

# Impact of Generative Al in Supply Chain

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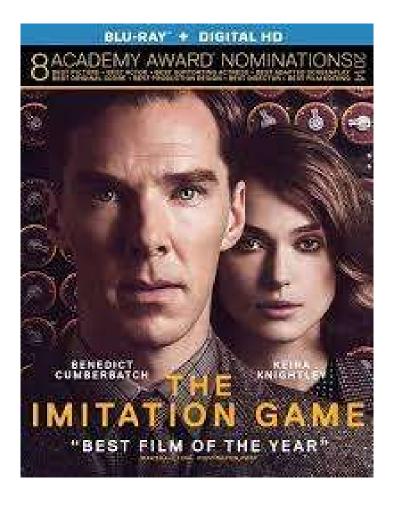
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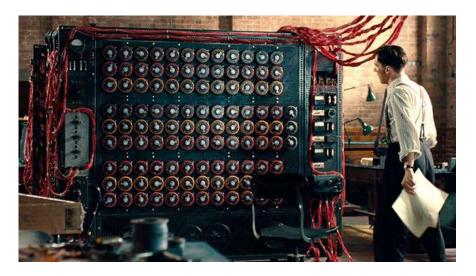


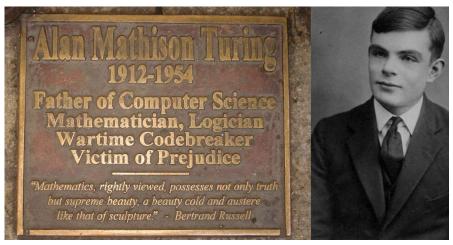
1. What is AI? What is Generative AI like ChatGPT?

### The Father of Computer Science

### Alan Turing



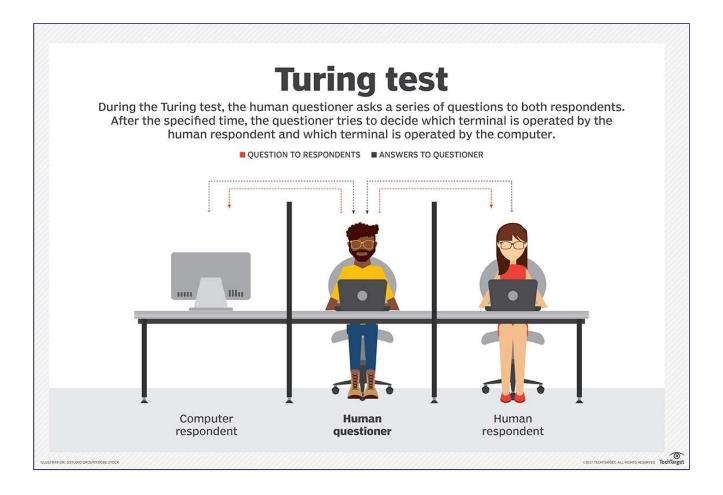






# What is Al?

# Can the robot pass the "Turing Test"?

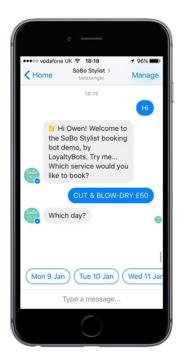


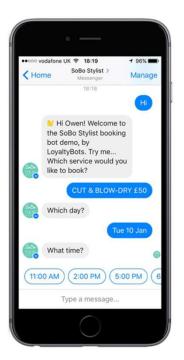


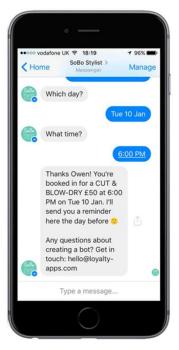
# Can you tell the operator is a chatbot or a human being?













Al Stages

**Timing** 

**Implications** 





A.I.

"The theory and development of computer systems able to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages"

**OED** 

Artificial Narrow Intelligence (ANI)

Execute specific focused tasks, without ability to self-expand functionality

**Today** 

Outperform humans in specific repetitive functions, such as driving, medical diagnosis and financial advice

Jobs enhanced

Artificial General Intelligence (AGI)

Perform broad tasks, reason, and improve capabilities comparable to humans

About 2040?

