Al, Gen Al and the Metaverse: A New Era of Possibilities and Challenges.

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- Digital Twin / Metaverse Hardware and Software
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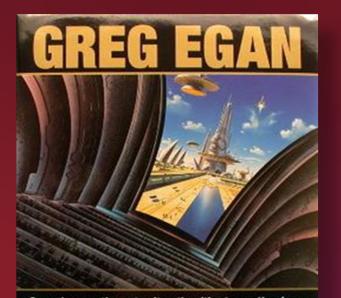
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From Fiction to Science



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ARE YOU LIVING IN A COMPUTER SIMULATION?

BY NICK BOSTROM

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This paper argues that *at least one* of the following propositions is true: (1) the human species is very likely to go extinct before reaching a "posthuman" stage; (2) any posthuman civilization is extremely unlikely to run a significant number of simulations of their evolutionary history (or variations thereof); (3) we are almost certainly living in a computer simulation. It follows that the belief that there is a significant chance that we will one day become posthumans who run ancestor-simulations is false, unless we are currently living in a simulation. A number of other consequences of this result are also discussed.

I. INTRODUCTION

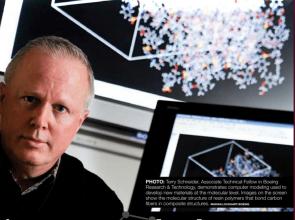
Many works of science fiction as well as some forecasts by serious technologists and futurologists predict that enormous amounts of computing power will be available in the future. Let us suppose for a moment that these predictions are correct. One thing that later generations might do with their super-powerful computers is run detailed simulations of their forebears or of people like their forebears. Because their computers would be so powerful, they could run a great many such simulations. Suppose that these simulated people are conscious (as they would be if the simulations were sufficiently fine-grained and if a certain quite widely accepted position in the philosophy of mind is correct). Then it could be the case that the vast majority of minds like ours do not belong to the original race but rather to people simulated by the advanced descendants of an original race. It is then possible to argue that, if this were the case, we would be rational to think that we are likely among the simulated minds rather than among the original biological ones. Therefore, if we don't think that we are currently living in a computer simulation, we are not entitled to believe that we will have descendants who will run lots of such simulations of their forebears. That is the basic idea. The rest of this paper will spell it out more carefully

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Atoms to airplanes

New structures technologies, developed across Boeing, are helping accelerate product development ву вні seil

erry Schneider, an Associate Technical Fellow in Boeing Research & Technology, works in "atoms to airplanes" modeling, or the complete process of modeling an airplane computationally from a molecular level up to the full-scale, complete airframe.

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research investments in key areas such as structures, a term that describes the physical airframe components of airplanes and other aerospace products. Critical aviation design issuesincluding weight, reliability and safety-all depend on the quality of research and planning that drives structures engineering. Boeing has long been a leader in structures technology, and search conducted throughout the enterprise has steadily improved the design of structures and the materials used to make them. The challenge today is to increase the company's competitive edge by investing in research that generates maximum benefi for Boeing's range of products, both commercial and military. That's why, in 2008, the company created its Enterprise Technology Strategy (ETS), which takes a coordinated, "One Company" approach to technology development. The strategy is built around eight technology areas, or domains, that support Boeing's many business programs and can create a sustainable technical competitive advantage that helps the company grow.

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From Digital Twin to Industrial Metaverse

Industrial Metaverse



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Immersive DT

Digital Twin







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A massively <u>scaled</u> and <u>interoperable</u> network of real-time rendered 3d virtual worlds that can be experienced <u>synchronously and persistently</u> by an effectively <u>unlimited</u> <u>number of users</u> with an <u>individual sense of presence</u> and with <u>continuity of data</u>, such as identity, history, entitlements, objects , communications and payments "

Matthew Ball, The Metaverse

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A virtual world in which we can interact in real time with photorealistic, physicsbased digital twins of our real world. We believe digital twins are the building blocks for the Metaverse.



Industrial Metaverse enables humans and AI to work together to design, build, operate, and optimize physical systems using digital technologies.

Industrial Metaverse enables industrial companies of all sizes to create closed-loop digital twins with real-time performance data, ideal for running simulations and Al-accelerated processes for advanced applications such as autonomous factories that rely on intelligent sensors and connected devices.

