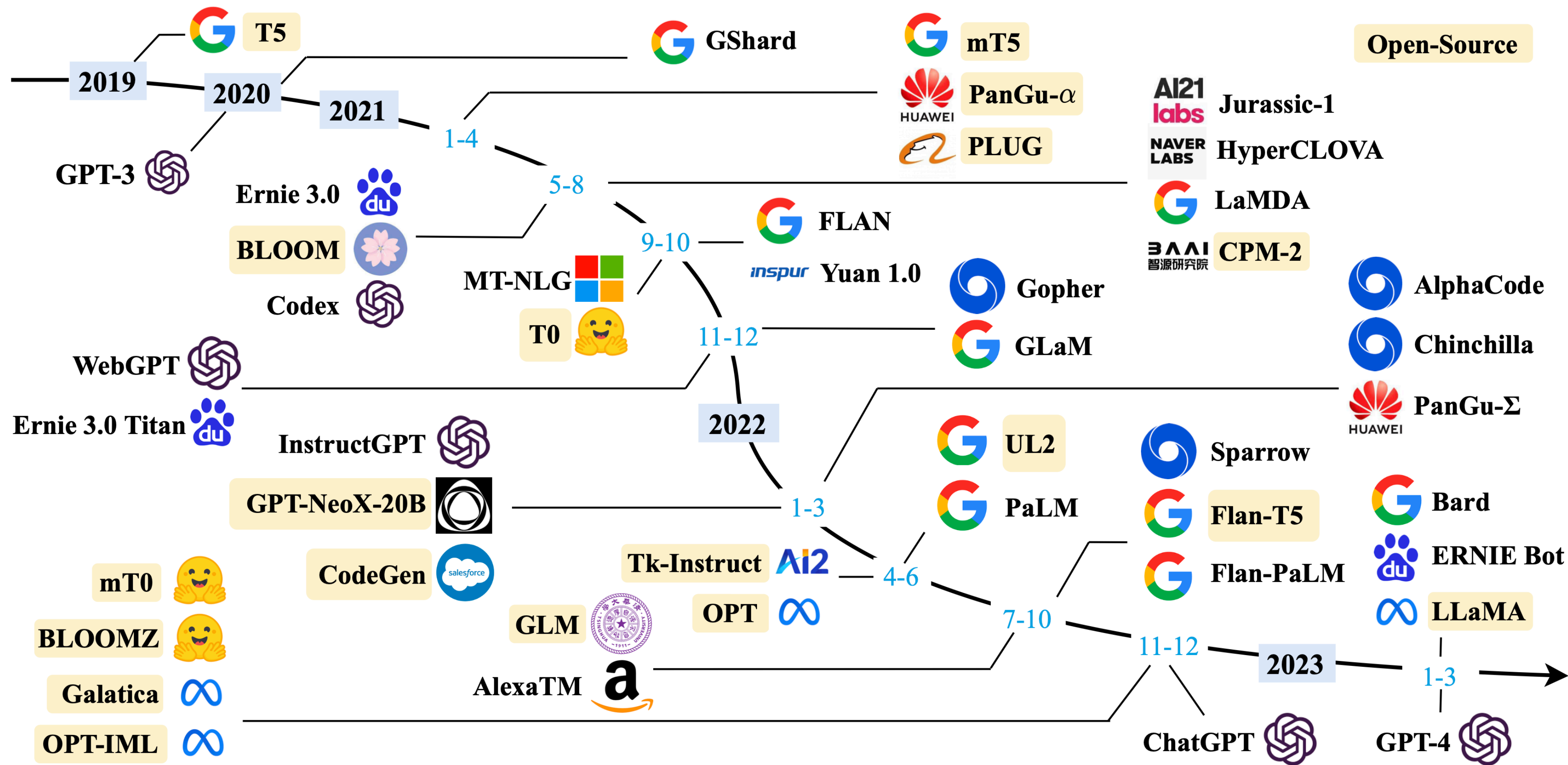
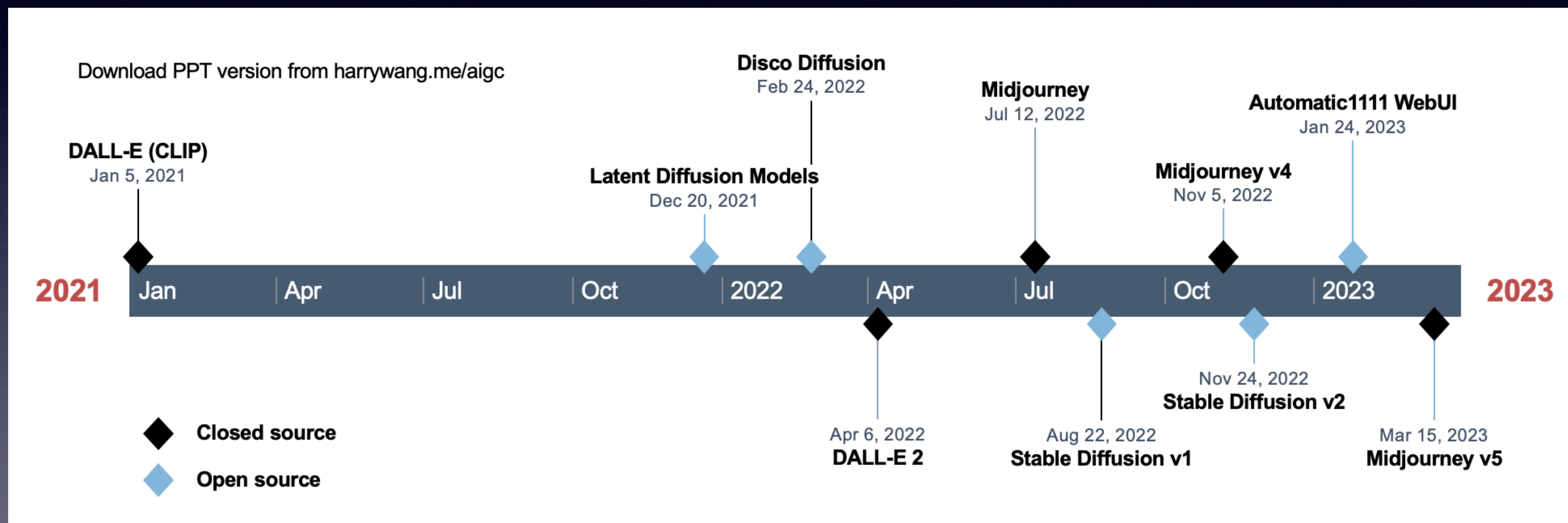


Fig. 1. A timeline of existing large language models (having a size larger than 10B) in recent years. We mark the open-source LLMs in yellow color.



# Text-to-Image Models and Systems





The context of today's discussion  
is text-to-image generation.



Choose an existing dish  
 Type my own dish name in Chinese


Select a dish name

松仁丝瓜尖 Luffa Seedlings with ...

**Style**


Choose a style for style transfer.

david hockney  
 rousseau  
 picasso  
 rothko  
 dekooning  
 pollock




松仁丝瓜尖 Luffa Seedlings with Pine Nuts

**Result**






color cluster







david hockney

<https://harrywang.me/calligraphy>



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 Jan 08, 2021
 
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Machine learning & AI

## A model that can create unique Chinese calligraphy art

by Ingrid Fadelli , Tech Xplore FEATURE



Credit: Zhuo et al.

A Framework and Dataset for Abstract Art Generation via CalligraphyGAN”, with Jinggang Zhuo and Ling Fan, Workshop on Machine Learning for Creativity and Design at NeurIPS 2020, Vancouver, Canada.



# Disco Diffusion to Stable Diffusion

2022 May  
Disco Diffusion

2023 March  
Stable Diffusion



A photo I took at  
Barnes Foundation



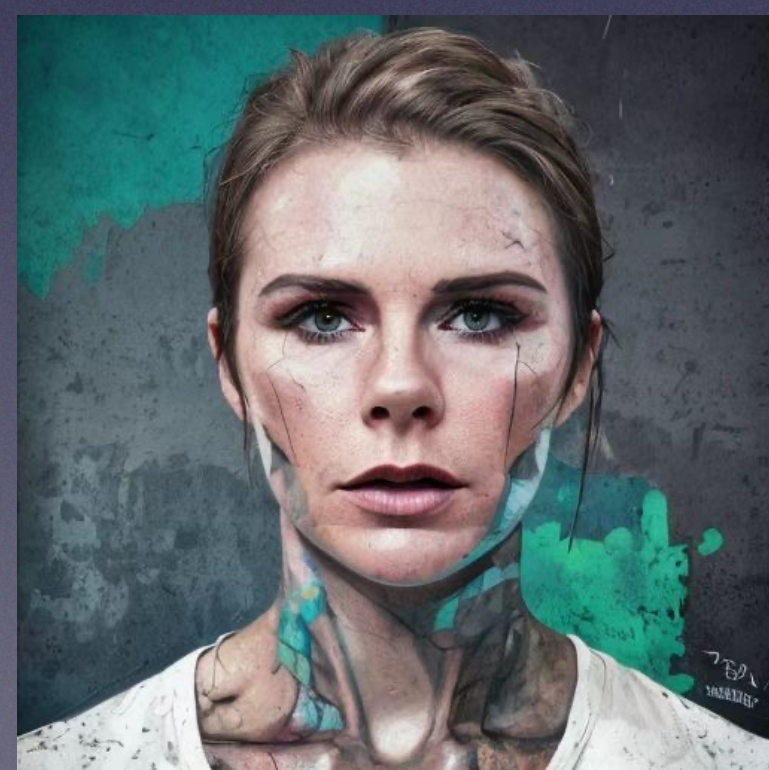
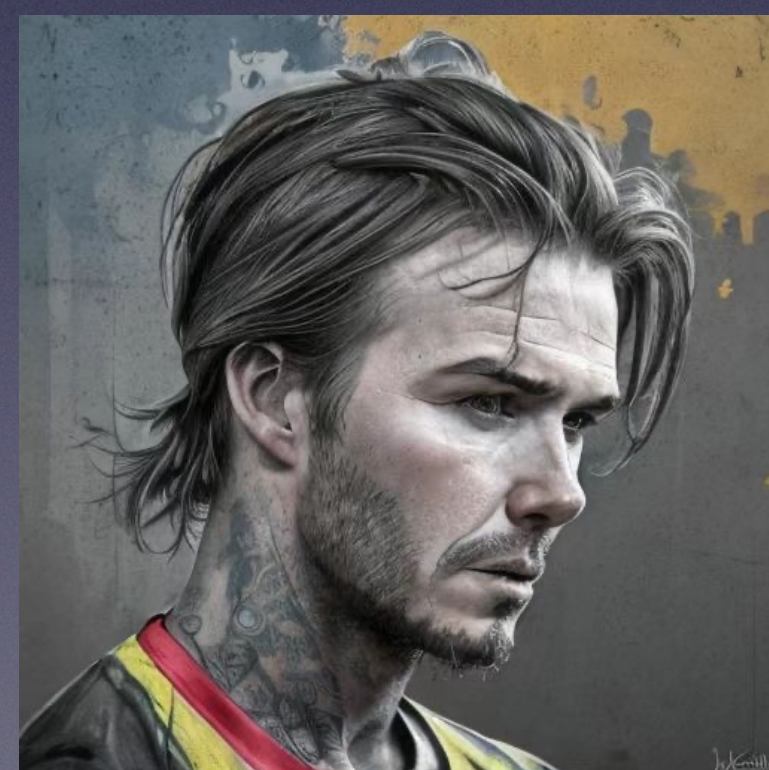
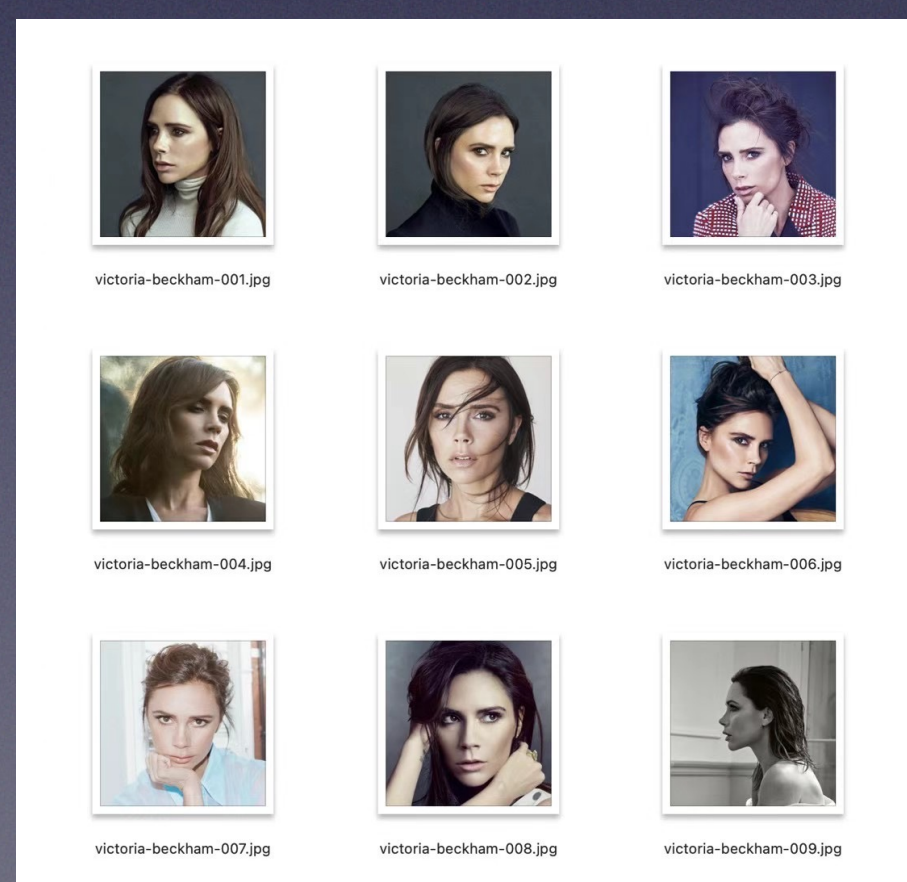
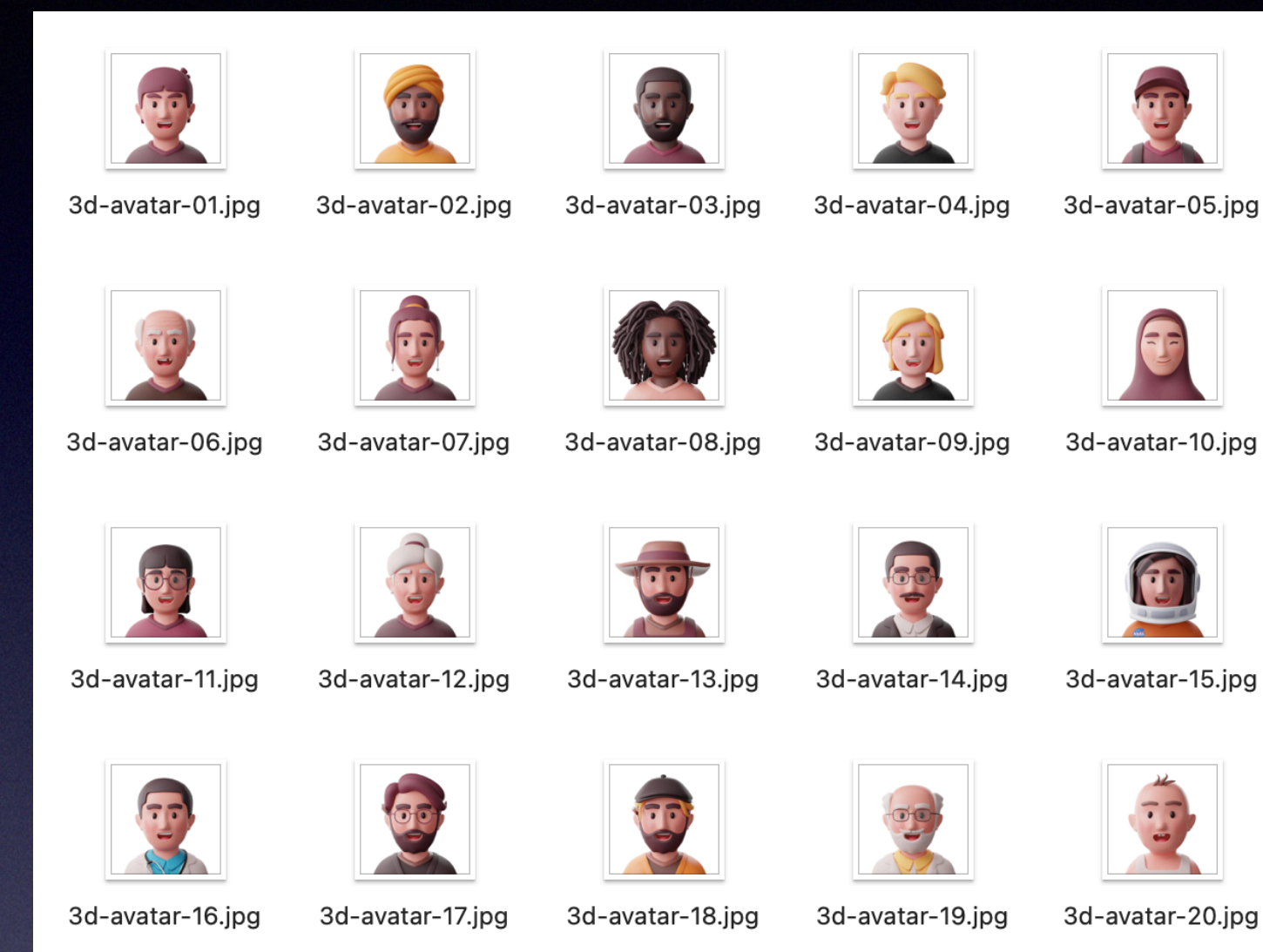
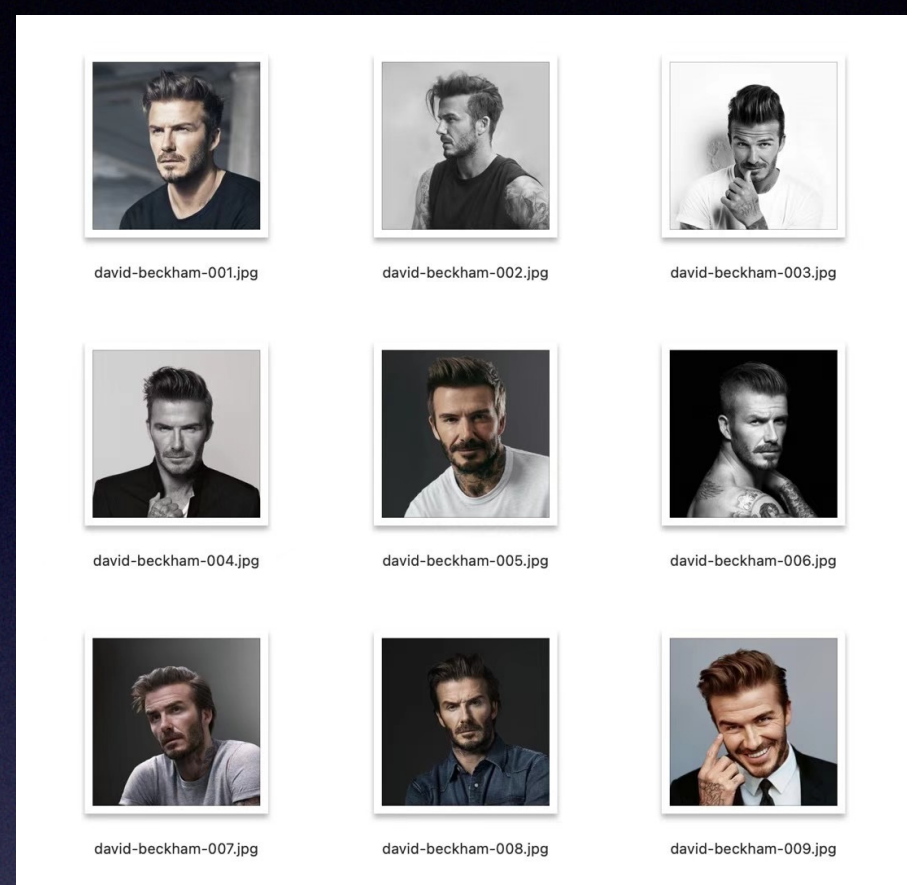
A nice painting of a tiger running in  
the jungle chased by a hunter in  
red cloth by henri rousseau