Compete with humans across all endeavors, such as earning university degrees and convincing humans that it is human

Jobs at risk

Artificial Super Intelligence (ASI)

Demonstrate intelligence beyond human capabilities

Soon after AGI

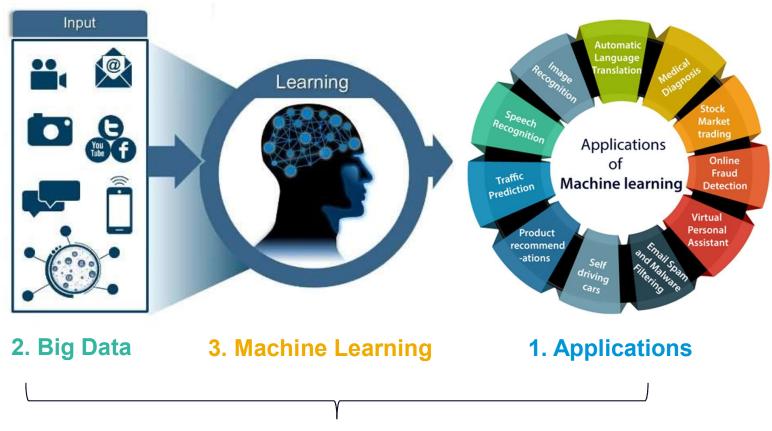
Outperform humans, helping to achieve societal objectives or threatening human race

Humanity at risk

# **Typical AI**

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### **Machine Learning is the Core of Al**



**Artificial Intelligence (AI)** 

# Analytical AI (ANI) for Business Are Being Used in Almost All Industries All Functions



- Predictive maintenance or condition monitoring
- Warranty reserve estimation
- Propensity to buy
- Demand forecasting
- Process optimization
- Telematics

- Predictive inventory planning
- Recommendation engines
- Upsell and cross-channel marketing
- Market segmentation and targeting
- Customer ROI and lifetime value

- Alerts and diagnostics from real-time patient data
- Disease identification and risk stratification
- Patient triage optimization
- Proactive health management
- Healthcare provider sentiment analysis

Manufacturing



Retail



Healthcare and Life Sciences



- Aircraft scheduling
- Dynamic pricing
- Social media consumer feedback and interaction analysis
- Customer complaint resolution
- Traffic patterns and congestion management

Travel and Hospitality



- Risk analytics and regulation
- Customer Segmentation
- Cross-selling and up-selling
- Sales and marketing campaign management
- Credit worthiness evaluation
- Power usage analytics
- Seismic data processing
- Carbon emissions and trading
- Customer-specific pricing
- Smart grid management
- Energy demand and supply optimization