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A real-time, persistent simulation space that is the sum of all virtual worlds, digital twins, and augmented reality that connects digital economic assets and infrastructure on a global scale in the industrial and commercial setting.



A systematic discipline that combines hardware [...] data conversions through analytics/machine learning, time histories through cyber-infrastructure, cognition through human-machine interface, and configuration through the Metaverse. **COSMO**TECH

The Industrial Metaverse enables the creation of digital twins of places, processes, real-world objects, and the humans who interact with them.

Source: Arthur D. Little

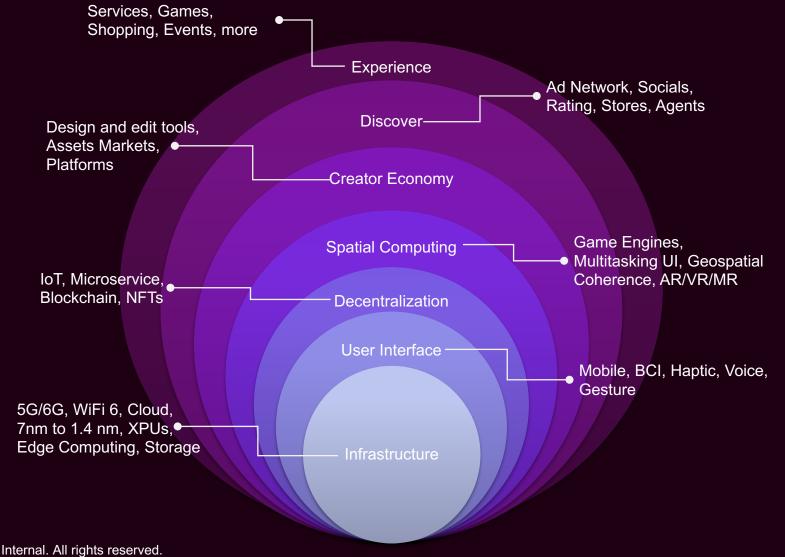


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Connected whole-system digital twin with functionalities to interact with the real system in its environment, allowing decision makers to better understand the past and forecast the future."

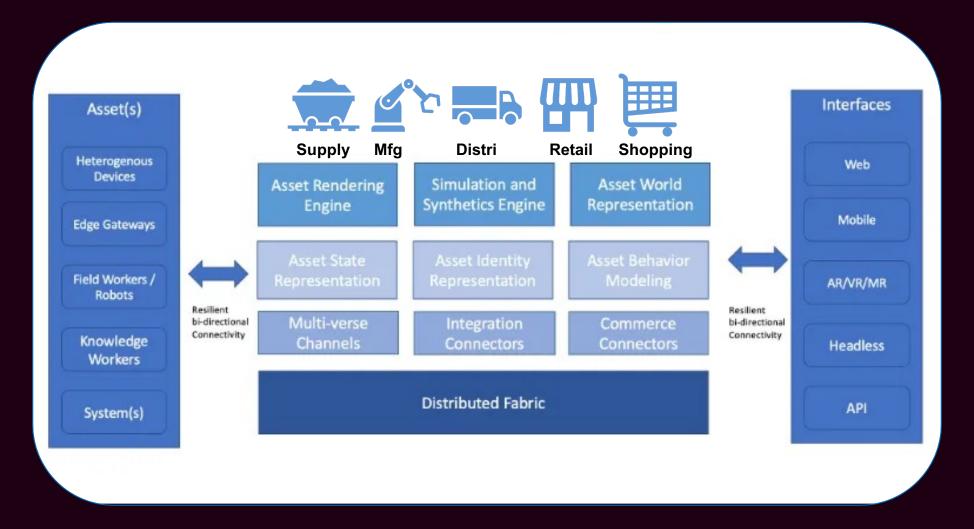
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Anatomy of the Metaverse