ultra detailed pencil and  
watercolors and digital illustration  
of many plants grow inside the bus  
by henri rousseau



# Dreambooth (Aug. 2022) and Lora (Jan. 2023)





# Instruct Pix2Pix (Nov. 2022)



Make her sad



Autumn



Make her look 80 years old

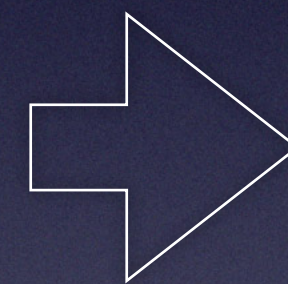


Snowy





# ControlNet (Feb. 2023)

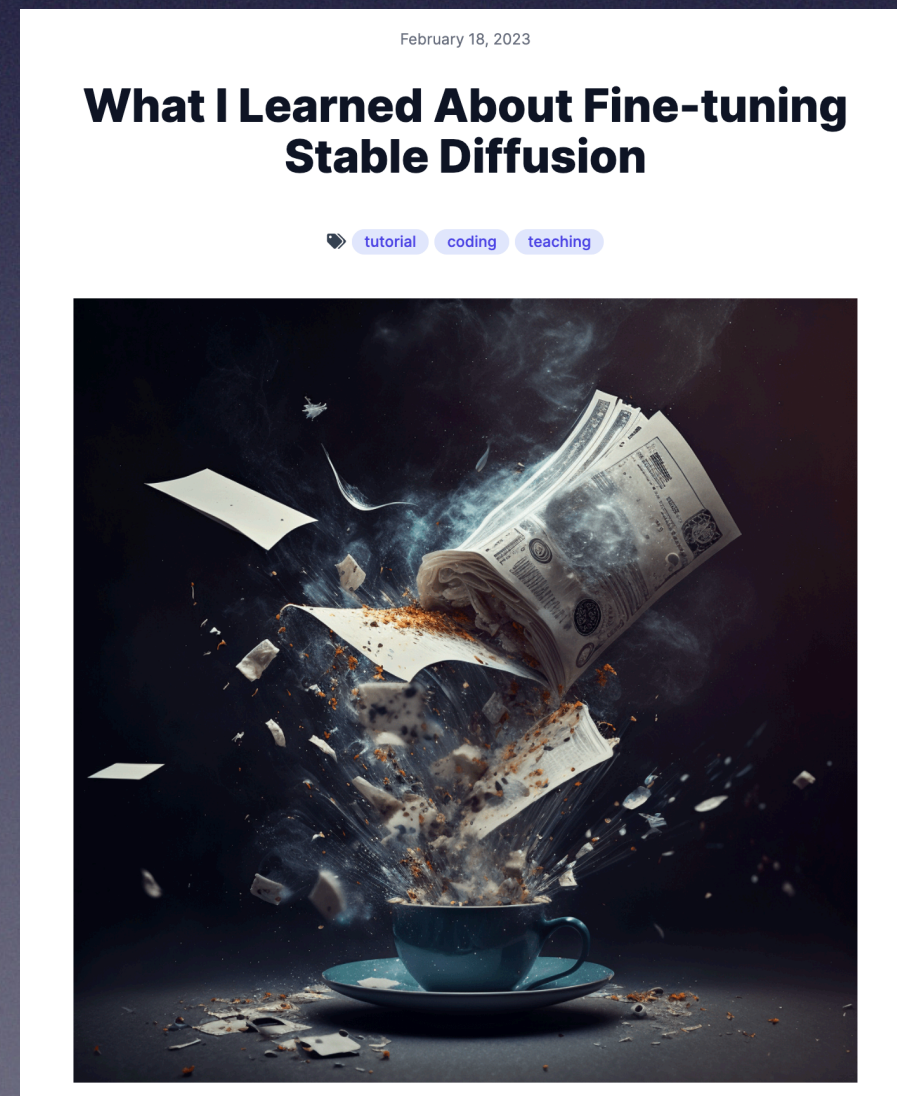
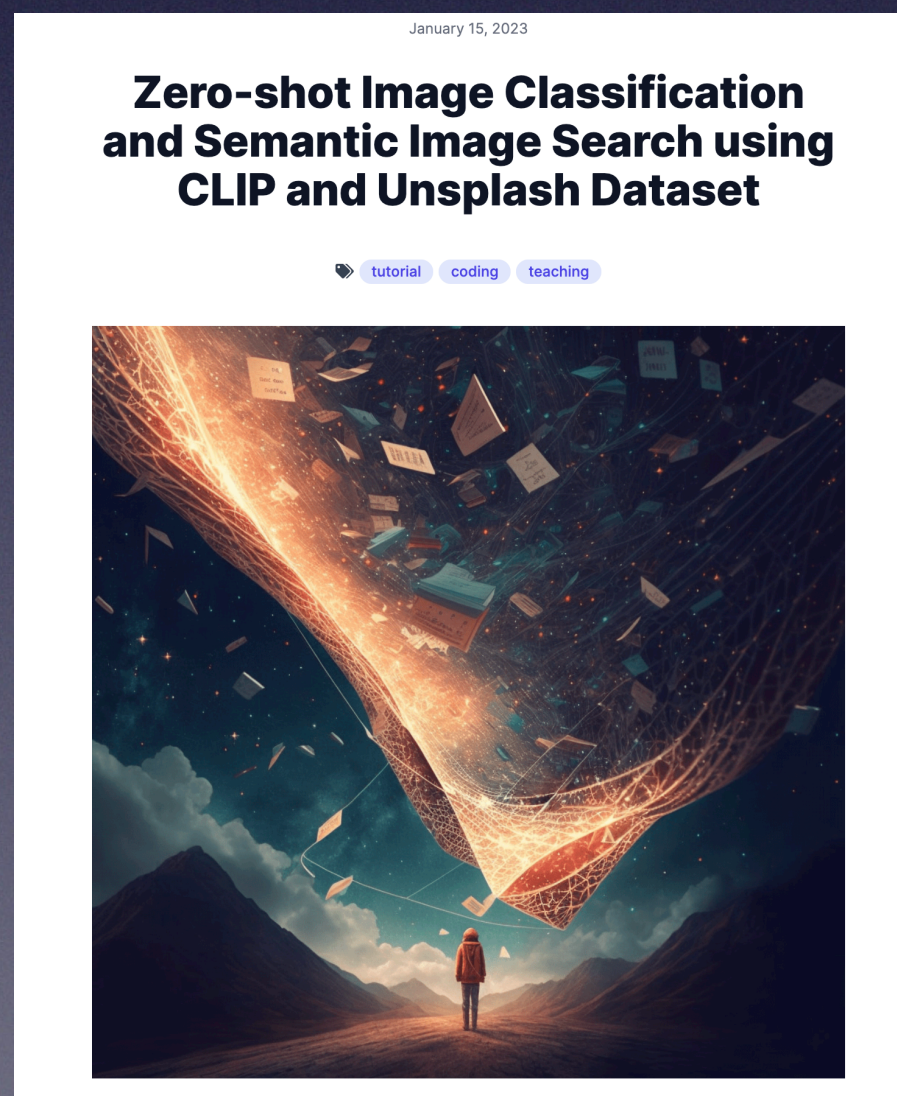
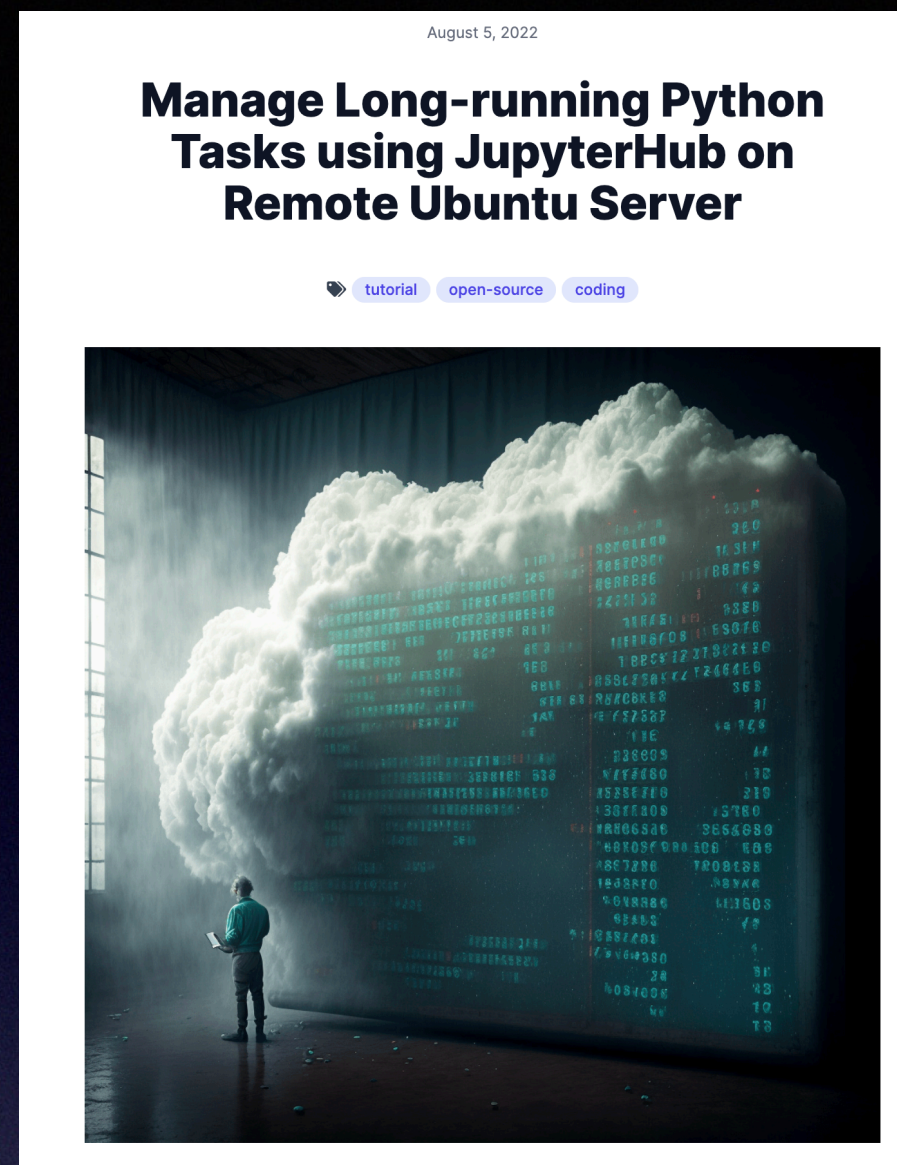
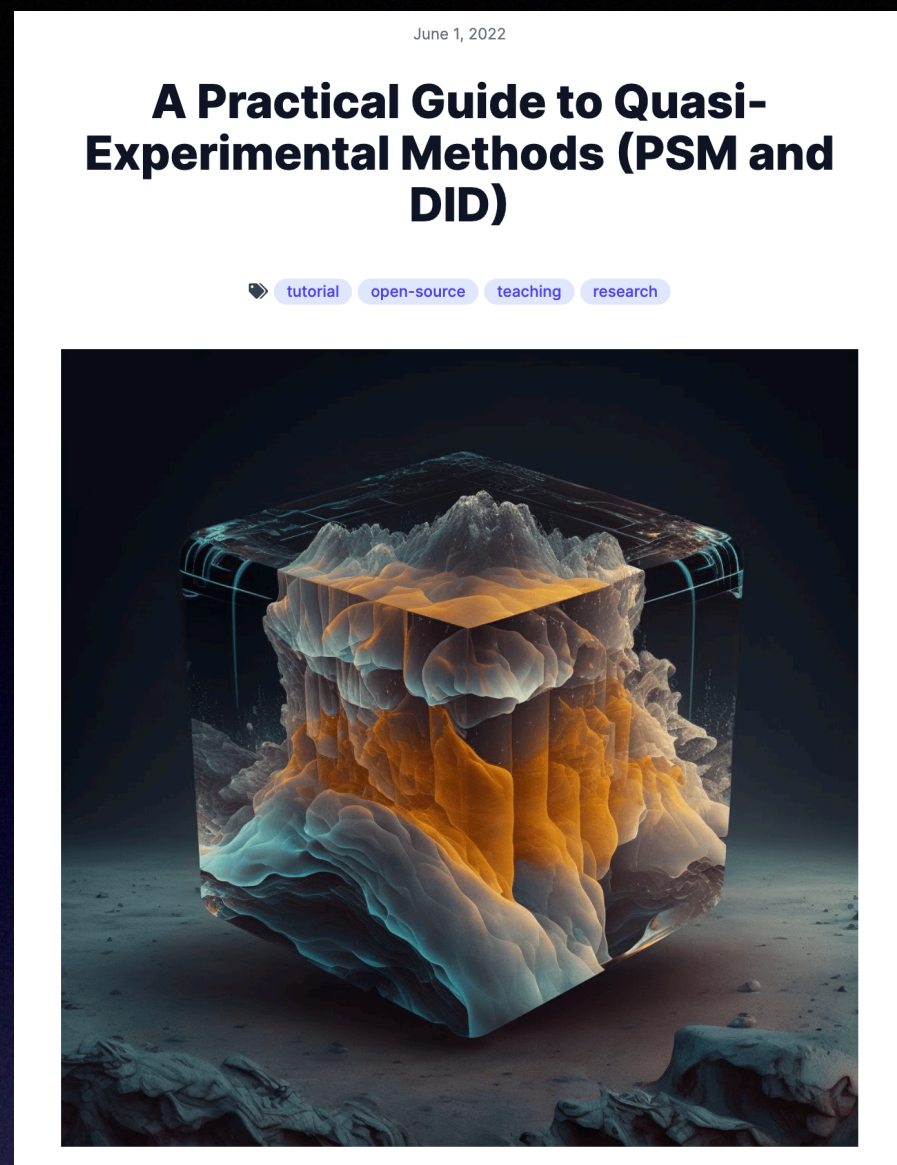