**Financial Services** 



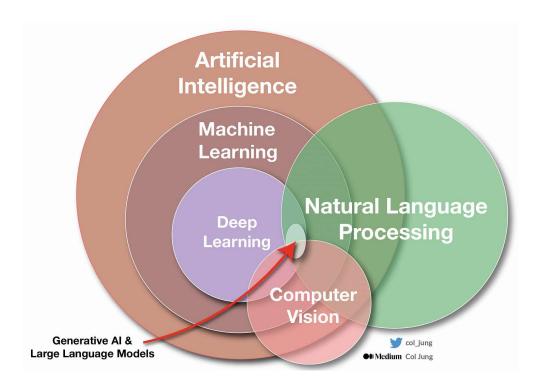
Energy, Feedstock, and Utilities





### What is Generative Al?

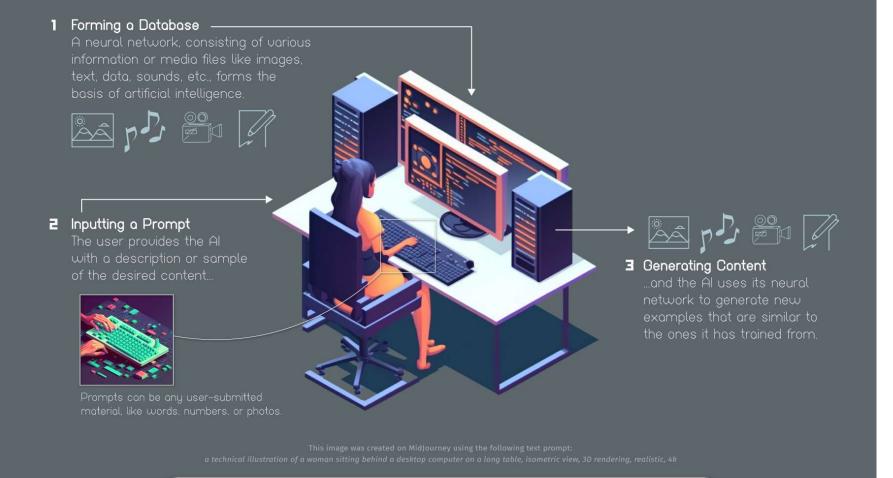
- ◆ Generative AI, also referred to as GenAI, allows users to input a variety of prompts to generate new content, such as text, images, videos, sounds, code, 3D designs, and other media. It "learns" and is trained on documents and artifacts that already exist online
- Generative AI evolves as it continues to train on more data. It operates on AI models and algorithms that are trained on large unlabeled data sets, which require complex math and lots of computing power to create. These data sets train the AI to predict outcomes in the same ways humans might act or create on their own.
- ◆ The rise of generative AI is largely due to the fact that people can use natural language to prompt AI now, so the use cases for it have multiplied. Across different industries, AI generators are now being used as a companion for writing, research, coding, designing, and more.





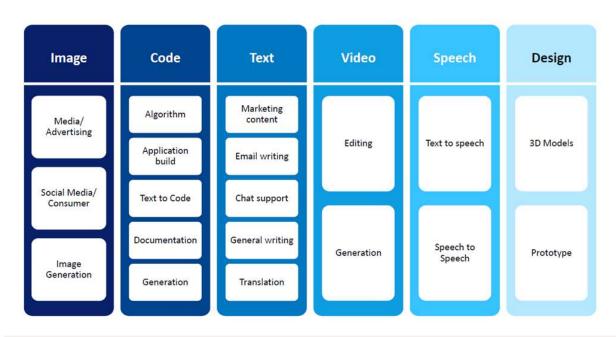
Generative AI is a type of artificial intelligence (AI) that uses machine learning algorithms to create new and original content like images, videos, text, and audio.







# Major Types of Contents GenAl Can Generate



	PRE-2020	2020	2022	2023?	2025?	2030?
TEXT	Spam detection Translation Basic Q&A	Basic copy writing First drafts	Longer form Second drafts	Vertical fine tuning gets good (scientific papers, etc)	Final drafts better than the human average	Final drafts better than professional writers
CODE	1-line auto-complete	Multi-line generation	Longer form Better accuracy	More languages More verticals	Text to product (draft)	Text to product (final), better than full-time developers
IMAGES			Art Logos Photography	Mock-ups (product design, architecture, etc.)	Final drafts (product design, architecture, etc.)	Final drafts better than professional artists, designers, photographers)
VIDEO / 3D / GAMING			First attempts at 3D/video models	Basic / first draft videos and 3D files	Second drafts	Al Roblox Video games and movies are personalized dreams
			Large model availability:	First attempts	Almost there	Ready for prime time

### GenAl's Growth

### **ChatGPT Sprints to One Million Users**

Time it took for selected online services to reach one million users



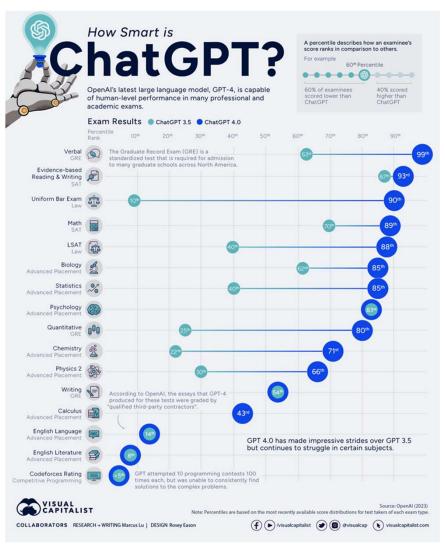
Source: Company announcements via Business Insider/Linkedin