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Metaverse System Model



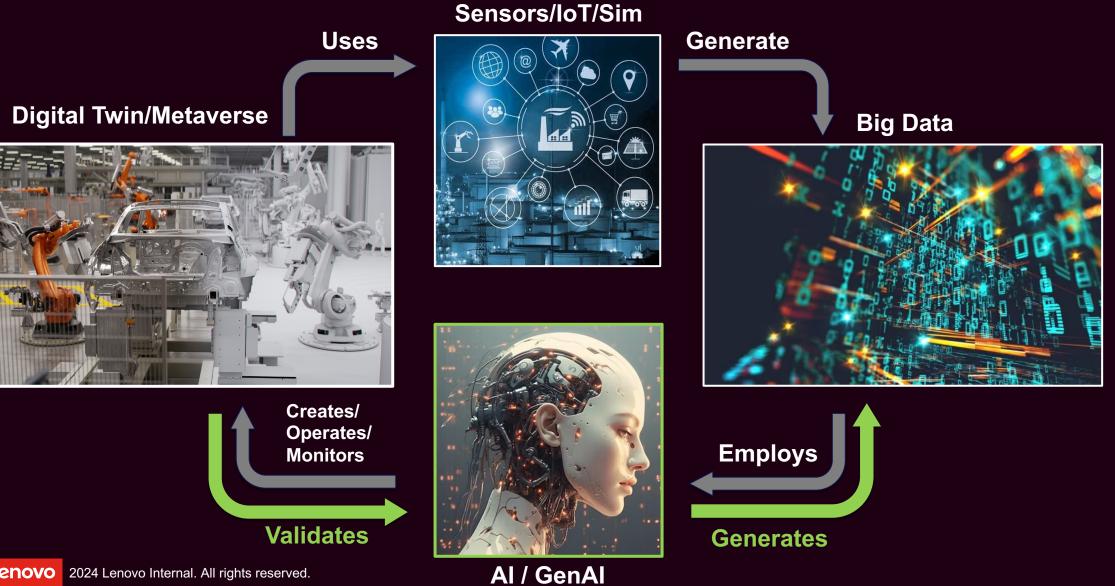
The natural habitat of AI is in the virtual world."

Dr. Michael Grieves

- Intelligent digital twins and the development and management of complex systems -

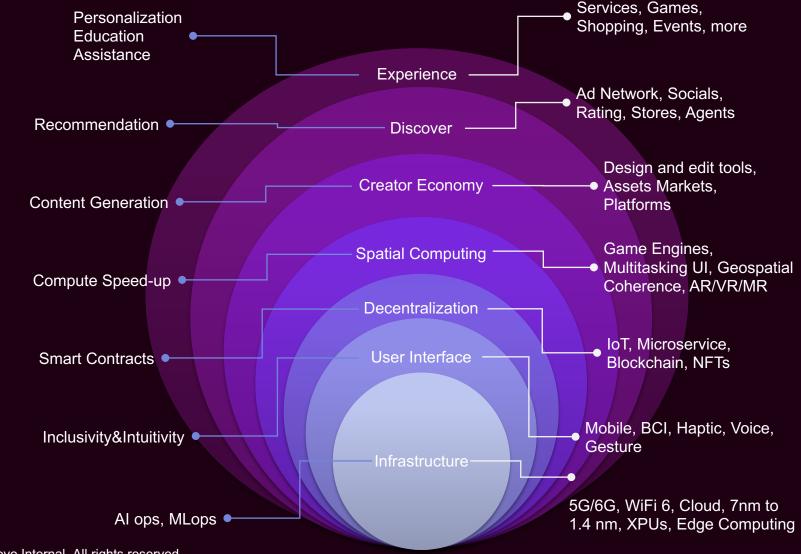
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The Intertwined Nature of Metaverse and AI



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How Today's AI is Shaping Tomorrow's Possibilities

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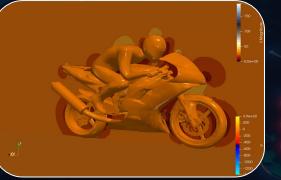
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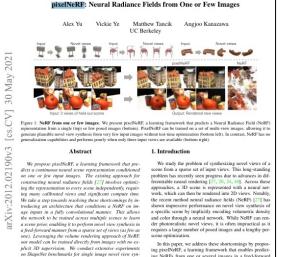
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Advances in Neural Rendering and Mesh Generation

PixelNeRF (2021)



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Instant Ngp (2022)

Instant Neural Graphics Primitives with a Multiresolution Hash Encoding THOMAS MÜLLER, NVIDIA, Switzerland ALEX EVANS, NVIDIA, United Kingdom CHRISTOPH SCHIED, NVIDIA, USA ALEXANDER KELLER, NVIDIA, German https://nylabs.github.io/instant-ng

