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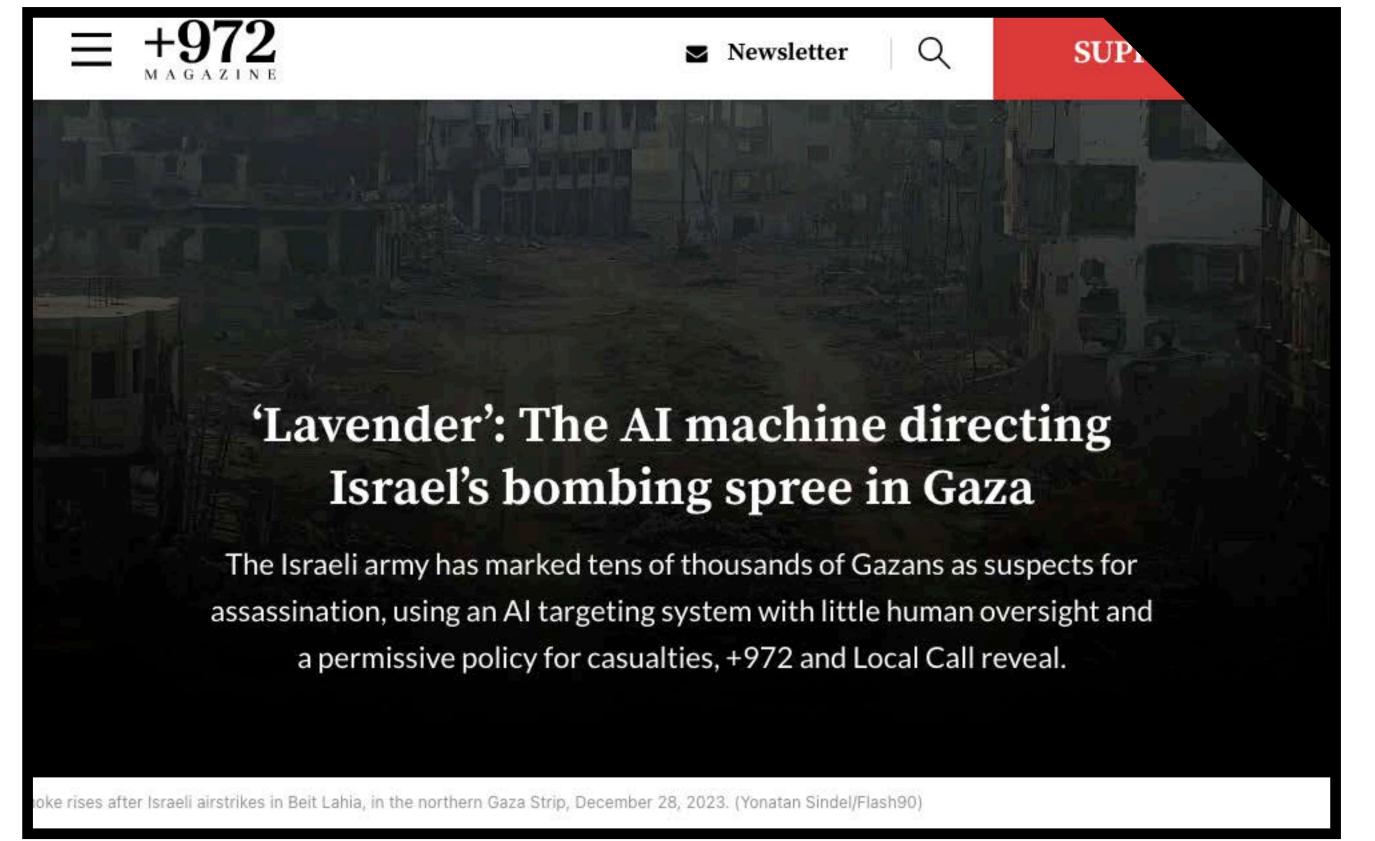
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