This clothing example is from our team's work at Tezign

This bathroom sign example is from a ControlNet Competition from Replicable.Art:  
<https://replicable.art/competitions/64603724674efed6c92d1509>



# Midjourney V4, V5 (March 2023)



Midjourney Bot **✓BOT** Today at 1:11 PM

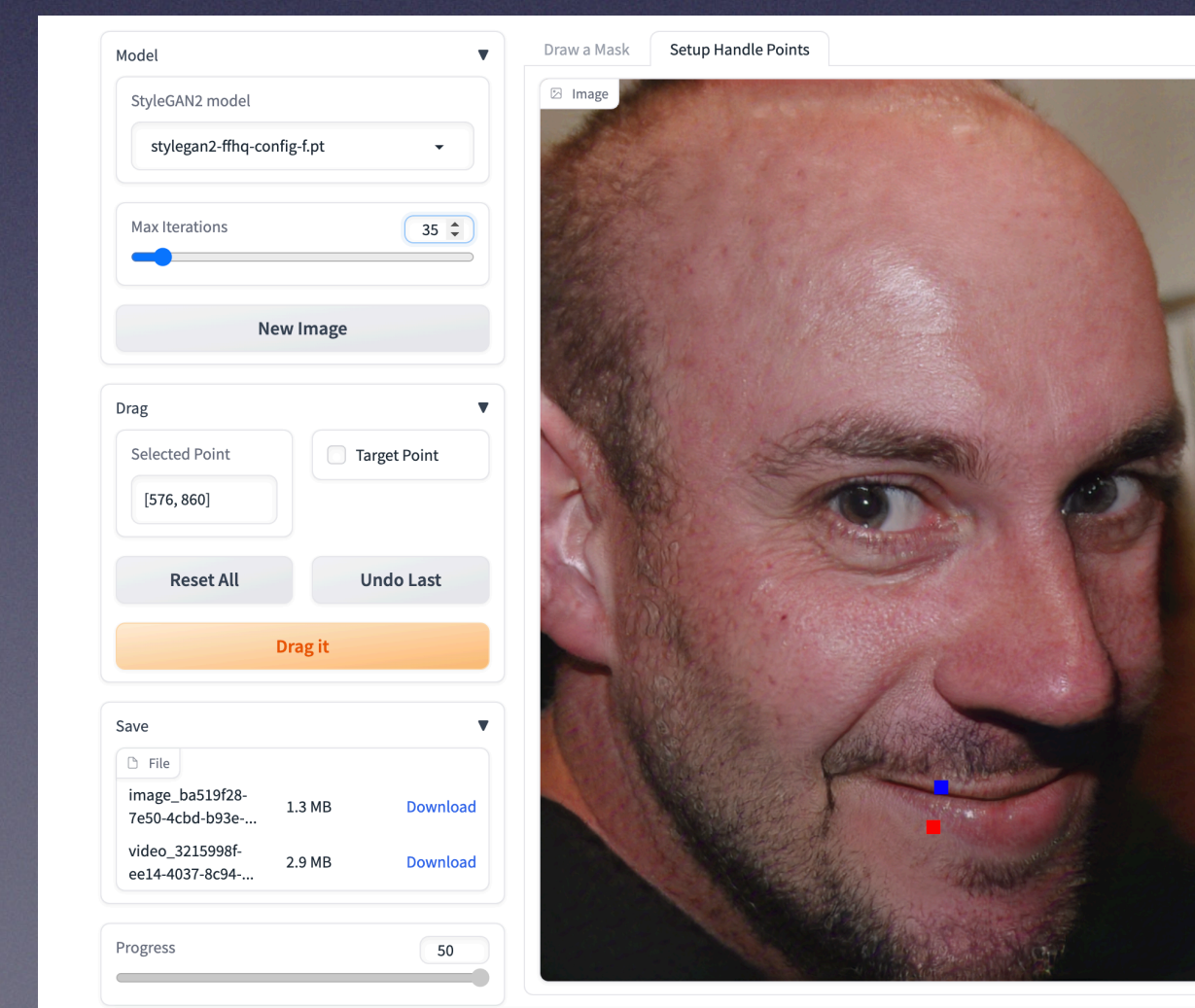
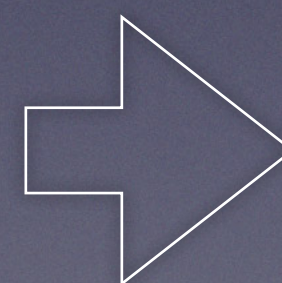
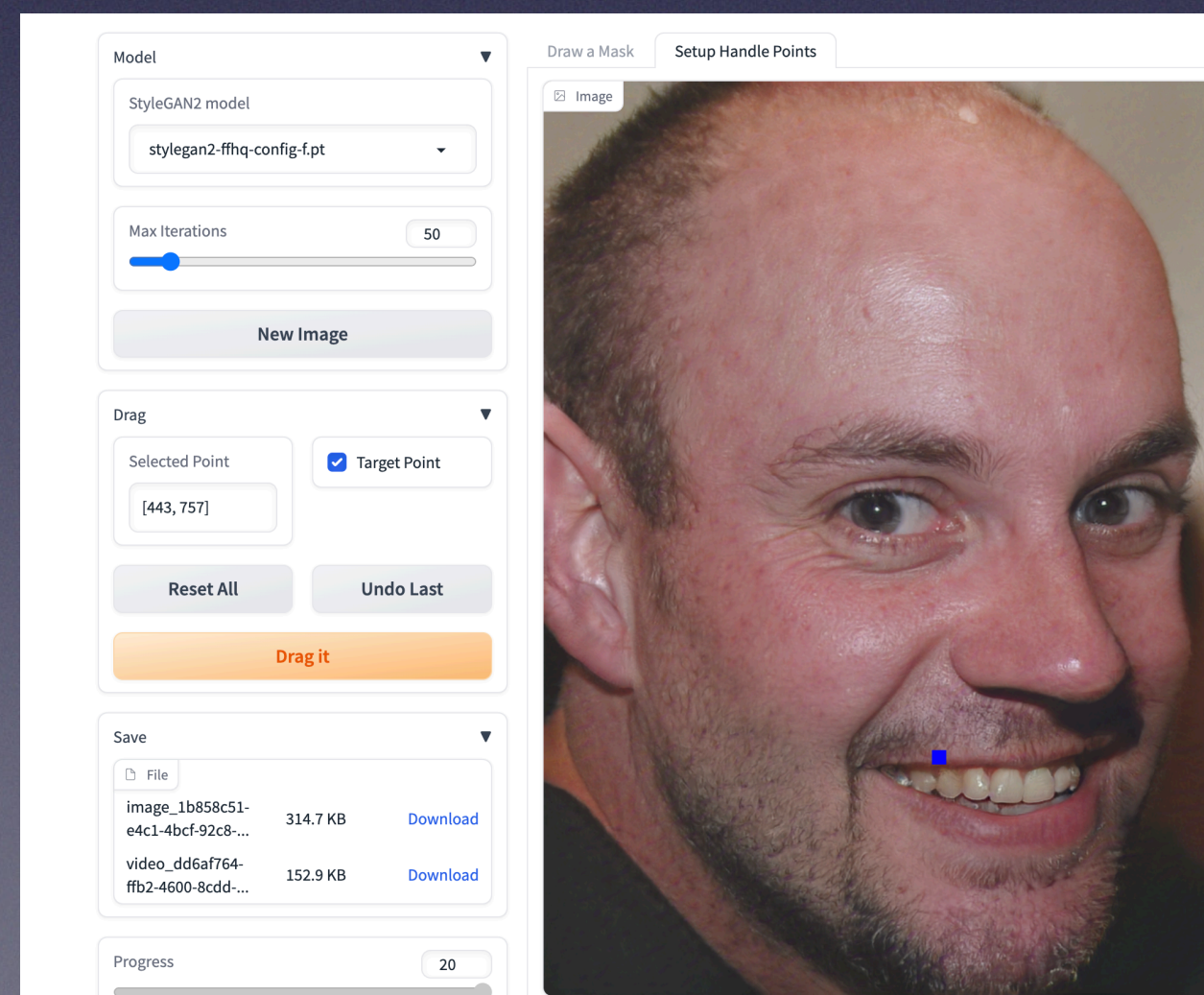
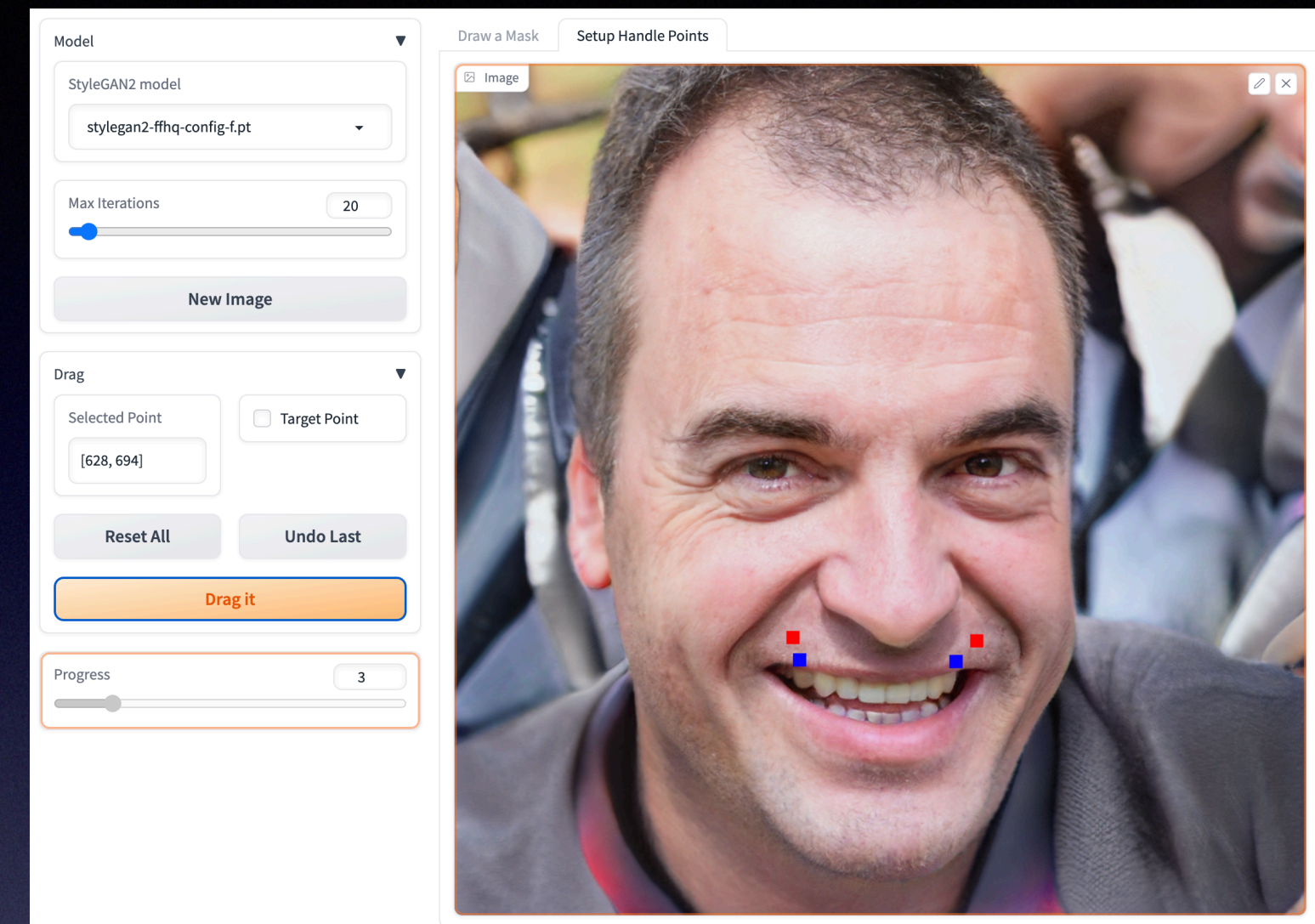
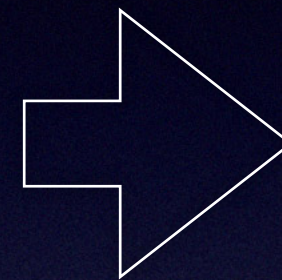
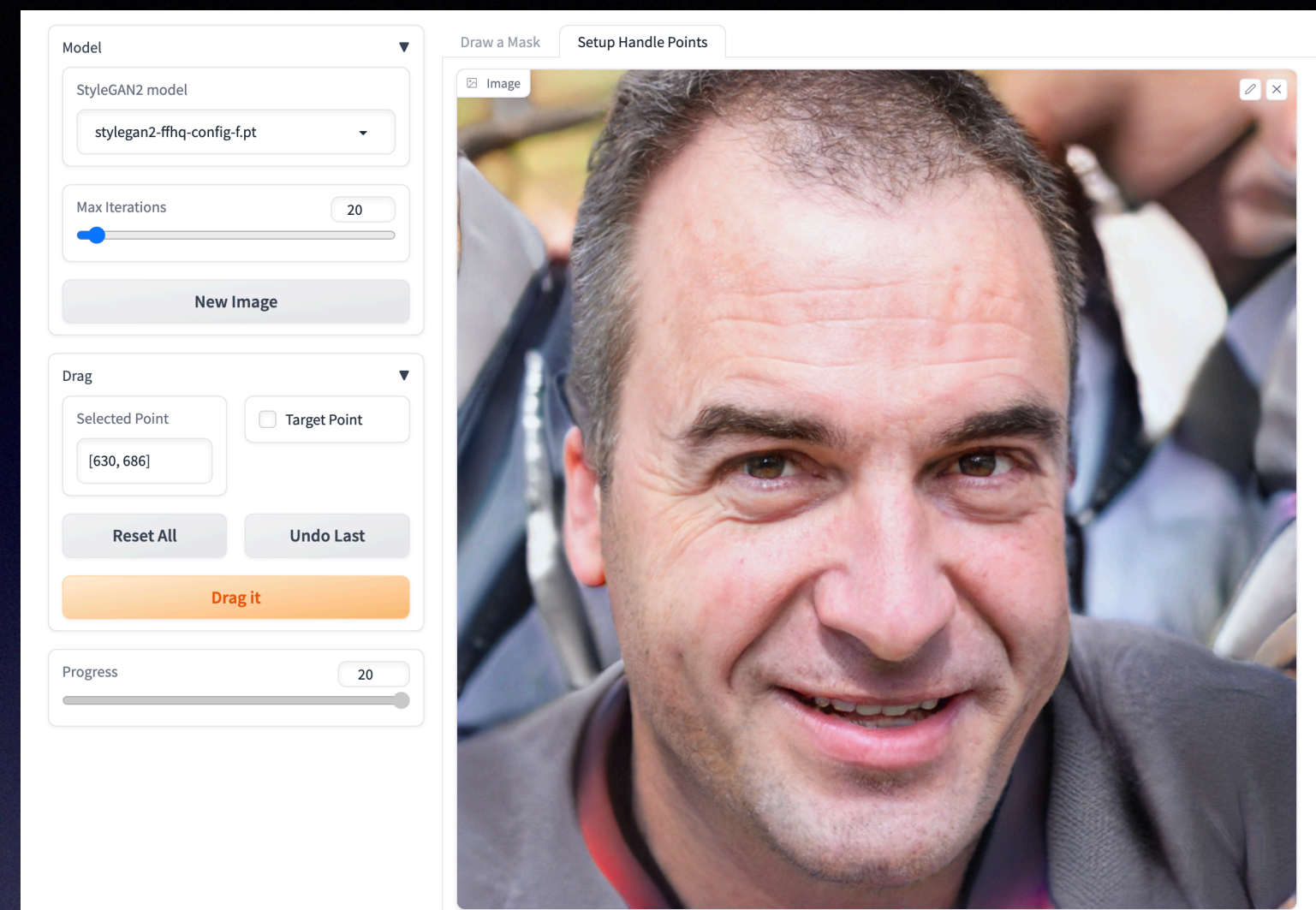
- 1 art and graphic design of a galaxy in a glass ball at sunset in the afternoon, in the style of xbox 360 graphics, rural landscapes, minimalist landscapes, organic sculptures, realistic depictions, stock photo, rendered in cinema4d --ar 146:141
- 2 a sphere with the sky on the outside, in the style of digital fantasy landscapes, photo-realistic landscapes, serene pastoral scenes, light amber and green, i can't believe how beautiful this is, futuristic organic, fictional landscapes -- ar 146:141