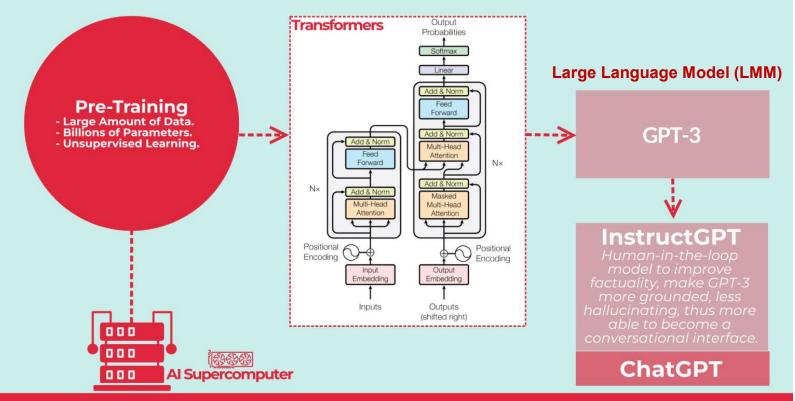




#### **Generative Al**

Generative AI represents a set of new large machine learning models trained on vast amounts of data, with billions of parameters, which through scale, and sheer computing power via AI supercomputers, can, by performing text-to-text predictions, become general-purpose engines, able to perform a wide set of tasks, from natural language understanding to coding, speech recognition and much more.

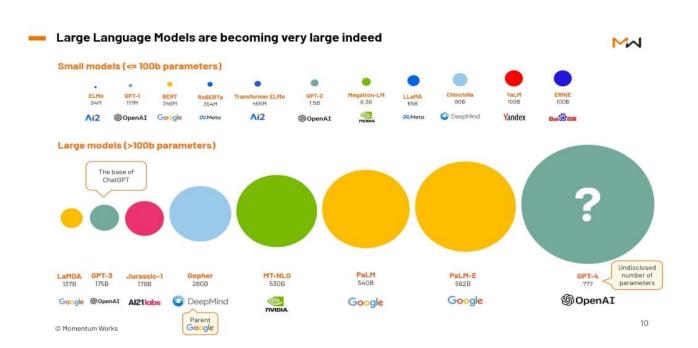


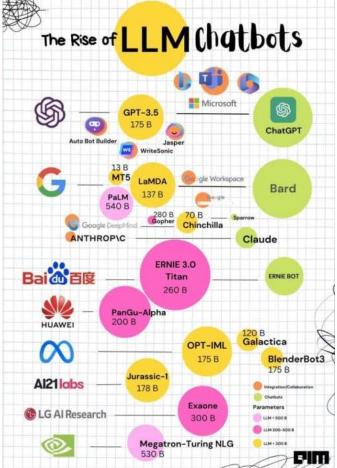


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# ChatGPI is Just one of the GenAI Chatbots based on GPT Large Language Model (LLM)









2. GenAl Applications in Biz & Supply Chain



#### Examples of Generative AI Technology



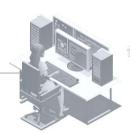
#### ChatGPT text generation Al



#### INPUT PROMPTS



"Write a limerick about data taking over the world. Include the word: egg"





"Data taking over the world, it's true
It's growing like an egg that's due
It's everywhere we go
It's taking over slow
But it's the future, there's nothing we can do."

#### Real-Life Applications of this Platform

• communications, journalism, publishing, creative writing, writing assistance



#### MidJourney

image generation Al



#### INPUT PROMPTS



- a rabbit wearing a sunhat
- Santa Claus in a blue outfit
- a watercolor of a red bicycle in front of a waterfall











#### Real-Life Applications of this Platform

• advertisements, published illustrations, corporate visuals, novel image generation





#### Codex

computer coding generation Al



#### INPUT PROMPTS



"Write script to change a website's background color in Python"





Here's an example import requests

script that uses the from bs4 import BeautifulSoup

# send a GET request to the website response = requests.get("https://yourwebsite.com")

# parse the HTML content soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, 'html.parser')

# locate the element you want to change the background color of element = soup.find('body')

# add a new style attribute to the element element['style'] = 'background-color: pink:'

# print the modified HTML print(soup.prettify())

#### Real-Life Applications of this Platform

• web design, software development, coding/scripting, technology



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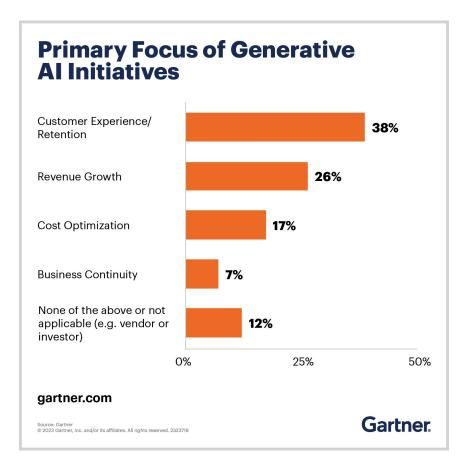