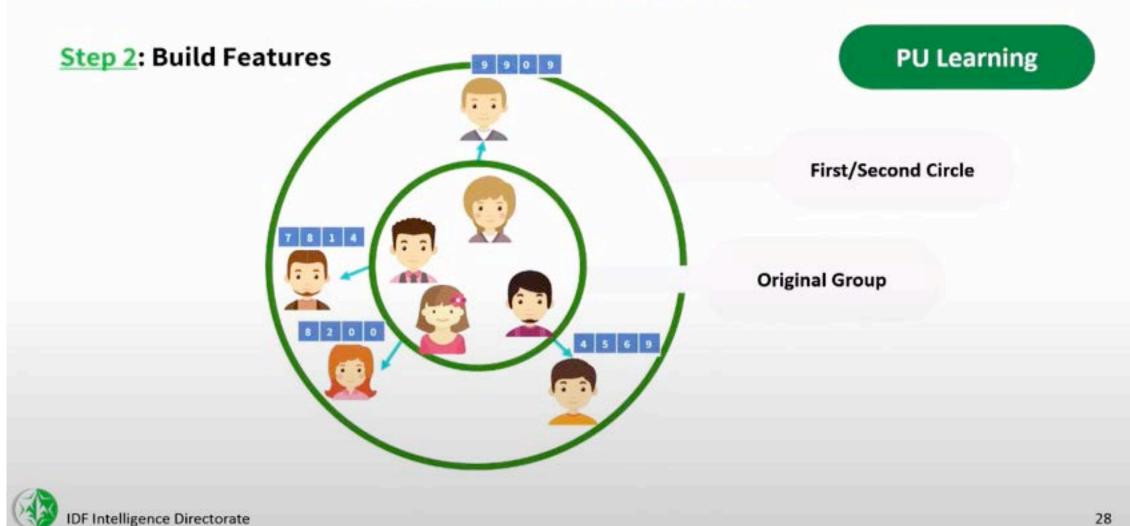
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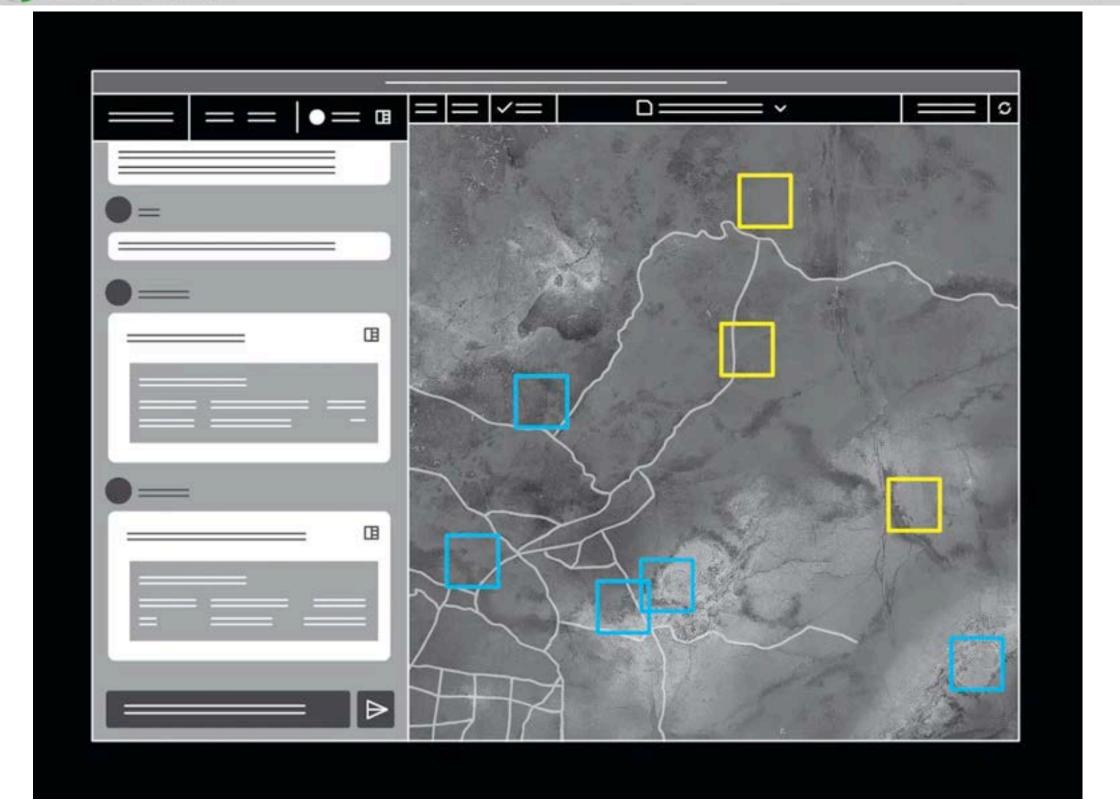