- 3 art landscapes backgrounds images 20, in the style of spherical sculptures, lens flares, james paick, serene pastoral scenes, glass as material, moebius, gediminas pranckevicius --ar 146:141
- 4 the big blue planet moon on grass, in the style of erik johansson, josh adams contemporary glass, uhd image, surreal bulbous, bulbous --ar 146:141

U1 U2 U3 U4

V1 V2 V3 V4



# DragGAN (May 2023)



NOTE: screenshots are my testing results based on the unofficial code repo



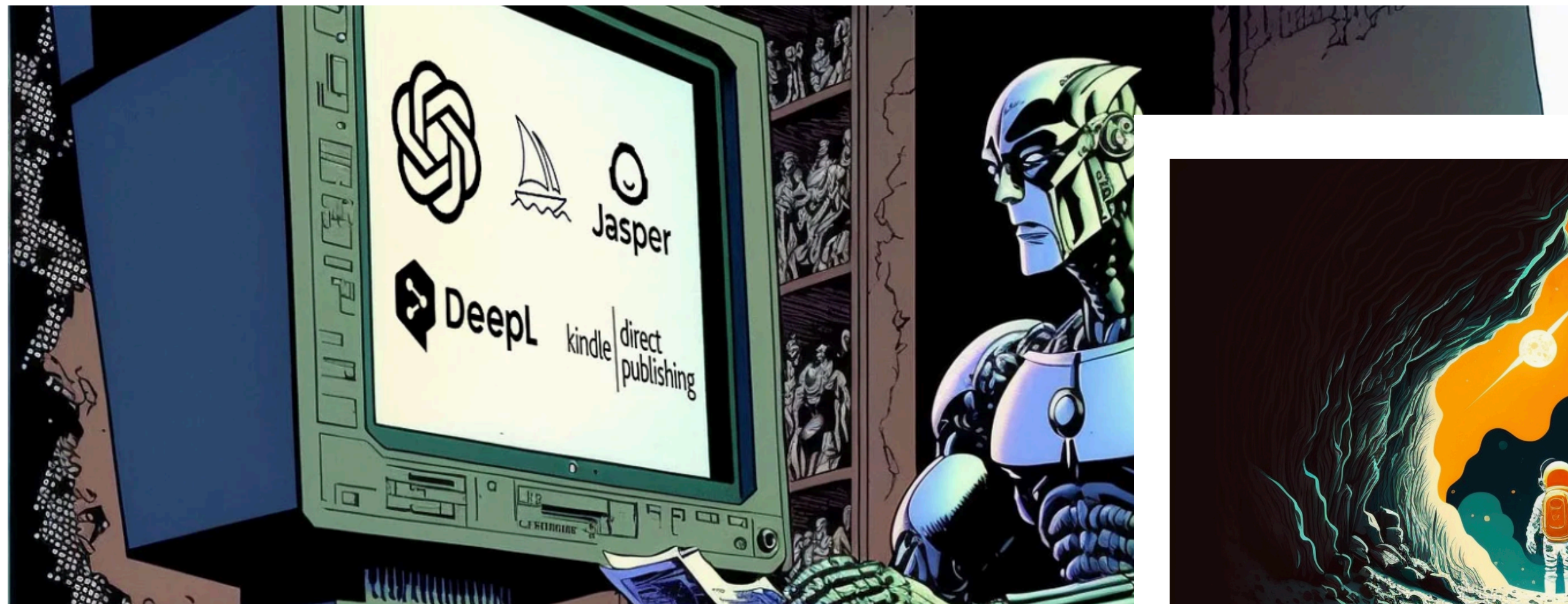


Filip Sokołowski

Dec 21, 2022 · 19 min read · Listen



# I created a complete (audio) book in 10+ languages in a few days using generative AI: Here is what I learned



一个小蓝点: 穿越太阳系的人工之旅 (TRADITIONAL\_CHINESE EDITION)

Prompt 14: astronaut girl starring in allegory of the cave, by Tang Yau Hoong --v 4 --q 2 -



## 第四章--返回家园

琳娜突然从睡梦中醒来，一阵突如其来的颠簸使整艘飞船摇摇欲坠。琳娜困惑地看着飞船突然颠簸的四周，她的心因恐惧而狂跳。“Sam!我们在哪里?”她急切地问。“没事，”山姆平静地回答。“我们只是穿过了地球的大气层。没有什么可担心的。”他向其中一个窗户打手势。下面的星球似乎被一片云彩覆盖，夜空被数百万颗星星照亮。这是令人叹为观止的美丽，莉娜知道他们快到家了，感到松了一口气。当他们接近目的地时，山姆迅速调整了他们的轨迹。随着他们开始进一步下降，琳娜可以更详细地看到他们脚下的大陆和海洋--山脉、平原、沙漠和城市的灯光在他们脚下的地面上闪烁着，就像满天的星星。莉娜看着窗外的地球美景，对山姆说：“这真是不可思议。没有其他星球能像它一样。星星在云层中闪烁的方式，深蓝色的海洋和雄伟的山脉，以及所有这些来自城市的小灯--这真是令人惊叹。”