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ruction from RGB video captures

ric scene structures from multiple images observed at differ ral rendering. However, current methods struggle to recover ent viewpoints [9]. The recovered surfaces provide structural detailed structures of real-world scenes. To address the ation useful for many downstream applications, such issue, we present Neuralangelo, which combines the repas 3D asset generation for augmented/virtual/mixed realresentation power of multi-resolution 3D hash grids with ity or environment mapping for autonomous navigation of neural surface rendering. Two key ingredients enable our ap proach: (1) numerical gradients for computing higher-order robotics. Photogrammetric surface reconstruction using a monocular RGB camera is of particular interest, as it equip derivatives as a smoothing operation and (2) coarse-to-fine optimization on the hash grids controlling different levels of the real world using ubiquitous mobile devices. details. Even without auxiliary inputs such as depth. Neuralangelo can effectively recover dense 3D surface structures from multi-view images with fidelity significantly surpassing previous methods, enabling detailed large-scale scene

sers with the capability of casually creating digital twins of Classically, multi-view stereo algorithms [6, 16, 33, 39] ad been the method of choice for sparse 3D reconstruction. An inherent drawback of these algorithms, however, is their inability to handle ambiguous observations, e.g. regions with large areas of homogeneous colors, repetitive texture

Magic3D (2023)

Magic3D: High-Resolution Text-to-3D Content Creation

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Abstract

DreamFusion [33] has recently demonstrated the utility f a pre-trained text-to-image diffusion model to optimize eural Radiance Fields (NeRF) [25], achieving remarkable text-to-3D synthesis results. However, the method has two in herent limitations: (a) extremely slow optimization of NeRF nd (b) low-resolution image space supervision on NeRF, leading to low-auality 3D models with a long processing time. In this paper, we address these limitations by utilizing a wo-stage ontimization framework. First we obtain a coarse todel using a low-resolution diffusion prior and accelerate with a sparse 3D hash grid structure. Using the coarse repre intation as the initialization, we further optimize a textured D mesh model with an efficient differentiable renderer inting with a high-resolution latent diffusion model. Our nethod, dubbed Magic3D, can create high quality 3D mesh models in 40 minutes, which is 2× faster than DreamFuion (reportedly taking 1.5 hours on average), while also achieving higher resolution. User studies show 61.7% raters o prefer our approach over DreamFusion. Together with the image-conditioned generation capabilities, we provide users with new ways to control 3D synthesis, opening up new

1. Introduction

3D digital content has been in high demand for a variety of applications, including gaming, entertainment, architec-ture, and robotics simulation. It is slowly finding its way into irtually every possible domain: retail, online conferencing, virtual social presence, education, etc. However, creating professional 3D content is not for anyone - it requires immense artistic and aesthetic training with 3D modeling exertise. Developing these skill sets takes a significant amount of time and effort. Augmenting 3D content creation with natural language could considerably help democratize 3D

ontent creation for novices and turbocharge expert artists.

avenues to various creative applications.

A trained model can only be used to synthesize objects for a single class, with early signs of scaling to multiple classes shown recently by Zeng et al [49] Therefore what a user can do with these models is extremely limited and not yet ready for artistic creation. This limitation is largely due to the lack of diverse large-scale 3D datasets - compared to image and video content. 3D content is much less accessible on the Internet. This naturally raises the question of whether 3D generation capability can be achieved by leveraging powerful text-to-image generative models. Recently, DreamFusion [33] demonstrated its remarkable ability for text-conditioned 3D content generation by utilizing a pre-trained text-to-image diffusion model [38] that generates images as a strong image prior. The diffusion model acts as a critic to optimize the underlying 3D repre sentation. The optimization process ensures that rendered images from a 3D model, represented by Neural Radiance Fields (NeRF) [25], match the distribution of photorealis tic images across different viewpoints, given the input text

Image content creation from text prompts [2, 30, 35, 38

has seen significant progress with the advances of diffusion

models [13, 43, 44] for generative modeling of images. The

key enablers are large-scale datasets comprising billions

of samples (images with text) scrapped from the Internet

and massive amounts of compute. In contrast, 3D content

generation has progressed at a much slower pace. Existing

3D object generation models [4,9,49] are mostly categorical

prompt. Since the supervision signal in DreamFusion operates on very low-resolution images (64×64), DreamFusion cannot synthesize high-frequency 3D geometric and texture details. Due to the use of inefficient MLP architectures for the NeRF representation, practical high-resolution synthesis may not even be possible as the required memory footprint and the computation budget grows quickly with the resolution. Even at a resolution of 64 × 64, optimization times are in hours (1.5 hours per prompt on average using TPUv4).