The lecture presentation slides, also obtained by +972 and Local Call, contain illustrations of how the machine works: it is fed data about existing Hamas operatives, it learns to notice their features, and then it rates other Palestinians based on how similar they are to the militants.

"We rank the results and determine the threshold [at which to attack a target]," "Col. Yoav" said in the lecture, emphasizing that "eventually, people of flesh and blood take the decisions. In the defense realm, ethically speaking, we put a lot of emphasis on this. These tools are meant to help [intelligence officers] break their barriers."

How Does it Work?







AI has a lot of potential for good and for bad

(I posit that the same models can be used for both)

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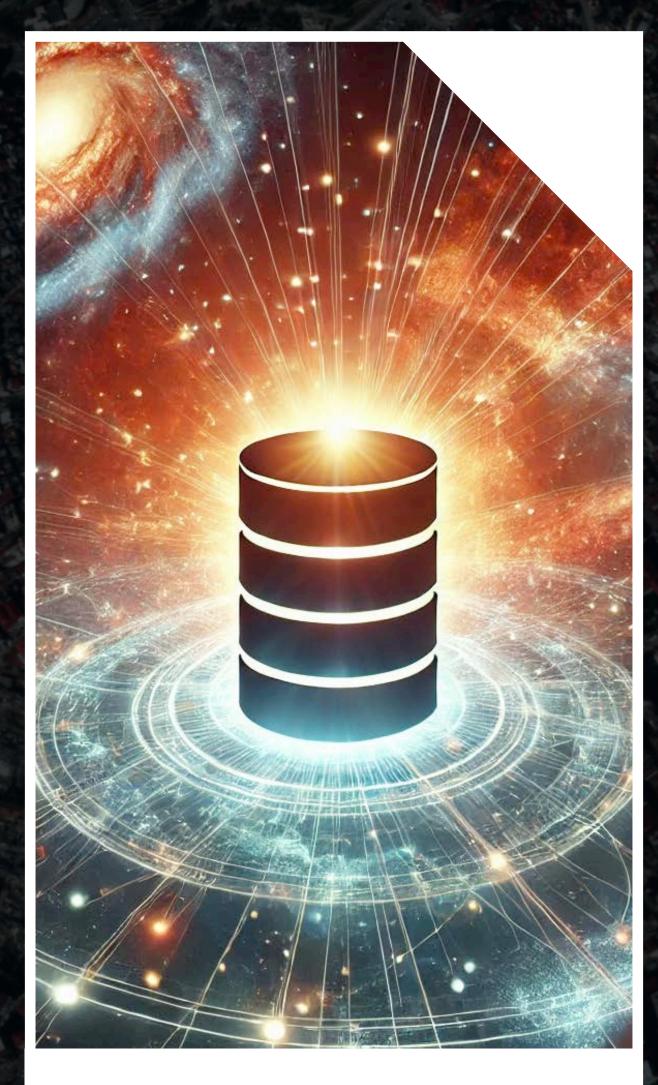
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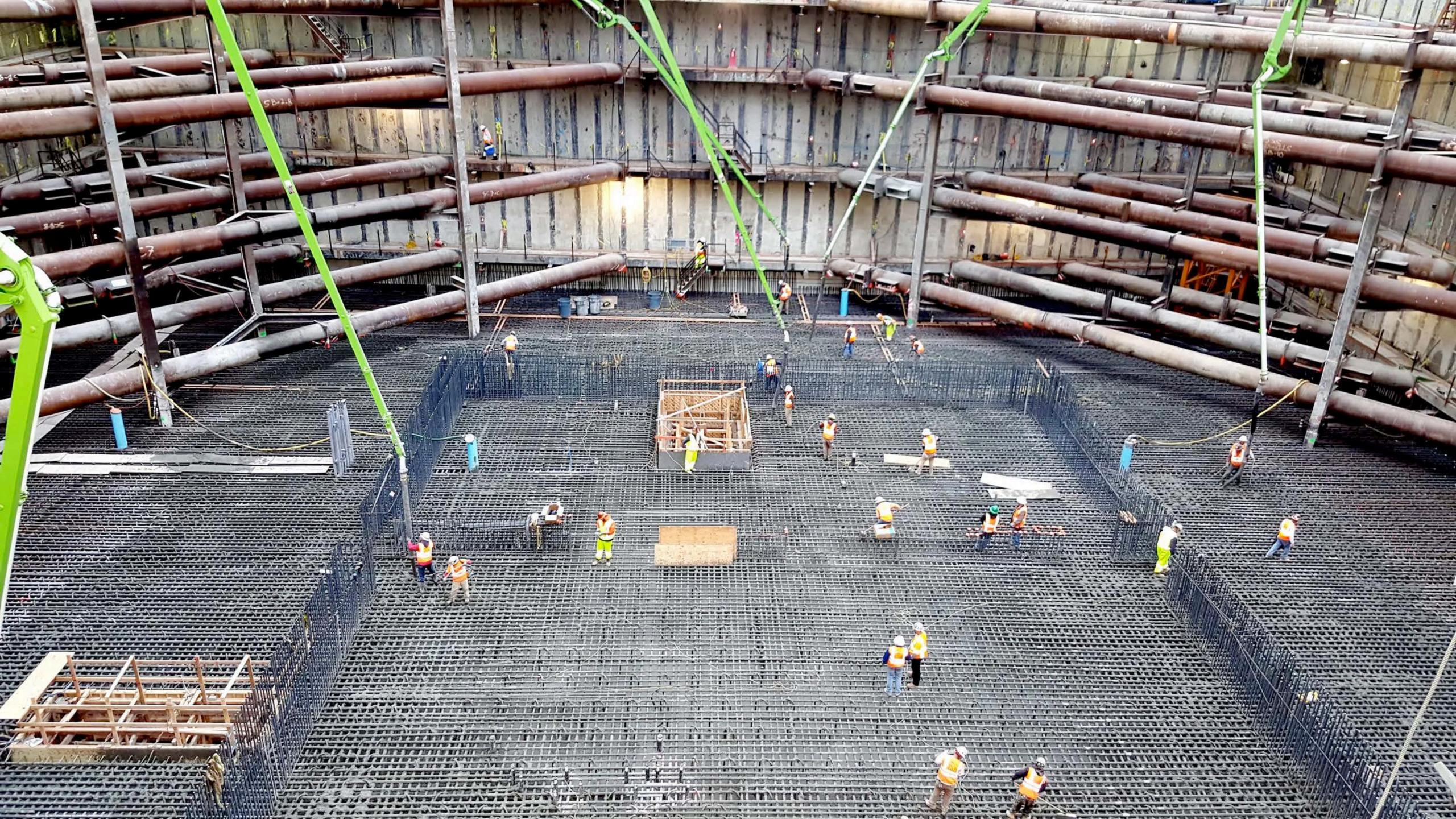
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- (iii) permitting the evasion of human control or oversight through means of deception or obfuscation.