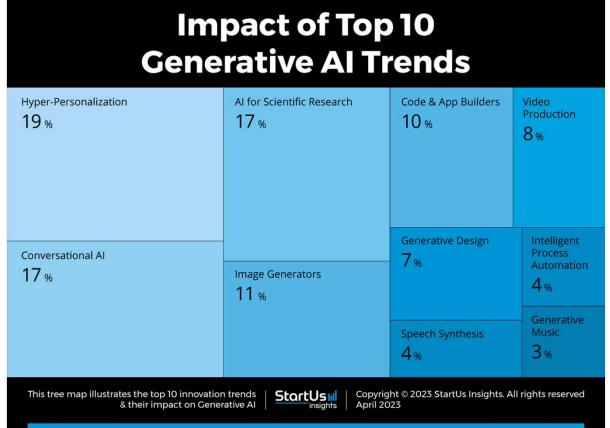
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# **Generative AI (AGI) for Business Focus and Impact**









# **Generative Al Applications**

#### Customer care

- Assist agents
- Personalize customer interactions
- Analyze interaction sentiment
- Generate personalized content
- Record call center transcripts

#### Digital labor

- Summarize content
- Assist knowledge search
- Analyze and report
- Develop contracts
- Create content

#### Retail

- Summarize sales
- Hyper-personalize products
- Classify products
- Assist computer vision
- Optimize prices

#### Healthcare

- Provide prior authorization
- Administer benefits
- Facilitate regulatory reporting
- Assist real-world analysis
- Explain claims and benefits
- Summarize history

#### Public and government

- Translate government forms
- · Research policy
- Explain citizen benefits
- Summarize cases
- Facilitate regulatory compliance

#### IT operations

- Write technical documentation
- Act as coding copilot
- · Develop test cases
- Monitor compliance
- Optimize network

#### Cybersecurity

- Provide error log and root cause analysis
- Analyze external threats
- Respond to incidents
- · Generate reports
- Reference documents for compliance

#### Industrial

- Write technical documentation
- Assist industrial design
- Optimize production
- Identify product recall risks
- Assist business-tobusiness backoffice AI

#### Banking and financial services

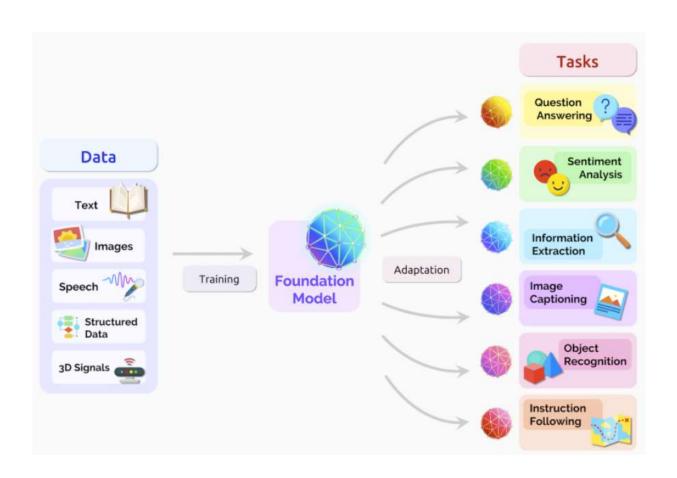
- Maintain knowyour-customer data
- Manage regulatory changes
- Provide wealth management advice
- Summarize earnings
- · Personalize emails

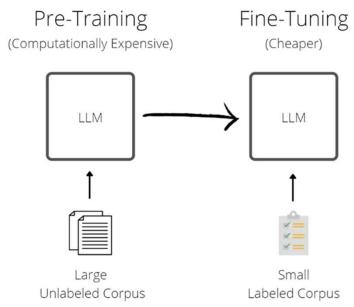
#### Telco

- · Personalize offers
- · Optimize networks
- Explain bills
- Assist business-tobusiness backoffice AI