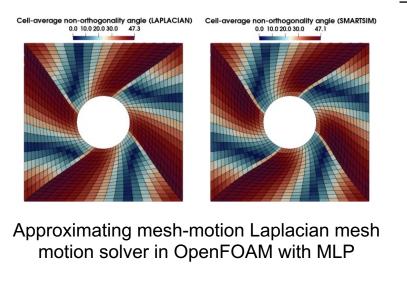
In this paper, we present a method that can synthesize highly detailed 3D models from text prompts within a reduced computation time. Specifically, we propose a coarse

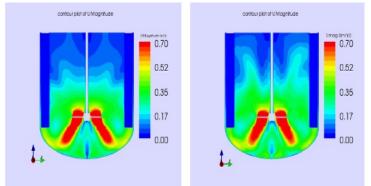
Metric	PixelNeRF	Instant NGP	Neuralangelo
Rendering Time (ms)	10-30 per pixel	<1 per pixel	~100-500 per pixel
Scene Complexity	High	Medium-High	Very High
Photorealism	No/ Limited	Yes	Yes
Real-time Capability	No	Yes	No

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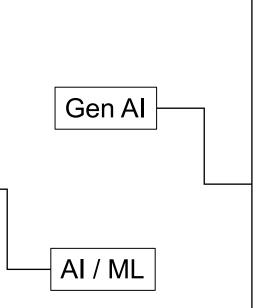
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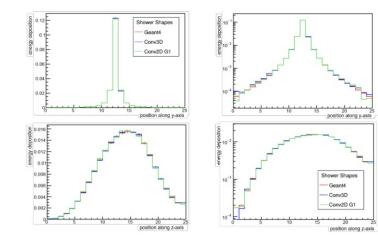
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Using CNN to Solve Euler-Lagrange, Momentum Transfer, and Incompressible RANS Equations



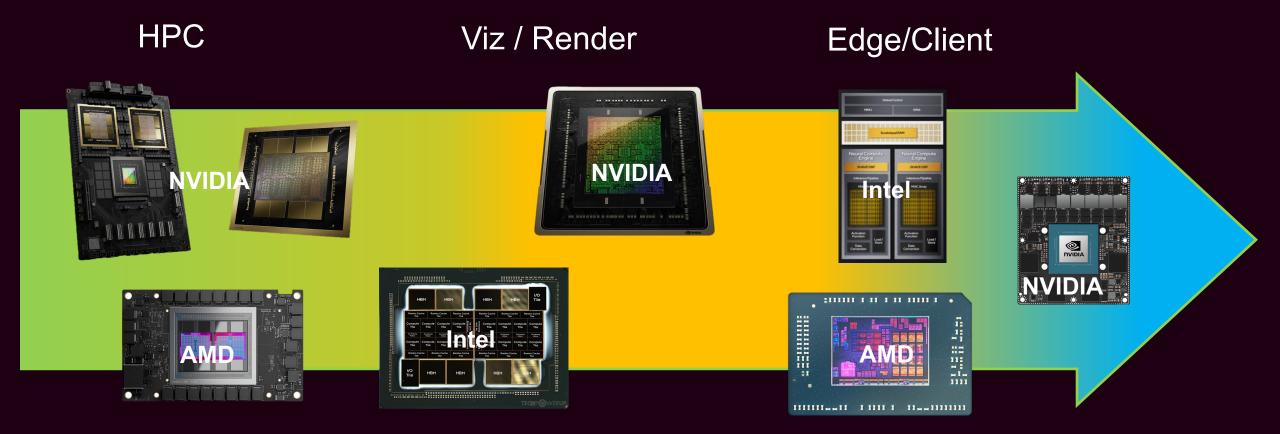


Simulating high energy physics calorimeter detector outputs with 2D GAN



Video generation models as general purpose simulators of the physical world?