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Table 1: Variance in model definitions across policy documents.

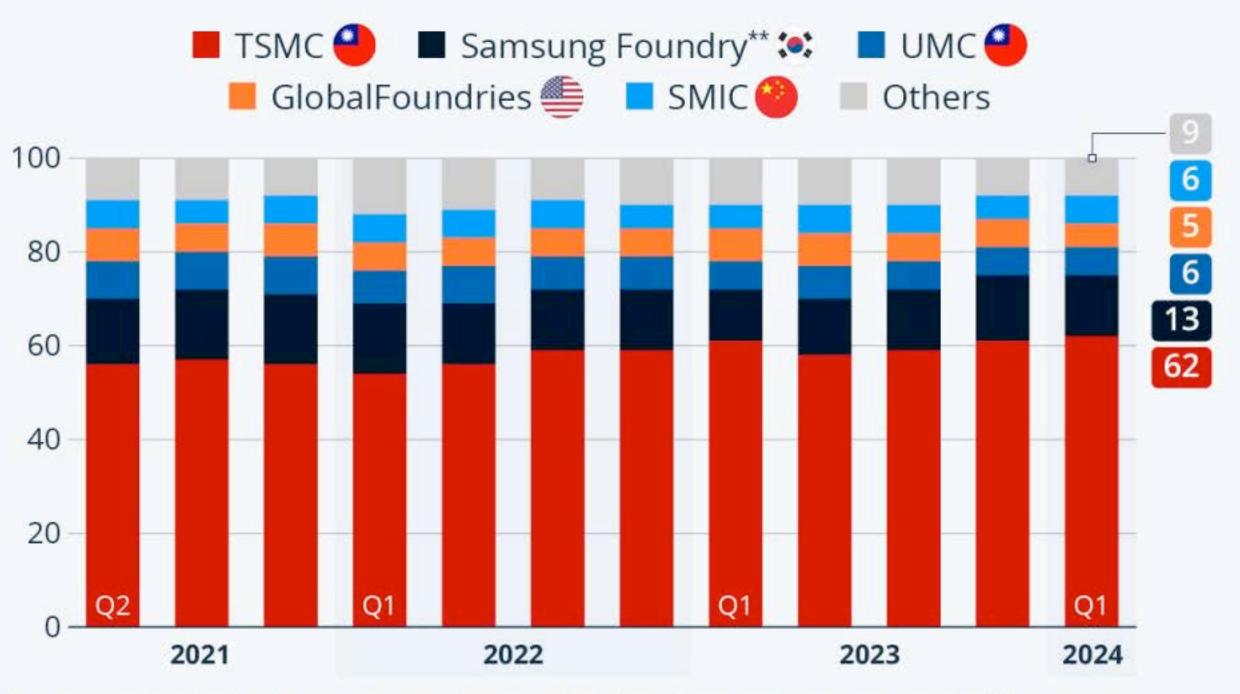






TSMC and Samsung Dominate Chip Foundry Business

Market share of semiconductor foundries* by revenue (in %)



companies that only produce semiconductors for other companies who don't have the necessary facilities

Source: Counterpoint Research









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The Ambitious Dragon

Beijing's Calculus for Invading Taiwan by 2030

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Abstract

Chinese president Xi Jinping has a strategic window, in the 2030 timeframe, when favorable conditions exist to forcefully annex Taiwan if peaceful unification is not achieved before then. This hypothesis is based upon the fact that an emboldened China intends to fulfill its imperial—and geostrate-gic—objectives through expansionist behavior against Taiwan. The three main factors examined are (1) President Xi's "cult of personality" as a totalitarian leader to support the why of the invasion timeline, (2) the People's Liberation Army (PLA) defense modernization as an enabling planning factor, and (3) Chinese demographics against the backdrop of domestic election cycles and President Xi's life expectancy. These three factors offer a strategic harbinger that, if President Xi continues to pursue annexation of Taiwan, the PLA will be prepared by 2027, and he will likely take steps to realize these ambitions by 2030 as China's population ages, while pursuing unification to solidify his historic legacy in his lifetime. This article will begin with an overview of the current geopolitical tensions, provide an explanation for the fundamental factors contributing to President Xi's window of opportunity, and conclude by providing an integrated assessment of relevant global security.

Taiwan is China's Taiwan. Resolving the Taiwan question is a matter for the Chinese, a matter that must be resolved by the Chinese. We will continue to strive for peaceful reunification with the greatest sincerity and the utmost effort, but we will never promise to renounce the use of force, and we reserve the option of taking all measures necessary... (emphasis added)

—Xi Jinping

n 23 October 2022, the People's Republic of China (PRC) announced that Chinese President Xi Jinping would serve an unprecedented third term leading the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). It is noteworthy that during his speech to the 20th National Congress of the CCP, President Xi repeatedly reinforced the narrative that "complete reunification of our country must be realized, and it can, without a doubt, be realized." He followed this bellicose statement by asserting that the PRC "reserves the option to take all measures necessary." The international community must not only assess if President









Implementation of Additional Export Controls: Certain Advanced Computing and Semiconductor Manufacturing Items; Supercomputer and Semiconductor End Use; Entity List Modification