# Large Language Model (LLM) Can be Adapted for Many Applications e.g. ChatGPT





# Cost and Purchasing Terms How Do you Negotiate with Vendors? GenAl?



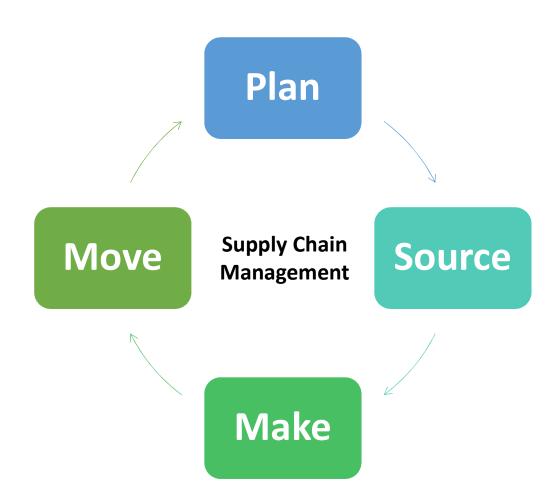
- One leading US retailer built bots using generative AI to negotiate cost and purchasing terms with vendors in a shorter time frame, noting that this early effort has already reduced costs by bringing structure to complex tender processes.
- The technology presents the opportunity to do more with less, and when vendors were asked how the bot performed, over 65% preferred negotiating with it instead of with a human at the company. We have also seen instances where companies are using generative AI tools to negotiate against each other!
- Beyond negotiations, generative AI presents an opportunity to improve supplier relationships and management, with recommendations on what to do next. These tools are useful to quickly extract information from large contracts and help you better prepare for renewal discussions, for example.







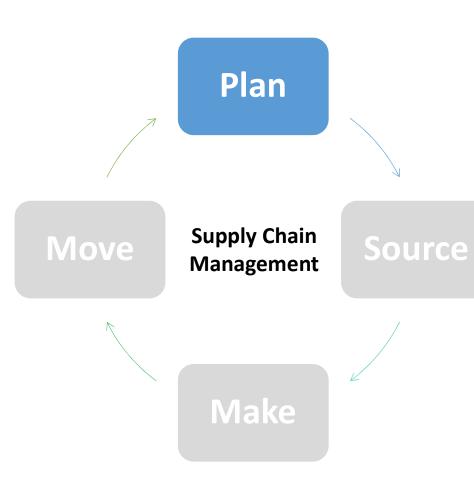




Generative Al
aims to be
an agile co-advisor
and multiplier in
strengthening
supply chains

# Plan \* GenAl





#### **Demand Forecasting**

Many organizations are using AI to analyze large historical sales data sets, market trends and other variables to create real-time demand models. With generative AI, optimal inventory levels, production schedules and distribution plans can be created to meet the customer demand efficiently.

#### **Production Planning**

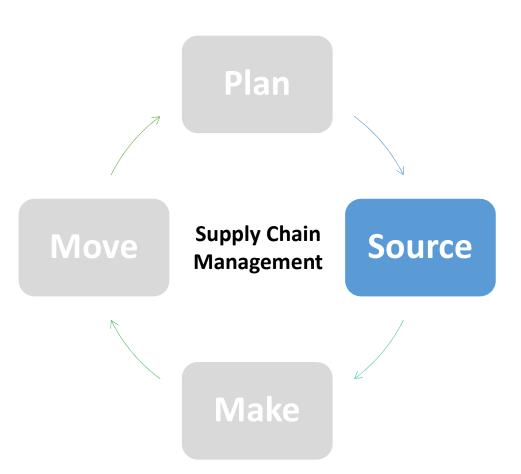
Al helps with plan production and scheduling by considering factors such as customer changes, production capacities, resource availability and order priorities. Similar to its demand forecasting capabilities, generative Al can make production plans, schedule sequences and allocate resources effectively to minimize bottlenecks and optimize production efficiency.

#### **Risk Management**

Today, AI can be harnessed to analyze historical data, market conditions, weather patterns and geopolitical events, among other data sources, to identify potential supply chain risks. But instead of prepopulated dashboards, for example, generative AI can be prompted to produce risk assessments, scenario simulations and mitigation strategies on demand to help planners manage and mitigate the risks proactively.

# Source \* GenAl





#### **Supplier Management**

Leverage natural language processing to gain insights from supplier communications and data points. Support, monitor and analyze supplier interactions; identify potential issues; and improve supplier relationships.

