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Imagine Artificial Intelligence as a future capability

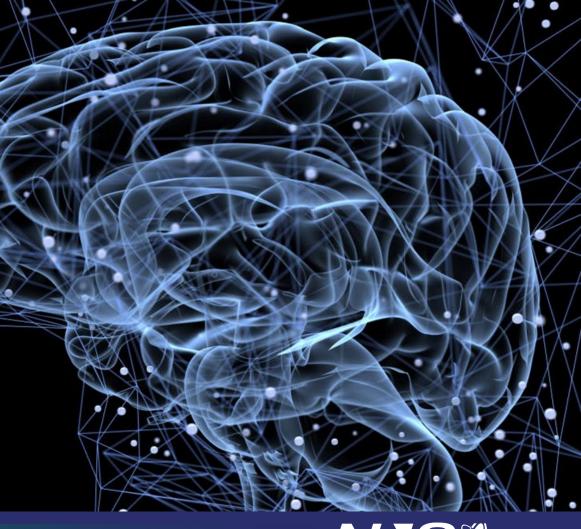
That safely and securely uses known, verifiable NSE data to:

Guide prioritization

- Analyze large and complex datasets to identify data risks/trends
- Evaluating projects simultaneously as a "difference engine"
- Aiding impartial planning decisions

Respond to requests

- Providing simple or more complex answers for user convenience
- Automate repetitive tasks/data calls







Imagine accelerating mission using "Al for good"

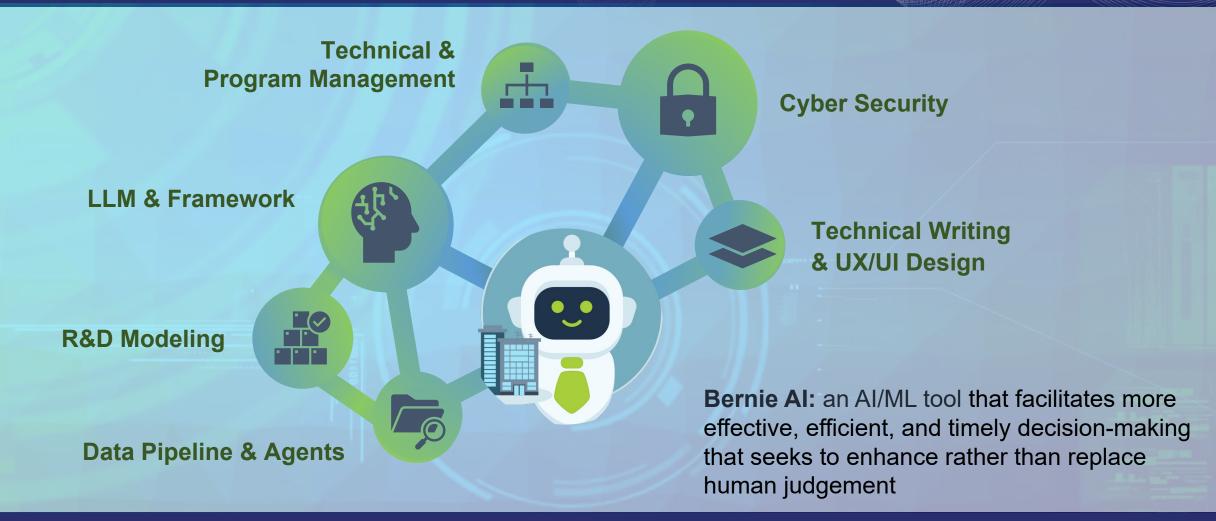
Using a proactive and interactive tool with total asset visibility, that:

- Identifies risks
 - Flags data anomalies
 - Predicts equipment failure
 - Tests assessment methodologies
- **Solves** problems
 - Improves correlation of RPV and construction costs
 - Find better life extension opportunities
 - Maintain knowledge easing succession planning





Bernie Al Team Approach







The Bernie Al Team







Pilot Investigative Areas



LLM & Framework

- Choose hardware, LLM, plugins, vector database
- Determine cost, sustainability, portability
- Retrieval-augmented generation



Data Pipeline & Agents

- Determine agents, where data resides, APIs needed
- Improve responses
- Ensure data governance



Cyber Security

- Lead Red Teaming, M&O and NSE views
- Determine question redirects
- Mosaic effect prevention



R&D Modeling Team

- Enlist community help
- Release verification tools, portal, Q&R library
- Train and fine-tune





Small and Large Language Models

SLM Best Uses

- Specialized knowledge
- Efficient and low-latency
- Mobile applications
- Voice assistants
- IoT devices
- Educational purposes

Microsoft's PHI-2 and Mistral 7B are highquality sources similar to LLMs.

LLM Best Uses

- Broad knowledge
- Long training window
- High-precision
- Generate human-like text
- Research applications
- Multimodal abilities

Llama Index and Langchain are frameworks for LLMs.