A Rule by the Industry and Security Bureau on 10/13/2022



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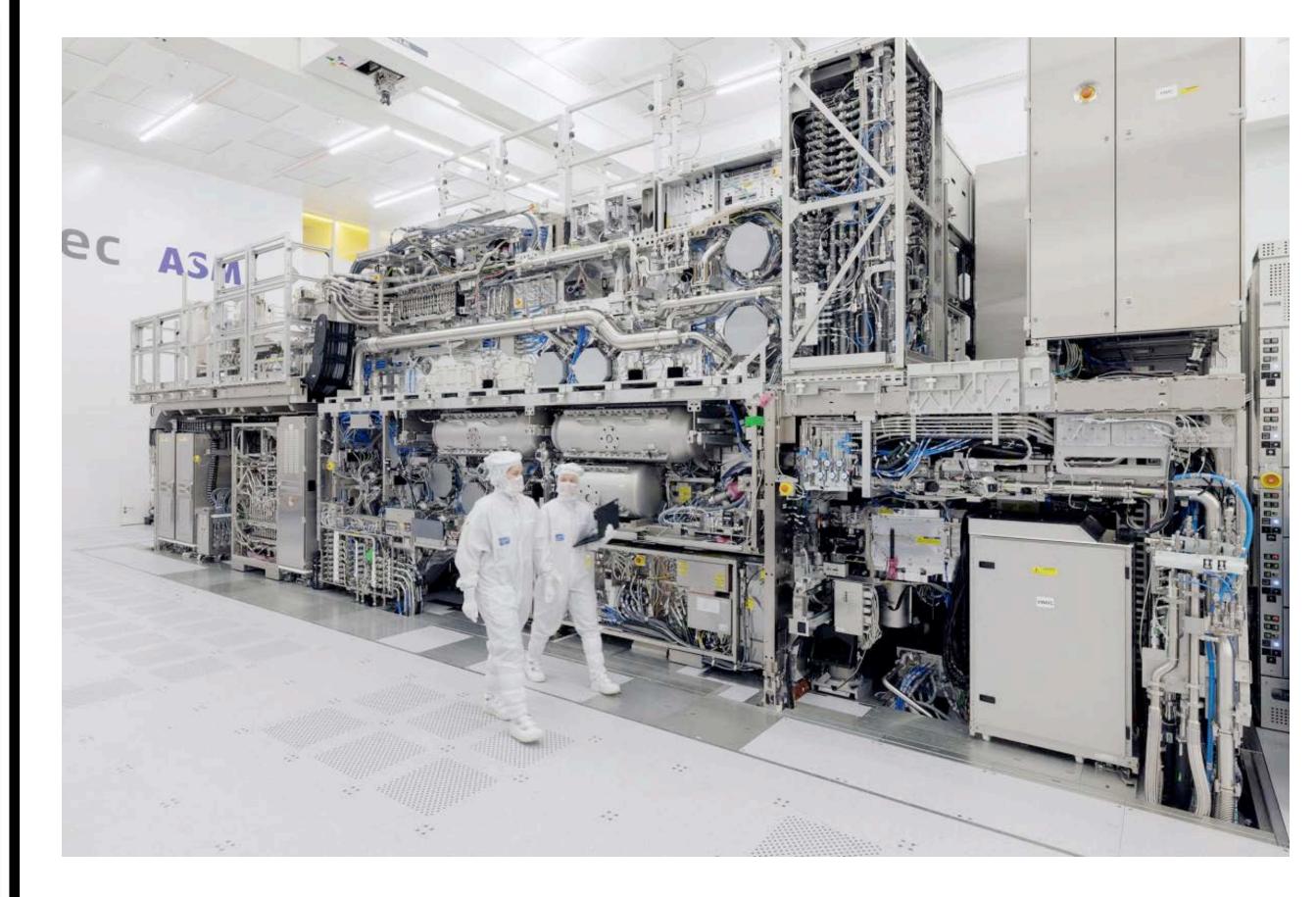
SUMMARY:

In this rule, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is amending the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to implement necessary controls on advanced computing integrated circuits (ICs), computer commodities that contain such ICs, and certain semiconductor manufacturing items. In addition, BIS is expanding controls on transactions involving items for supercomputer and semiconductor manufacturing end uses, for example, this rule expands the scope of foreign-produced items subject to license requirements for twenty-eight existing entities on the Entity List that are located in China. BIS is also informing the public that specific activities of "U.S. persons" that 'support' the "development" or "production" of certain ICs in the PRC require a license. Lastly, to minimize short term impact on the semiconductor supply chain from this rule, BIS is establishing a Temporary General License to permit specific, limited manufacturing activities in China related to items destined for use outside China and is identifying a model certificate that may be used in compliance programs to assist, along with other measures, in conducting due diligence. `