#### **Sourcing**

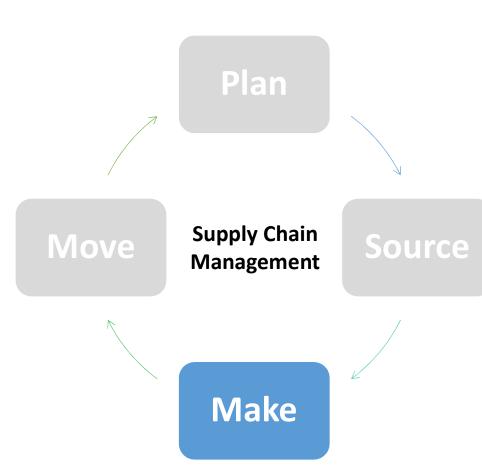
Support the supplier selection process by analyzing a wide range of supplier data and generating insights. By considering factors such as supplier performance, capabilities, pricing and risk profiles, generative AI algorithms can provide recommendations or rankings for making informed decisions.

#### **Contract**

Contract analysis is aided by automatically extracting key information from contracts and generating summaries or insights. Review and compare contract terms, identify risks and help ensure compliance. Contract negotiations and renewals are supported by providing data-driven recommendations.

# Make \* GenAl





#### **Product Design**

Rapidly generate and evaluate hundreds of alternative designs based on predefined criteria, significantly speeding up the innovation process. This could be used for everything from designing new parts for machinery to creating consumer products that are more efficient, durable or aesthetically appealing.

#### **Predictive Maintenance**

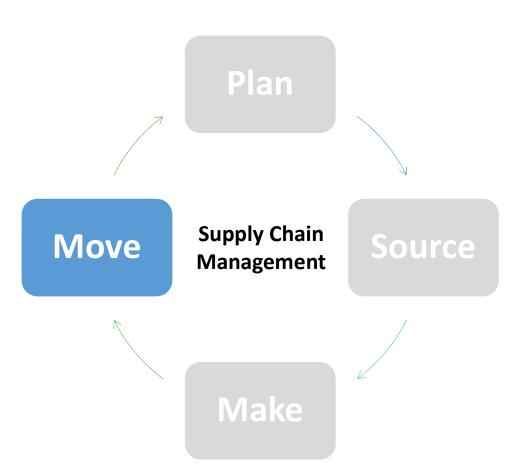
By learning from data collected from machines on the factory floor, generative AI models can create new maintenance plans to correlate with the time that equipment is likely to fail. This allows manufacturers to adjust their maintenance schedules to only when it is necessary, reducing downtime and costs while also extending the life of their equipment.

#### **Material Science and Engineering**

Generative AI can be used to discover new materials and optimize existing ones. By processing vast amounts of data on material properties and iterating on different combinations, it can propose new materials with desired properties or suggest optimizations for existing ones. This could lead to the creation of more efficient, sustainable or durable materials in manufacturing.

# PLAN \* GenAl





#### **Global Trade Optimization**

Analyze the myriad variables, including tariffs, customs regulations, trade agreements and shipping costs, to suggest the most efficient and cost-effective trade routes and strategies. This aids companies in navigating complex international trade networks, helping ensure compliance while minimizing costs.

#### **Logistic Network Design**

Optimize the design of logistics networks considering factors such as warehouse locations, transport links and demand patterns to generate the most efficient configuration. This leads to reduced delivery times, lower costs and improved service levels.

#### **Last Mile Dynamic Route Optimization**

For logistics operations, one of the major challenges is routing in real time. Generative AI can continually update and optimize delivery or pickup routes based on changing factors like traffic conditions, weather and the priority of deliveries. This leads to increased efficiency, reduced fuel consumption and improved customer satisfaction.



3. Recommendation



# **Challenges in Implementing GenAl**

Data Availability and Quality

Model Training and Optimization

Interpretability and Explainability

Real-time
Adaptation and
Dynamic
Environments

**Ethical and Legal Considerations** 

Deployment and Scalability



Start experimenting

Deepen understanding of GenAl's capacity to redefine operating models and blueprints



Seek game-changing outcomes

Identify and prioritize use cases that will become a source of competitive advantage through GenAI



Establish an enterprise-wide model

Develop an architecture and working model that also considers the professional identity of employees



Implement responsible AI guidelines

Establish a framework for addressing ethical, legal, and technological considerations related to GenAI

Source: BCG experience.

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