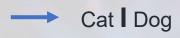
Primary Al Model Types

	Generative AI is a creative author of new content, ideas, and images drawing inspiration from existing datasets	Predictive AI is an analytical detective able to identify patterns, make predictions, and classify existing data
Objective	Create new data	Classifies existing data
Type of Learning	Probabilistic modeling	Discriminative modeling
Task management	Unsupervised	Supervised (ideal for a secure dataset)
More accurate results	Includes outlier data	✓ Doesn't include outlier data
Faster to train		✓
Greater ability to trend and make predictions		✓
More effective with data that isn't uniformly categorized		
Requires more computational resources and vast training data	✓	

Trained Dataset — Result







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Choosing Predictive Al

Predictive and Generative AI are different; generating new data is not desirable

Weighing Predictive Al Pros & Cons

PROS	CONS	
Pinpoint Customer Behavior	Heavily Relies on Trained Data	
Enhance Customer Experience	Data Security Concerns	
Make Informed Decision	Expenditure*	

^{*}Considering the necessary of hiring experts with specialized skills for data collection, cleaning, analysis, and other operations, which increases costs





Conscious and Conscience

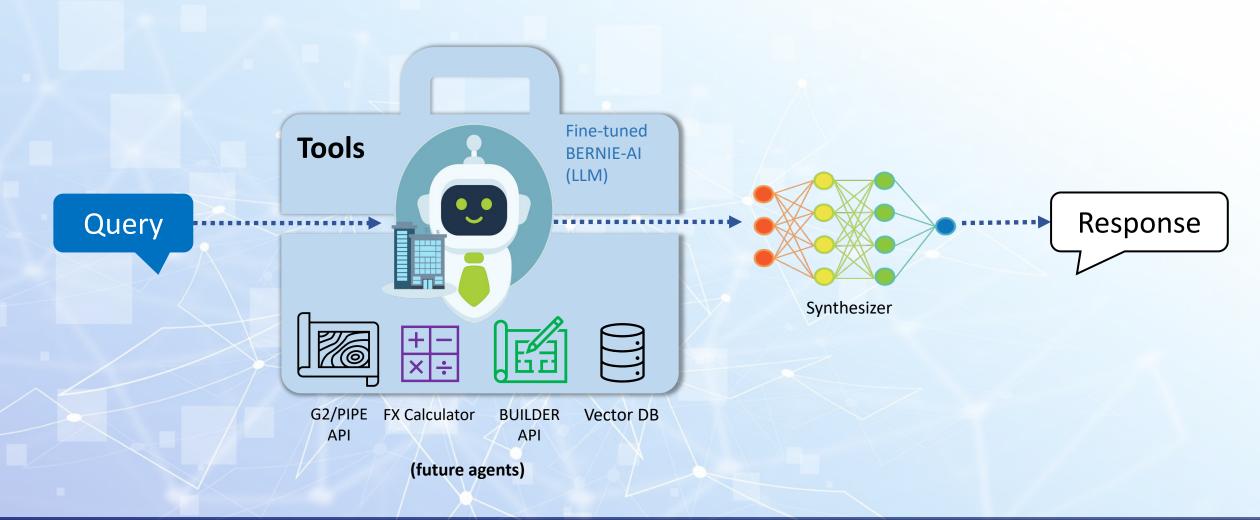
A user portal designed to combat Al hallucination

- Direct access to Bernie Al team
- Validation using documents & data
- Al Training feedback loop
- Developer blogs
- Community of practice resources
- Research links





Agents Bring Forward Key Data







Importance of Red Teaming

To build a safe AI, a key requirement is building a robust and efficient red teaming process



Systematically probing the LLM to identify vulnerabilities, biases, and potential misuse cases





Schedule for 15-Month Bernie Al Pilot Program



FY24 Q4

FY24 Q3

- Define pilot project scope
- Cybersecurity review

- Form focus group
- Collect customer input
- Al framework paper
- Develop documentation
- Implement IT resources

FY25 Q1

- Develop initial LLM training plan
- Implement initial plan
- Future cybersecurity conditions paper

FY25 Q2

- Proof of concept using APIs with current apps
- Connect to multiple data sources
- Implement training program
- Develop an enterprise data acquisition plan

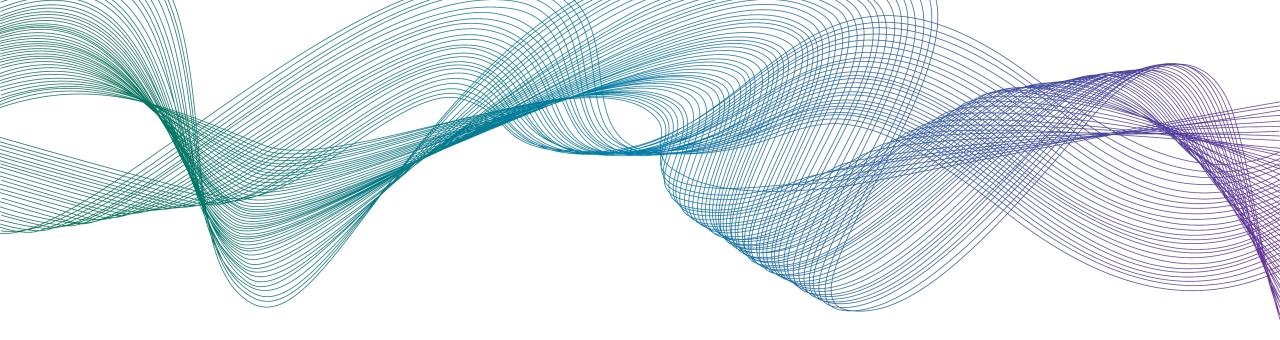
FY25 Q3

- Question review
- 12-month evaluation
- Develop expanded LLM training scope
- Complete model programming
- Implement enterprise data acquisition plan

FY25 Q4

- Deliver evaluation results June 2025
- State of neural network paper
- Add neural network layers
- Investigate additional input and output appliances





Questions?

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