Tensors Reshape Compute Architectures



Al-optimized Portfolio from Model Development to Inferencing

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Challenges ahead



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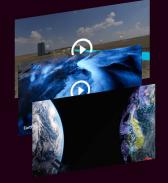
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- Accelerating Carbon Capture and Storage
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- Visualizing Molecular Dynamics
- Brain Digital Twin



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Industrial Metaverse Are we there yet?

Takeaways:

Evolving DT Concept	The extended and enhanced use of digital twins is at the core of the Industrial Metaverse. Al applications can speed up 3D asset creation and prototyping while providing more intelligent capabilities to DT
HPC&AI-Powered Metaverse	Integrating AI into the HPC framework for the Industrial Metaverse unlocks new capabilities, driving innovation and efficiency in high-fidelity rendering and physical simulations.
Metaverse-Ready Infrastructure	The key technologies for achieving extended whole-system digital twins are not yet mature, but advances in AI, edge computing, and cloud infrastructure are rapidly closing the gap.
Challenges	Key issues include security, scalability, latency, costs, skill gaps, and regulatory compliance (including AI and data governance)
Future Trends	Accelerators mem bw will keep increasing, AI eats HPC, Raytracing engine will be integrated into AI superchips (i.e.: NVIDIA DGX) or Viz card will start employing DGX-like architectures

Smarter technology for all

Towards an Industrial Metaverse

A glimpse of the transformative power of Metaverse and Al

Additive Manufacturing

Process Optimization





Synthetic Data



Augmented Assistance

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Infrastructure







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Data Architecture Upgrades Needed for AI, GenAI and Industrial Metaverse

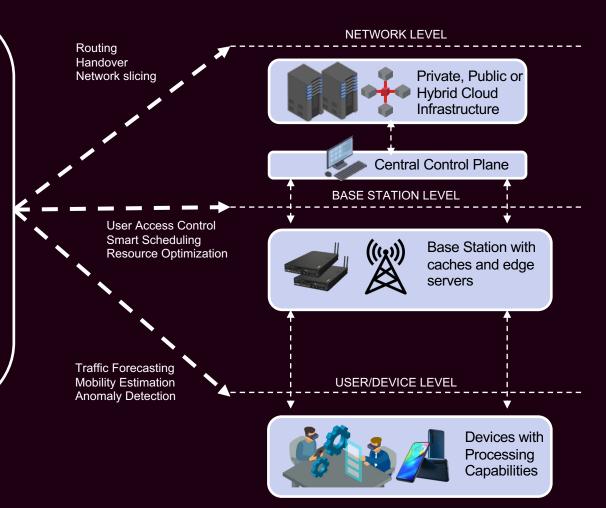
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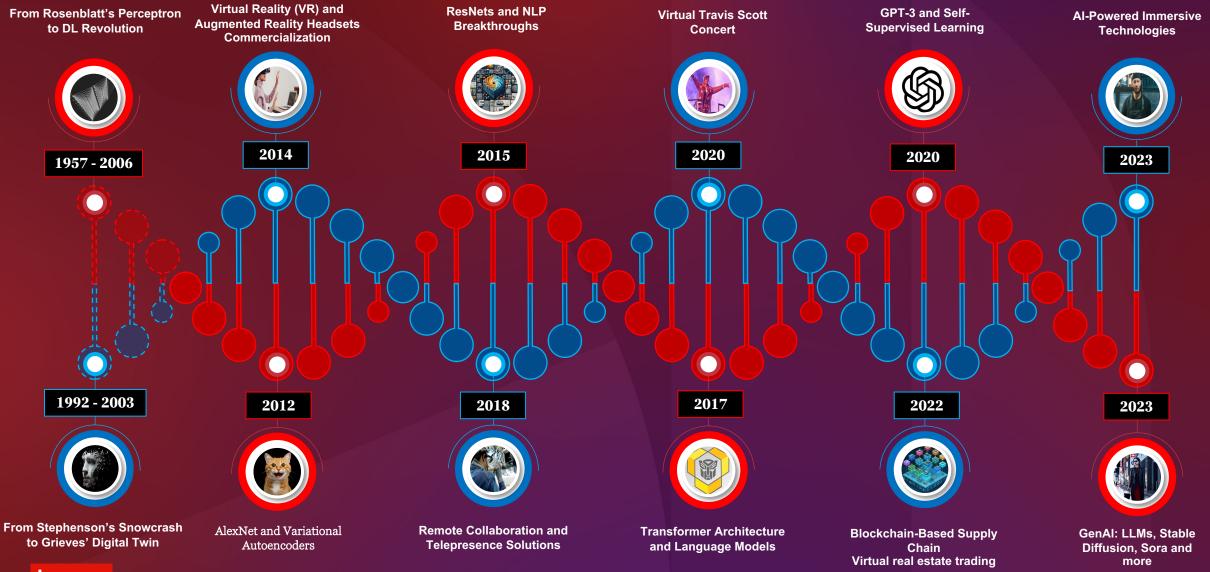