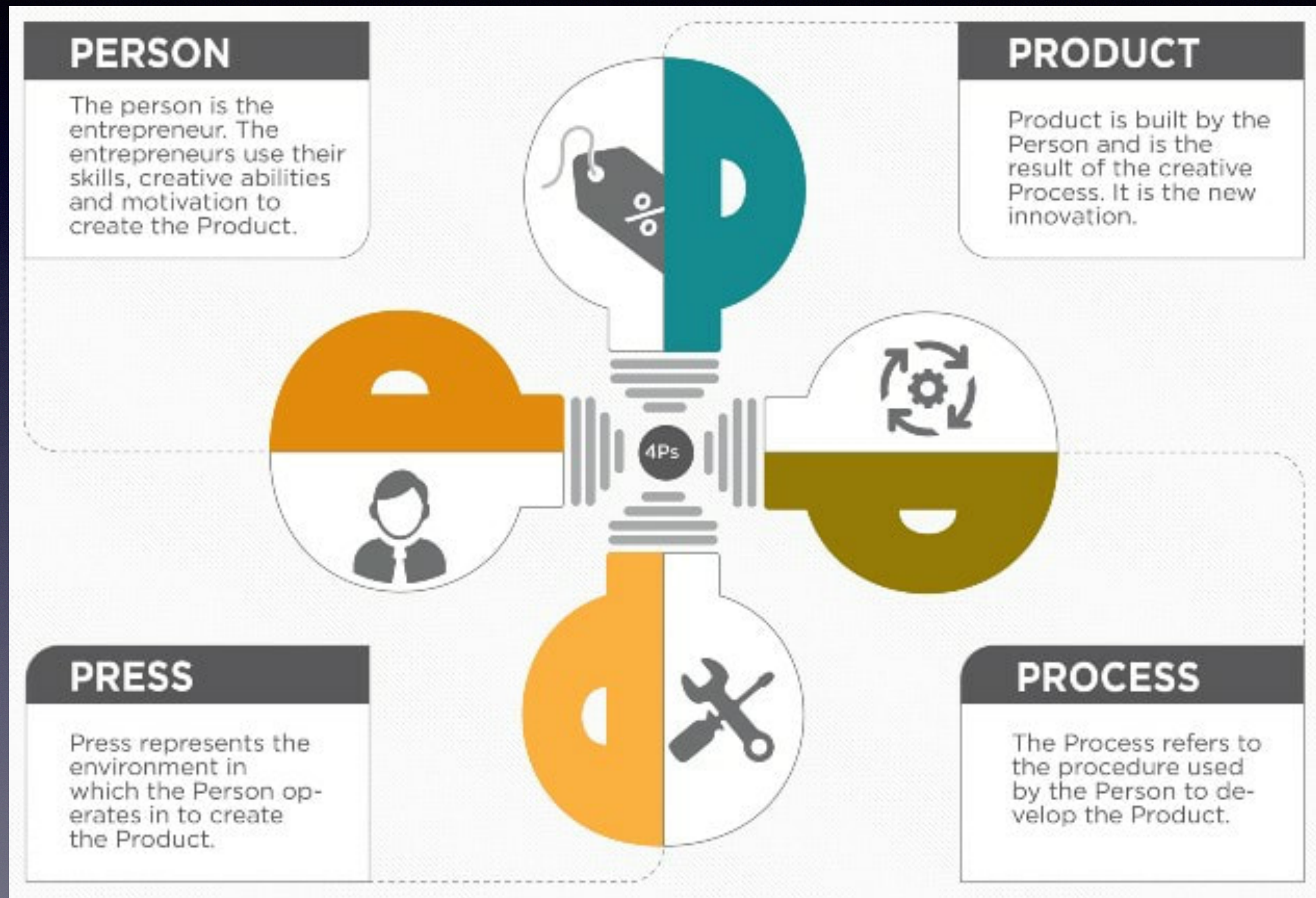
Generative AI will fundamentally change how content is created.

How is human creativity affected?

How are creative processes affected?



# Framework for Human Creativity



“Creativity is a phenomenon whereby something new and valuable is formed”  
- Wikipedia

Rhodes 4Ps of Creativity

Rhodes, Mel (1961). An analysis of creativity. The Phi Delta Kappan, 42(7), 305-310.



# Human Creativity or Machine Creativity?

Results with different seeds (everything else same)



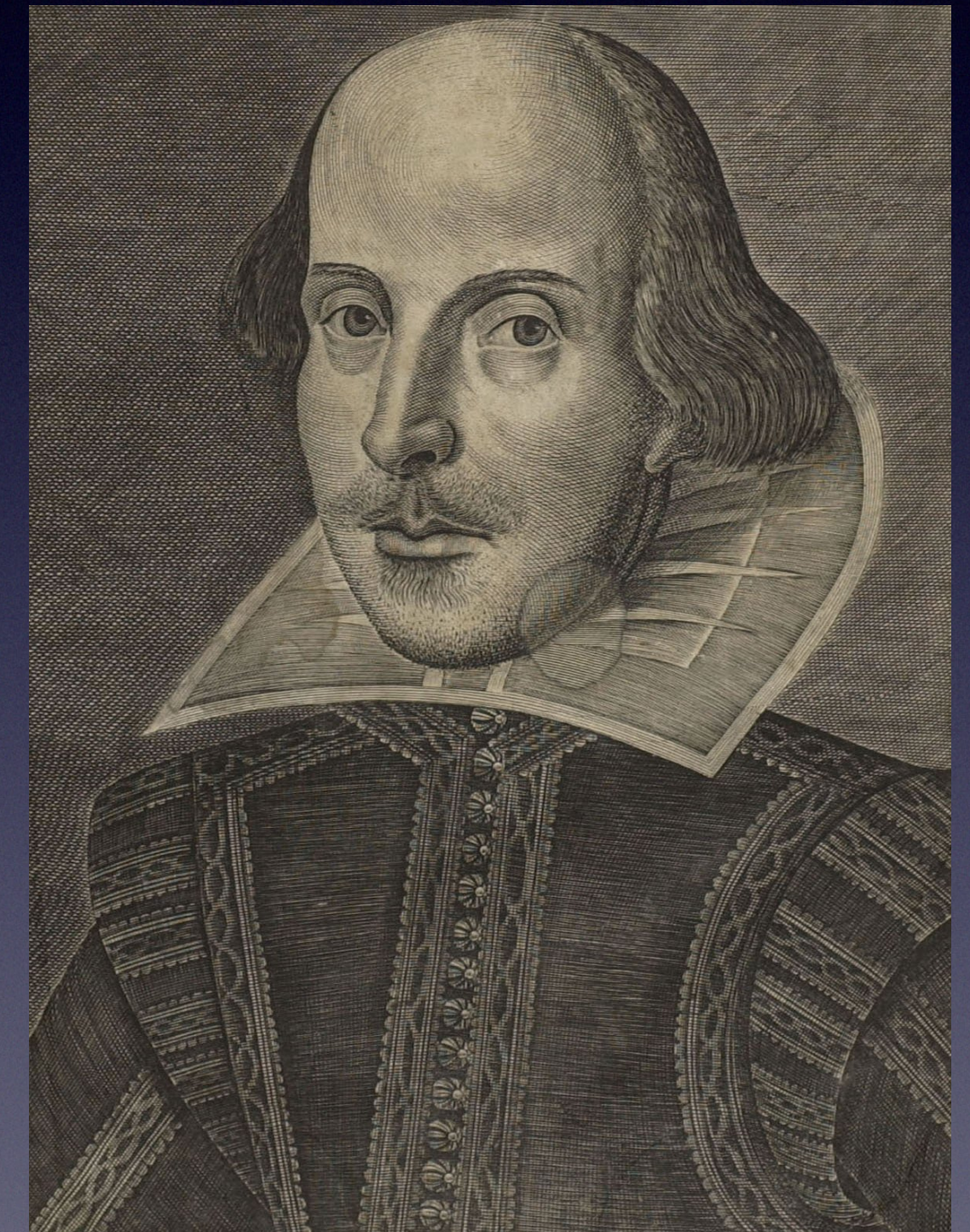
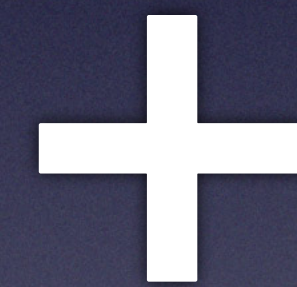
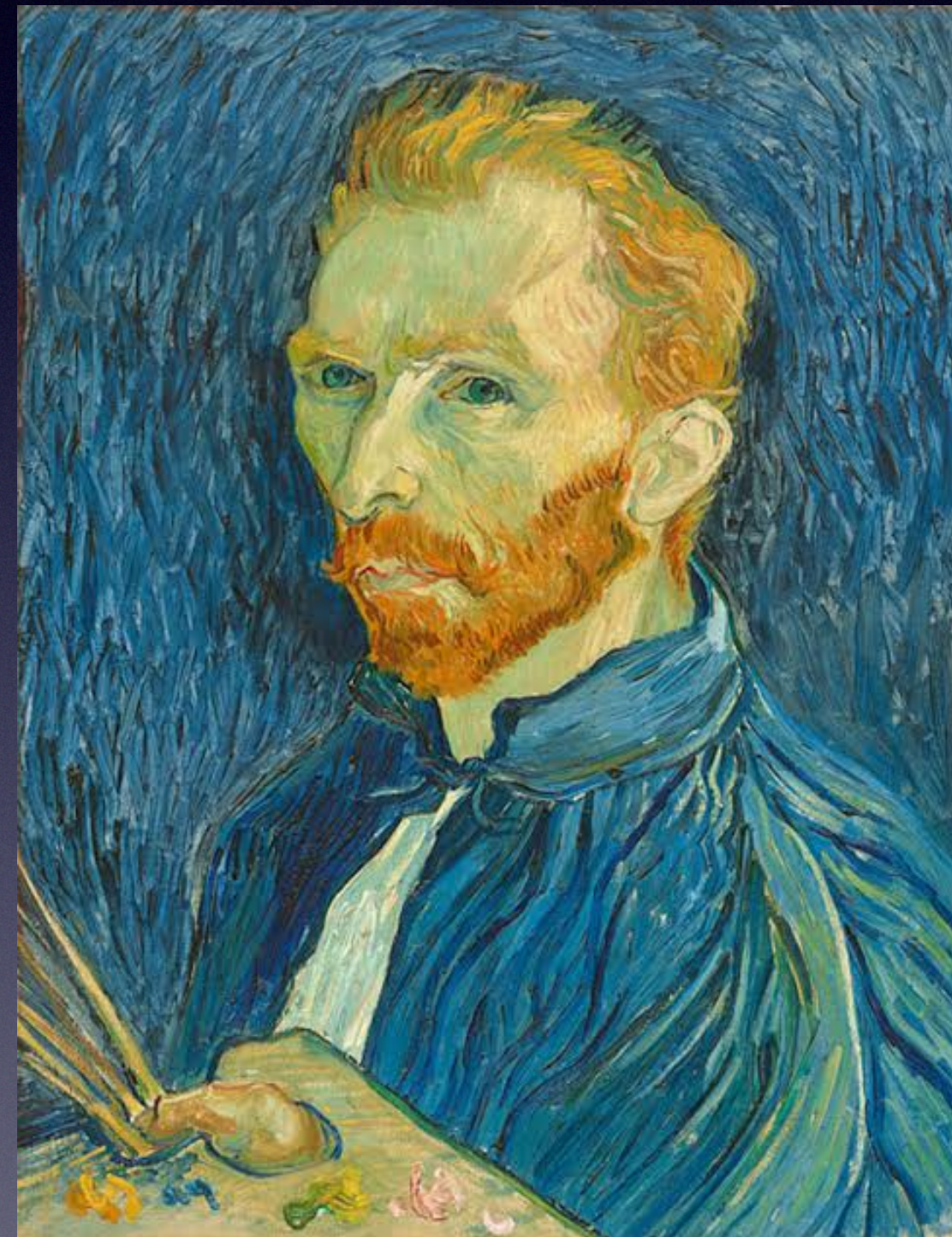
a highly detailed surreal airbrushed art of dopamine flowing from Venus and through space into me, CGSociety, Unreal Engine, 8K, render, CGI, concept art, trending on artstation, dutch golden hour, dreamlikeart





# Different Essential Skills for Creativity?

What I learned from generating over 200K images and selected less than 1000 high quality ones (curation rate is less than 0.5%)



“William (Willem) van Gogh”  
&  
“Vincent Shakespeare”



# Project 1 Research Questions

- Does generative AI affect designers' productivity and quality in creative tasks?
- How does generative AI affect designers with different experience levels (novice vs. expert)?



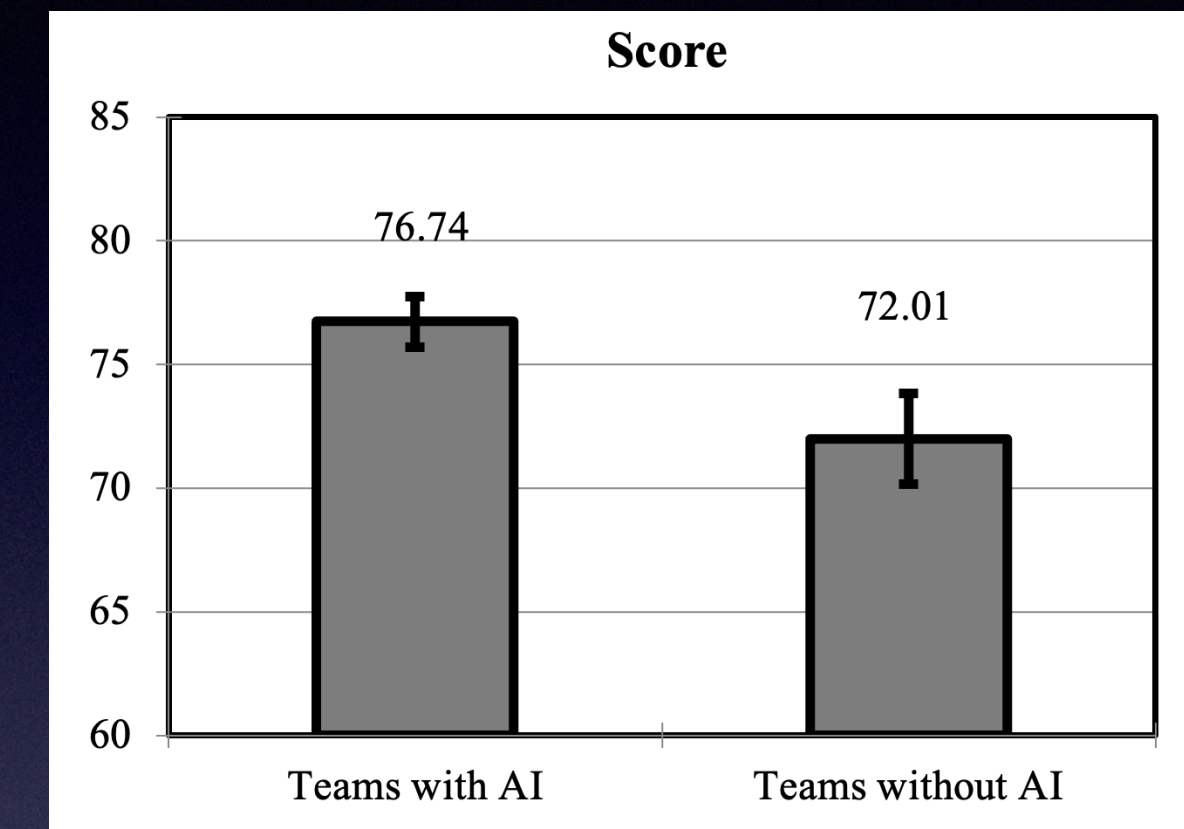
# A Field Experiment

- A real-world design competition, in which 60 student teams participated to design clothes, shoes, and other accessories for an international fashion brand.
- Randomly assigned: 29 teams use AI and 31 teams do not use AI.
- Professional judges from the company rated and scored the teams.