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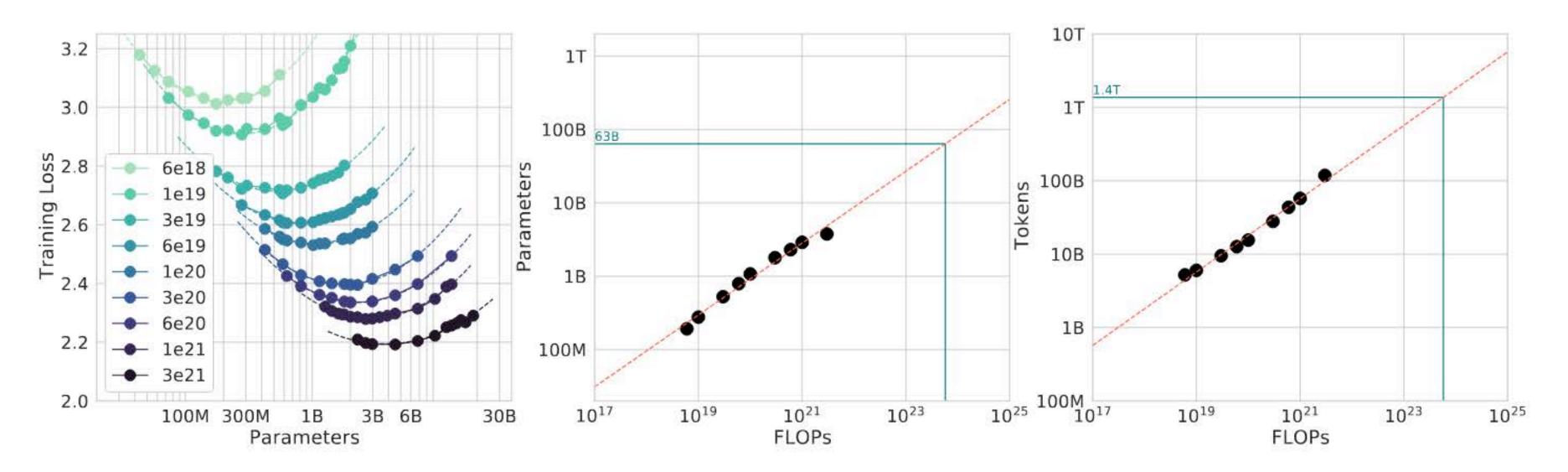


Figure 3 | **IsoFLOP curves.** For various model sizes, we choose the number of training tokens such that the final FLOPs is a constant. The cosine cycle length is set to match the target FLOP count. We find a clear valley in loss, meaning that for a given FLOP budget there is an optimal model to train (**left**). Using the location of these valleys, we project optimal model size and number of tokens for larger models (**center** and **right**). In green, we show the estimated number of parameters and tokens for an *optimal* model trained with the compute budget of *Gopher*.

Accelerating the Evolution of AI Export Controls

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Artificial intelligence is poised to revolutionize economies, scientific research, and the power dynamics between governments and industries. As AI research expands and its capabilities grow, a nation's prowess in AI will increasingly signify its overall strength.

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further China's goals of surpassing the military capability of the United States and its allies, a goal noted in the February 6, 2023 Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence

Community. That same report indicated that "China is rapidly expanding and improving its artificial intelligence (AI) and big data analytics capabilities, which could expand beyond domestic use." These national security concerns were paramount in the issuance of this AC/S IFR.

Consistent with the national security and foreign policy concerns described in the October 7 IFR, BIS is updating the EAR to enhance effectiveness of the controls in addressing these ongoing concerns. Following the implementation of the controls last year, BIS continued to study and assess their effectiveness. This rule strengthens and improves those controls by addressing the national security considerations that have come to light through open-source reporting, public comments, and the intelligence community. Through this process, BIS learned that certain additional ICs could provide nearly comparable AI model training capability as those controlled in the October 7 IFR BIS also seeks to further impair diversion channels through third countries, particularly those with AI commercial and research ties to the PRC.

In addition, credible open source reporting identified PRC companies using foreign subsidiaries to purchase chips subject to EAR controls, and accessing and operating datacenters located outside of the PRC with the ICs subject to EAR controls. Moreover, BIS is also concerned about certain additional ICs, which in turn can be used to train frontier AI models that have the most significant potential for advanced warfare applications, including unmanned intelligent combat systems, enhanced battlefield situational awareness and decision making, multidomain operations, automatic target recognition, autopiloting, missile fusion, precise guidance for hypersonic platforms, and cyber attacks. Accordingly, to address these issues, BIS is making several changes to the rule.