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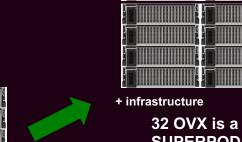


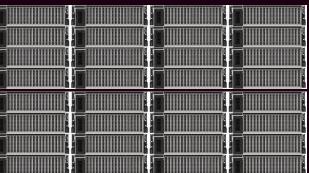
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Your OVX Journey

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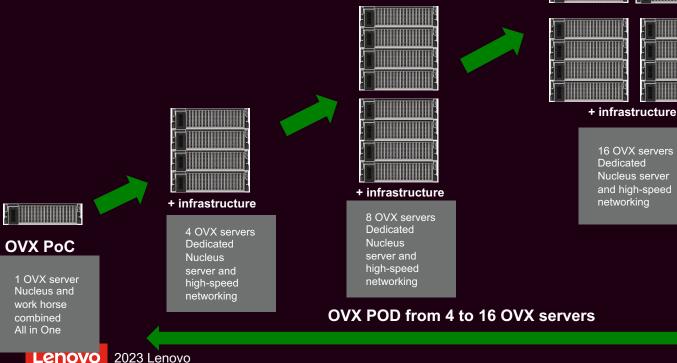
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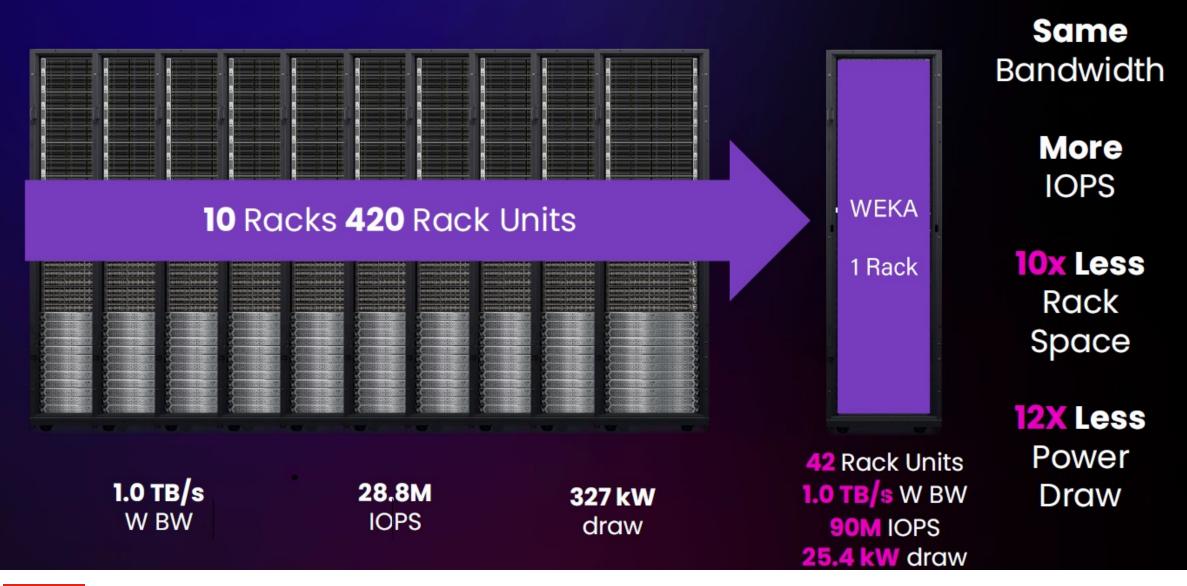
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