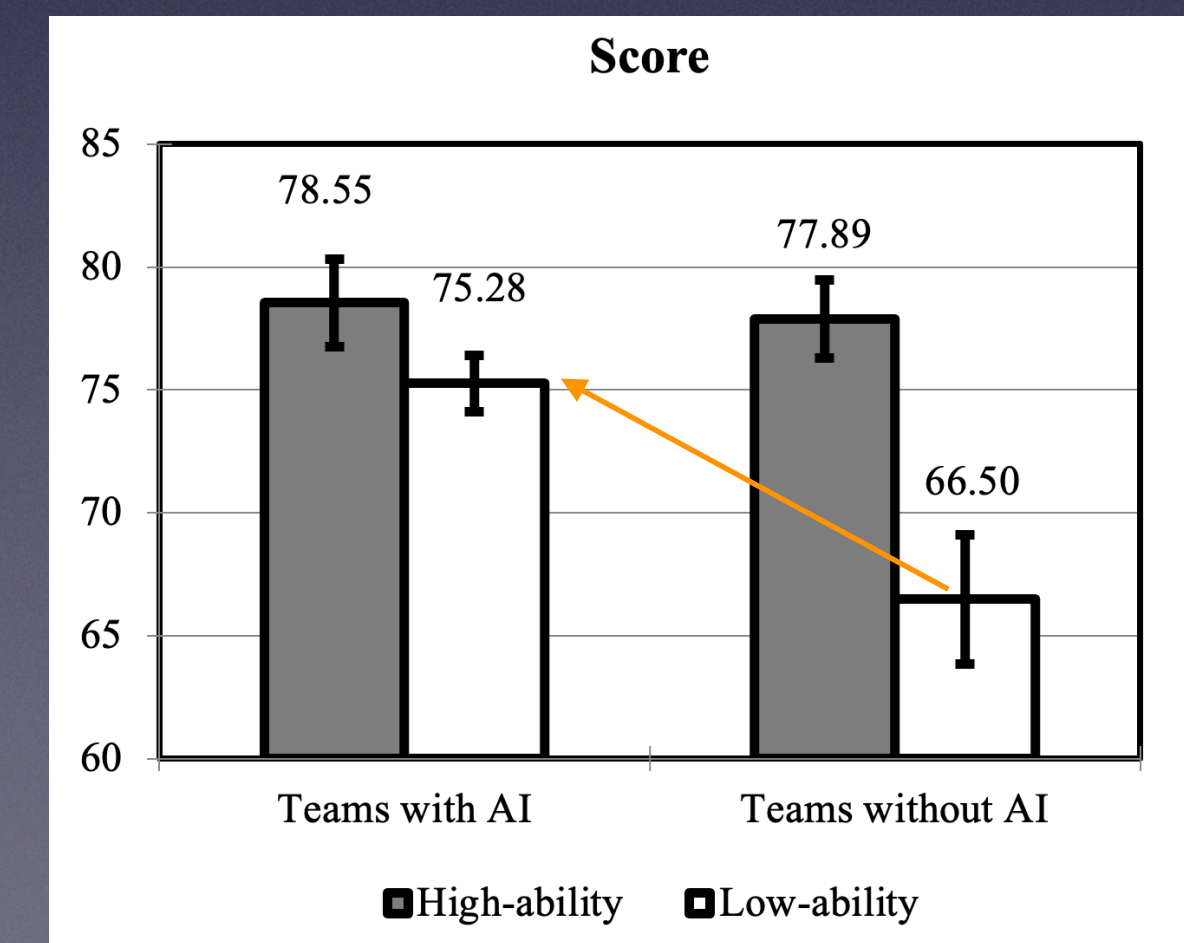


# Preliminary Results

Teams with the AI help received higher scores/rankings compared to the teams without AI help.



Such a positive impact of generative AI tools was significantly stronger for low-ability designers.





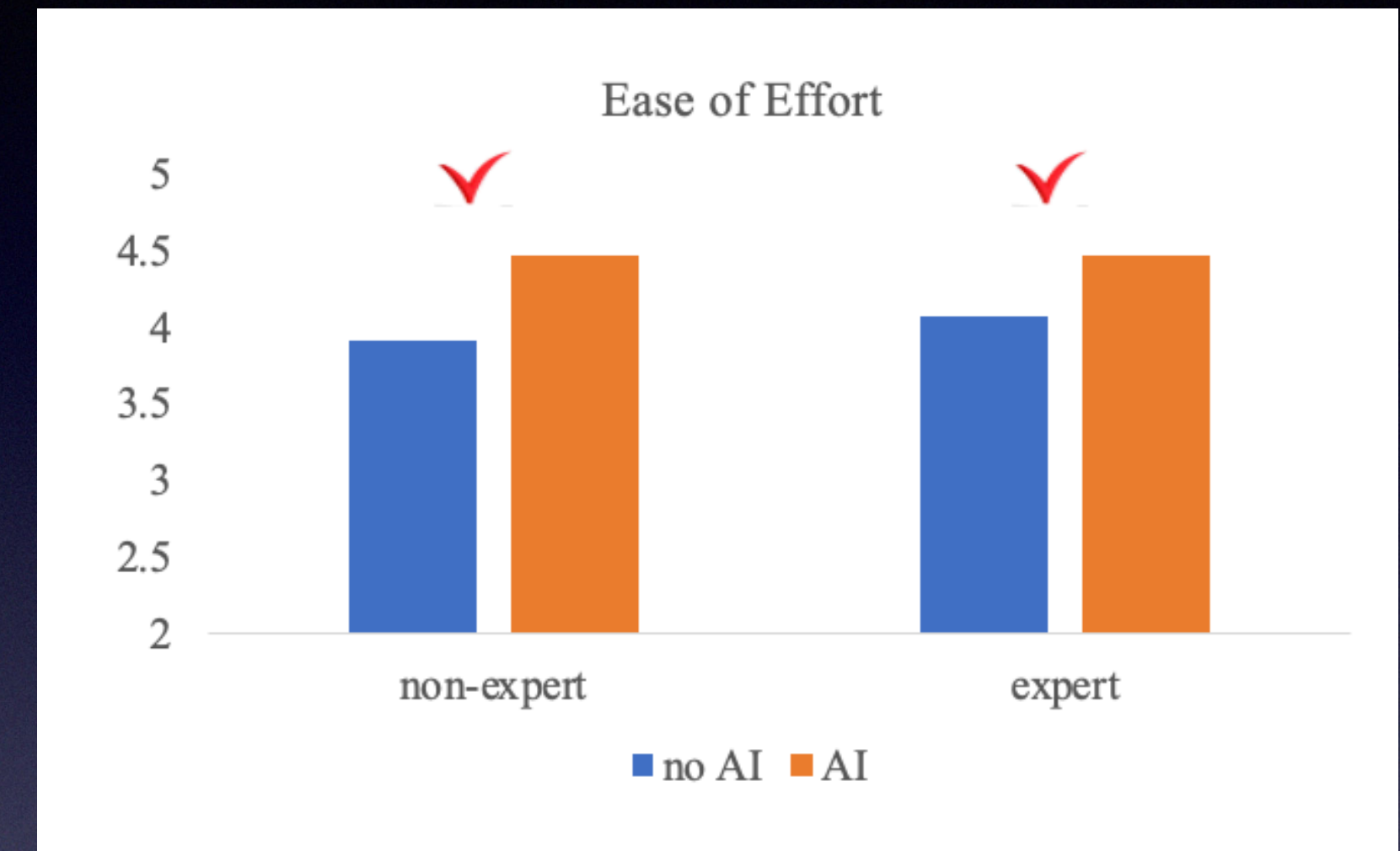
# A Lab Experiment

- A design process is typically composed of two stages: the initial inspiration stage, known as divergent thinking, and the creation stage, which entails convergent thinking.
- Expert and non-expert participants were assigned a graphic design task and asked to work on it with or without AI tools at different creative stages.
- 153 participants in four groups:
  - No AI in both stages (control group)
  - AI in both stages
  - AI only in stage 1 (divergent thinking)
  - AI only in stage 2 (convergent thinking)

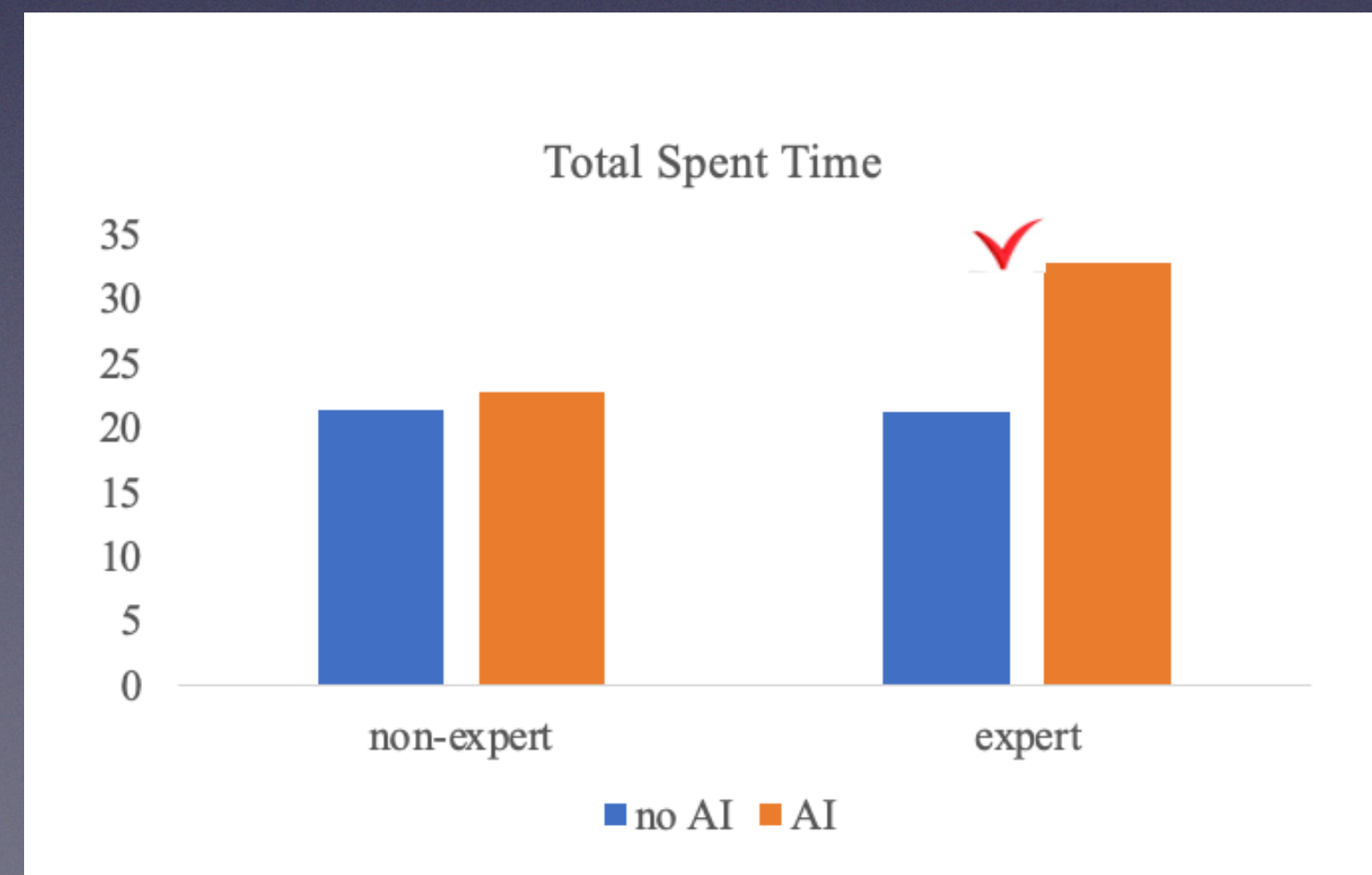


# Preliminary Results

Stage 1



Stage 2





# Prompt Engineering

“Prompt engineering is the process of structuring words that can be interpreted and understood by a text-to-image model. Think of it as the language you need to speak in order to tell an AI model what to draw.” - OpenArt

A well-written prompt often consists of key **subjects/objects** with various **modifiers** and **magic words**



“**ultra detailed** pencil and watercolors and digital illustration of many **plants** grow inside the **bus** by henri rousseau, wes anderson, tim burton, tomm moore, jean pierre jeunet; **4k 8k hd high resolution**”

## Modifiers:

- photography
- art mediums
- artists
- emotions

...