China's military and government acquire Nvidia chips despite US ban

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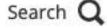




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There are loads of unused Nvidia AI and HPC GPUs in China, it seems.













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Whack-a-Chip: The Futility of Hardware-Centric Export Controls

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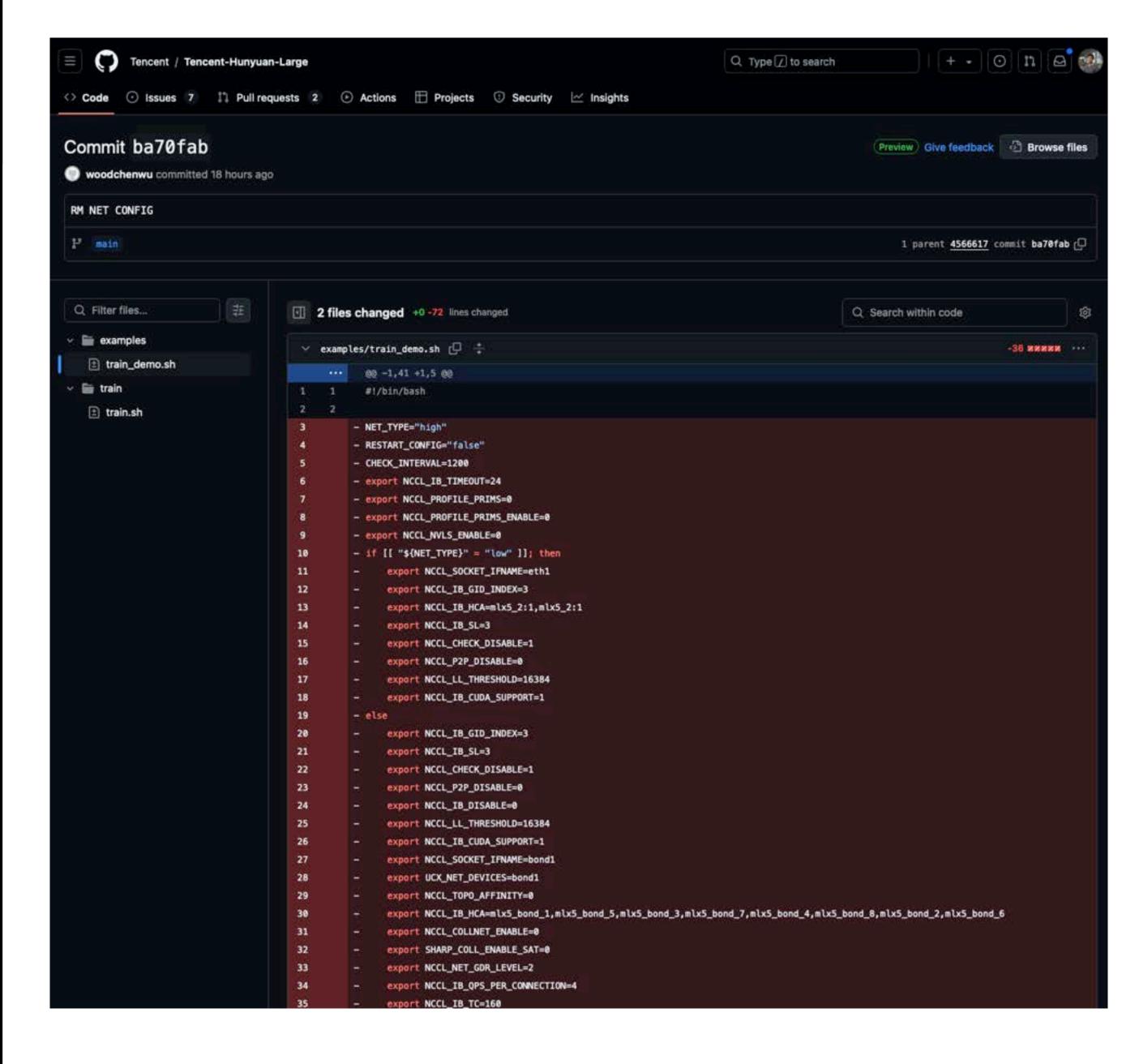
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