## Magic words:

- HDR, UHD, 4K, 8K
- Highly detailed
- Trending on artstation
- Unreal engine

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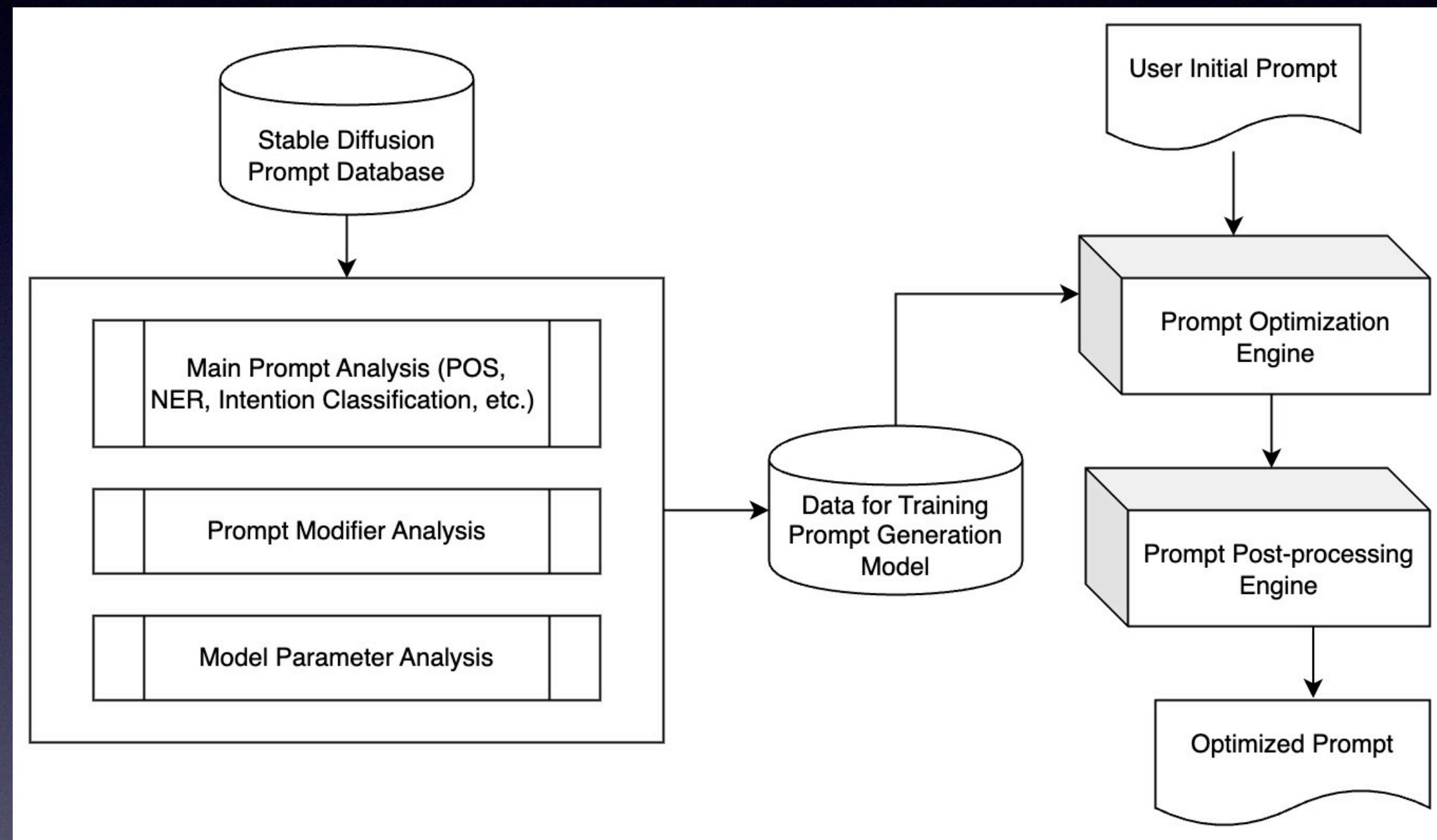


# Project 2 Research Question

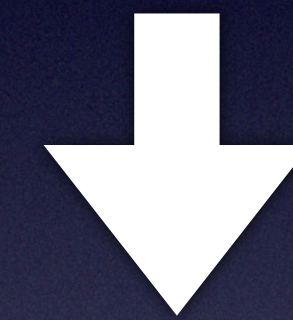
- Good prompts are often quite long: the median of total number of words is **29** for our of our 140K prompts dataset.
- It is not easy to come up with a good prompt especially for inexperienced users.
- Can we develop algorithms to optimize prompts for better quality in generated images?



# A Prompt Optimization Framework



“**ultra detailed** pencil and watercolors and digital illustration of many **plants** grow inside the **bus** by henri rousseau, wes anderson, tim burton, tomm moore, jean pierre jeunet; **4k 8k hd high resolution**”



Try to change the prompt into a text pair for generative model training

Input: many **plants** grow inside the **bus**

Output: many **plants** grow inside the **bus** by henri rousseau, wes anderson, tim burton, tomm moore, jean pierre jeunet; **4k 8k hd high resolution, ultra detailed pencil and watercolors and digital illustration**

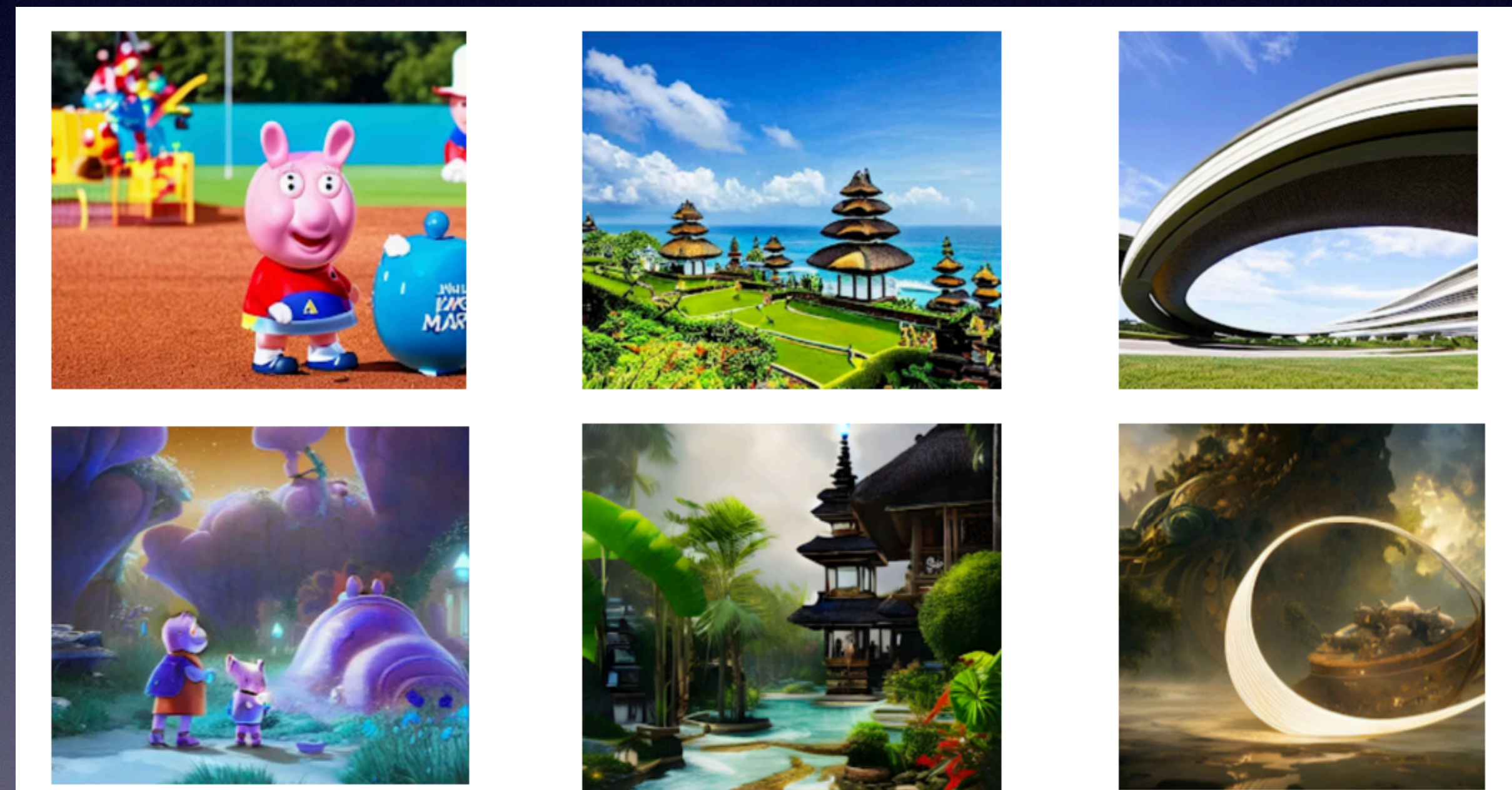
Model Training: 140K Raw Prompts —> 30K prompt pairs —> Fine-tuned a special T5 (Generative Commonsense Reasoning T5)

Post-processing: remove artists based on zero-shot intention classification (with/without human) —> add common negative prompts



# Preliminary Evaluation

- A product based on our framework was developed and deployed for two months and real user data entries were collected to evaluate our framework.
- 200 user original prompts and 200 corresponding optimized prompts were used to generate 400 images
- For an image pair, three human evaluators were asked to judge which image has better quality.
- 75% of optimized images are considered to have higher quality than images without prompt optimization based on majority voting.





# Project 3 Research Question

How can Generative AI transform key tasks in a typical interior design workflow, namely, ideation, schematic drafting, and layout planning?

“Revamping Interior Design Workflow Through Generative Artificial Intelligence”,  
with Ziming He, Xiaomei Li, Ling Fan, HCII 2023.



# Ideation

## Ideation



(a) open office space, futuristic style, white floor, curved walls, many desks, hyper realistic



(b) open office space, futuristic style, white floor, curved walls, many desks, curved columns, hyper realistic



(c) open office space, futuristic style, white floor, curved walls, yellow chairs, many desks, hyper realistic

Targeted style fine-tuning (e.g., unique styles of a studio) and deliberated prompt engineering can jumpstart the creative process.



# Schematic Drafting



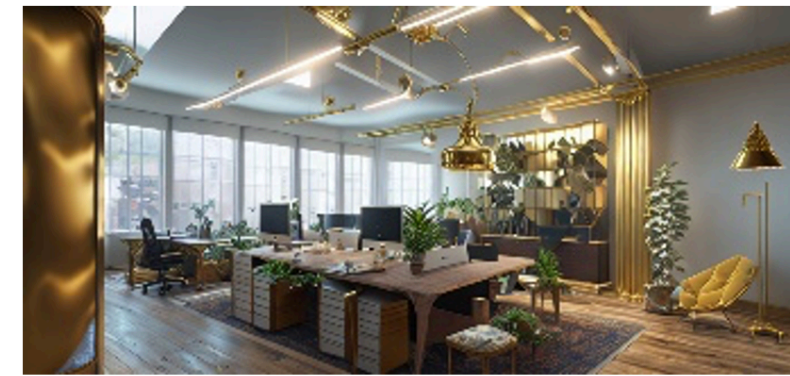
Initial Guidance Image

ControlNet-based rendering improves design workflow efficiency.

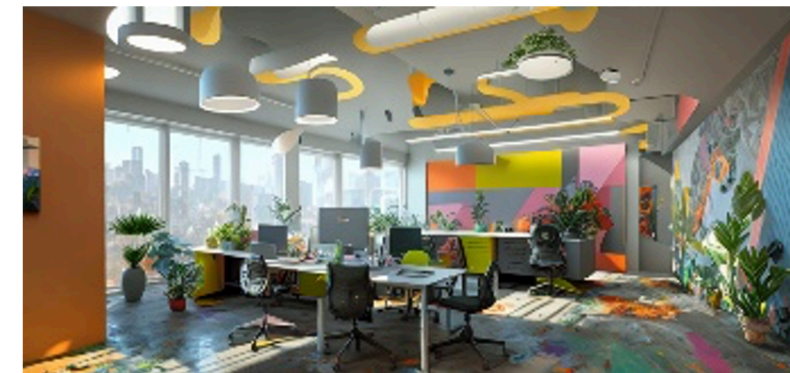


## Baroque Style

baroque, coworking space, office working area, hanging lamps, marble floor, golden decorations, dark light, realistic

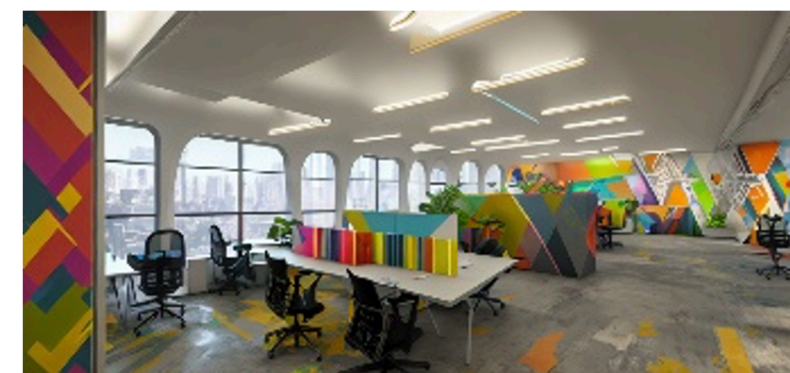


baroque, coworking space, office working area, hanging lamps, wooden floor, golden baroque decorations, plants by window, dark light, realistic



## Maximalist Style

maximalist, coworking space, office working area, colorful walls, gray floor, warm light, realistic



maximalist, coworking space, office working area, color strip walls, clean concrete floor, warm light, realistic



# Layout Planning



(a) office layout, floorplan, meeting rooms, many private rooms, long walls, colored drawing, light color ground, illustration)



(b) office layout plan, meeting rooms, large open areas, colored drawing, light color ground, illustration

Parametric design paired with generative AI may create new ways of layout planning.




Some Closing Remarks



# Technostress for Generative AI

“People experience technostress when they cannot adapt to or cope with information technologies in a healthy manner.”



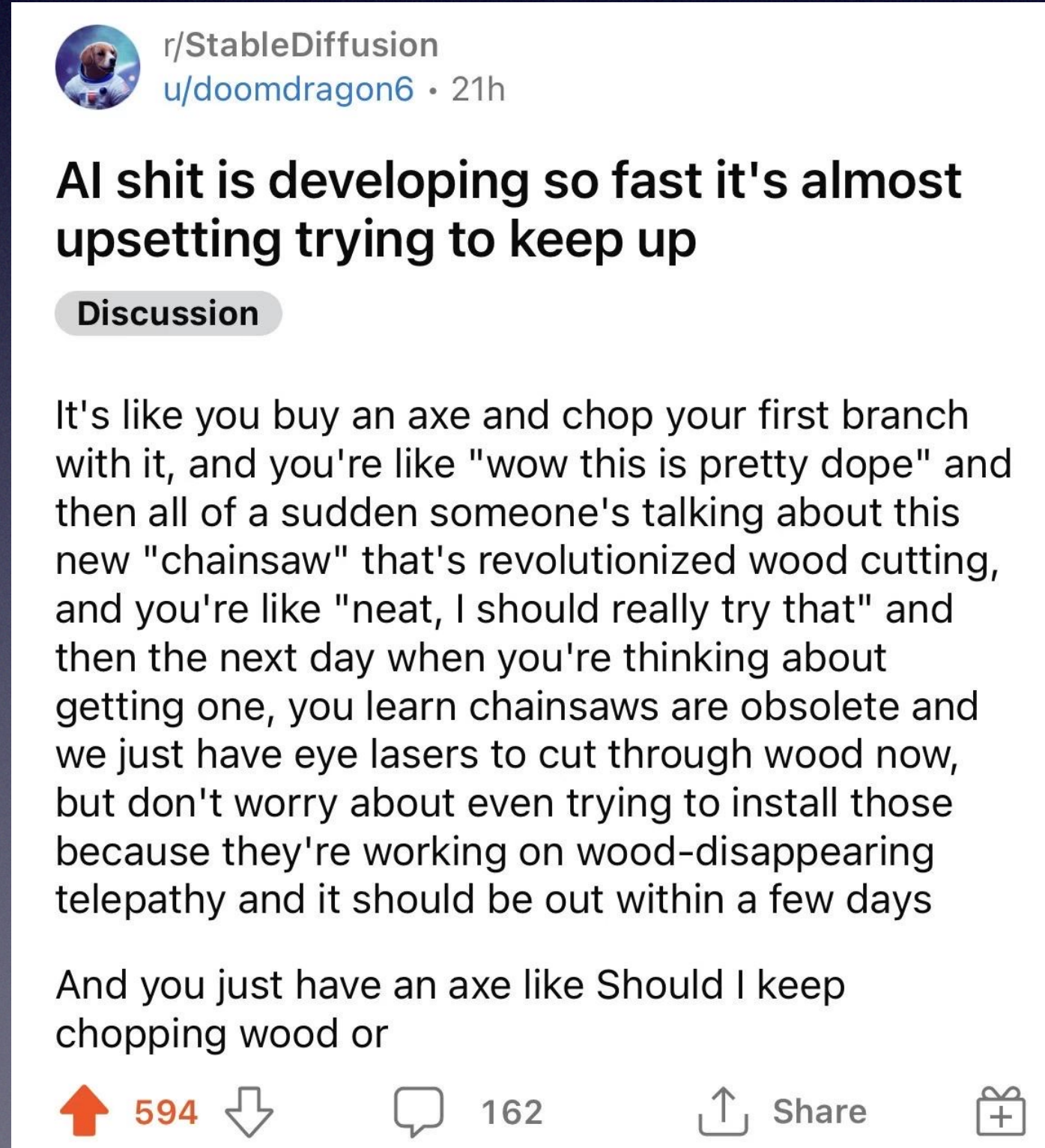
Stable Diffusion Model  
DreamBooth Fine-Tuning  
Img2Img + DeFlickering FX  
Unreal 5 for Virtual Sets  
Resolve for VFX/Edit  
Processed

Original  
Greenscreen Video  
+ 120 shots total  
+ Corridor Crew  
= Creative Tech Magic

SOSpammy · 13h

I'm taking a break from messing with Stable Diffusion for a while because it feels like the technology is evolving faster than I can even learn to install it.

... Reply 74



r/StableDiffusion  
u/doomdragon6 · 21h

## AI shit is developing so fast it's almost upsetting trying to keep up

Discussion

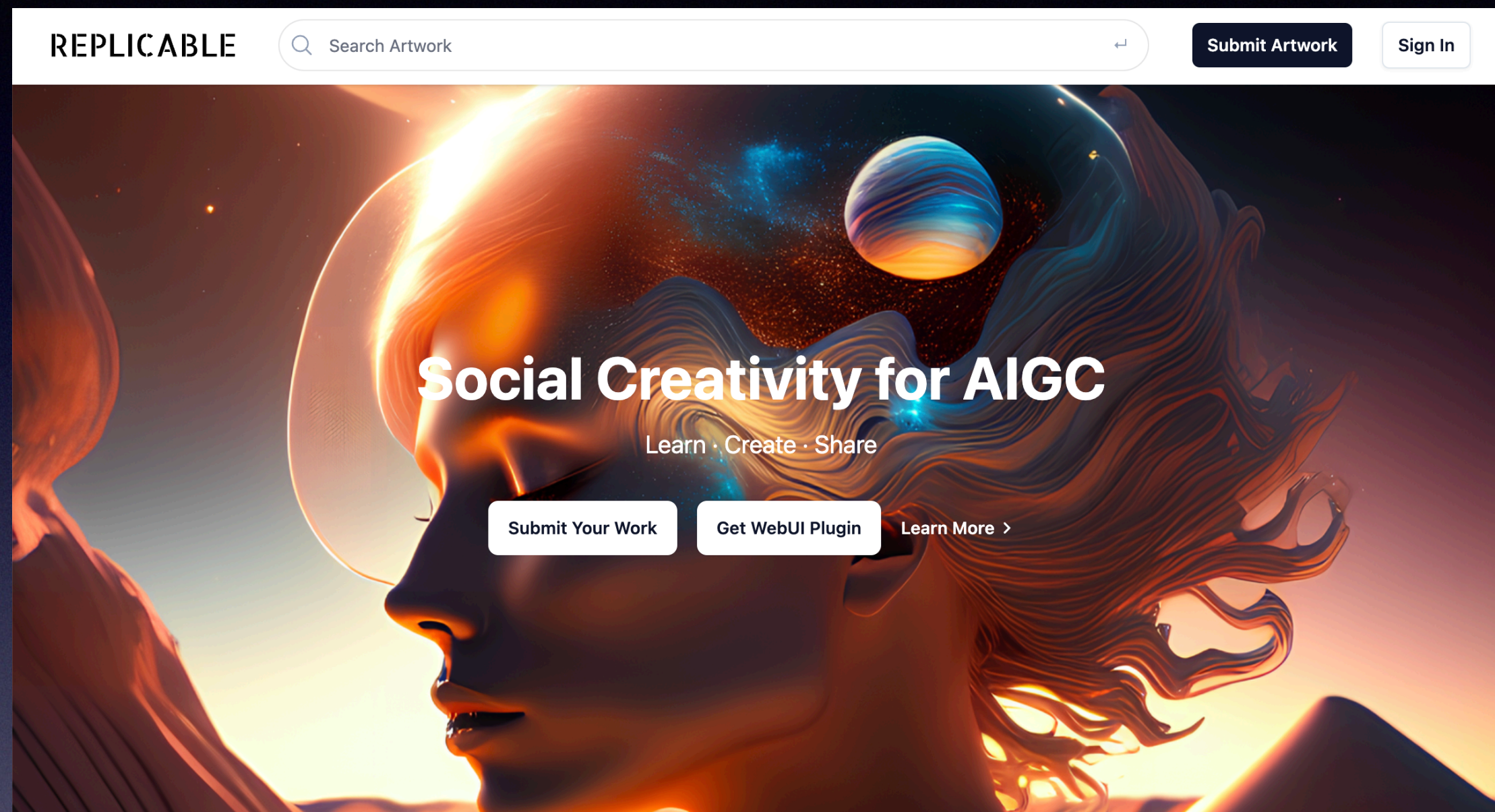
It's like you buy an axe and chop your first branch with it, and you're like "wow this is pretty dope" and then all of a sudden someone's talking about this new "chainsaw" that's revolutionized wood cutting, and you're like "neat, I should really try that" and then the next day when you're thinking about getting one, you learn chainsaws are obsolete and we just have eye lasers to cut through wood now, but don't worry about even trying to install those because they're working on wood-disappearing telepathy and it should be out within a few days

And you just have an axe like Should I keep chopping wood or

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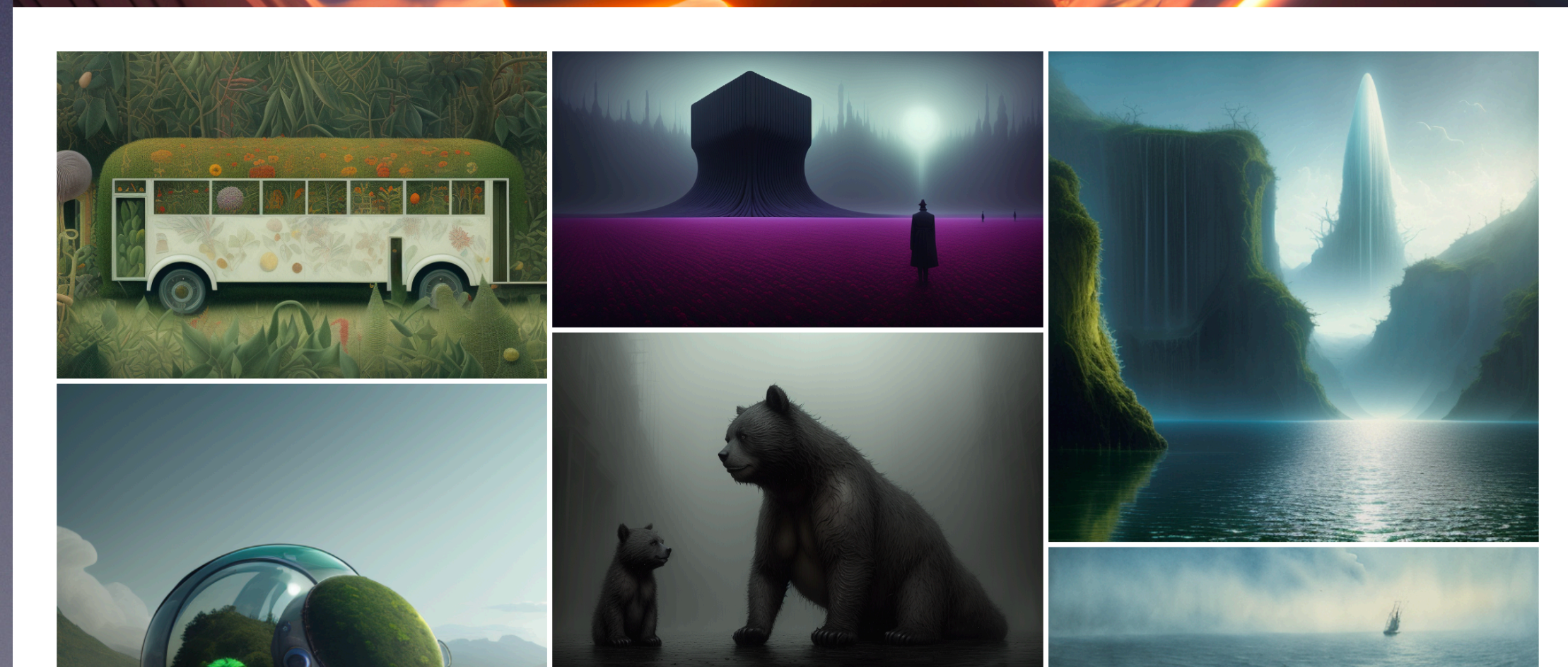


# Social Creativity for AIGC



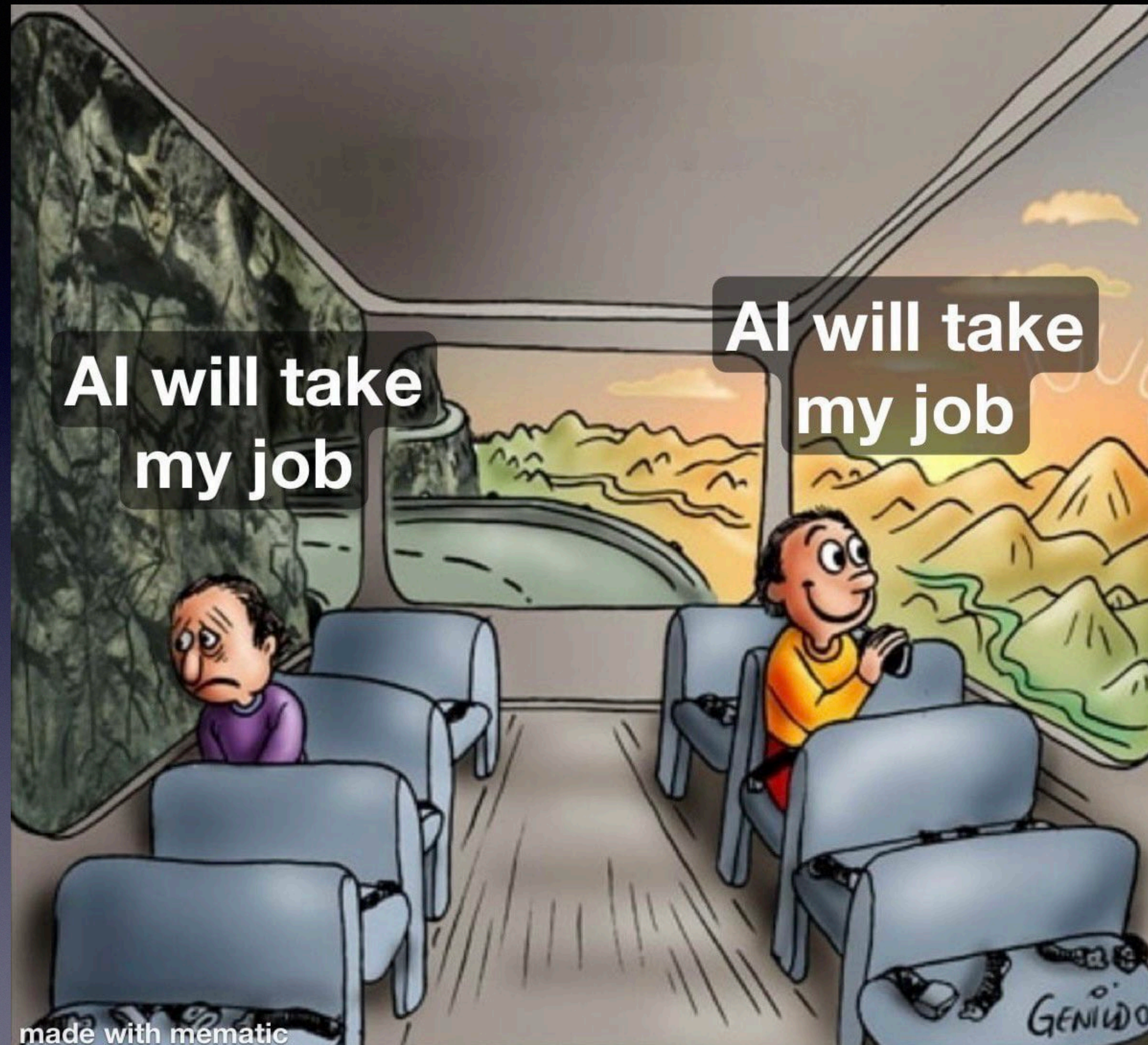
<https://replicable.art/>

"[A human being is ] the most imitative creature in the world, and learns at first by imitation" - Aristotle



Replicable.Art is a social learning community dedicated to curated AIGC (AI Generated Content), tools, and learning materials.





ChatGPT is writing (some) code better and faster than me and I am pretty happy and not worried at all.

I will hire ChatGPT to be my TA this fall semester :)



Thanks!