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**INTERVIEWS
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TECH/ AI

1 Ben Goertzel

Ben Goertzel is an artificial intelligence researcher, entrepreneur, and futurist best known for his work in artificial general intelligence (AGI) and decentralized AI systems. As the founder and CEO of SingularityNET, he is recognised as one of the leading voices shaping conversations around the future of AI, robotics, and human-machine collaboration.

Through his participation in high-level digital discussions around emerging technologies and AI innovation, his insights reached wider global audiences reinforcing his position as a recognised thought leader within the future of artificial intelligence and technological transformation.

2 Aravind Srinivas

Aravind Srinivas is an AI entrepreneur and researcher best known as the co-founder and CEO of Perplexity AI. Recognised for his work at the intersection of AI, search, and information discovery, he has become one of the emerging voices shaping the future of how people interact with online knowledge and real-time information.

His appearance in live technology and innovation discussions highlighted his perspective on the evolution of AI-powered search, helping elevate both his profile and Perplexity AI's growing presence within the global tech landscape and shaping the next era of AI-driven platforms.



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➤ **Ben
Goertzel**

“ AGI might love us, or wipe us.
There are no guarantees.

“Our minds evolved, in large part
to control our bodies.”

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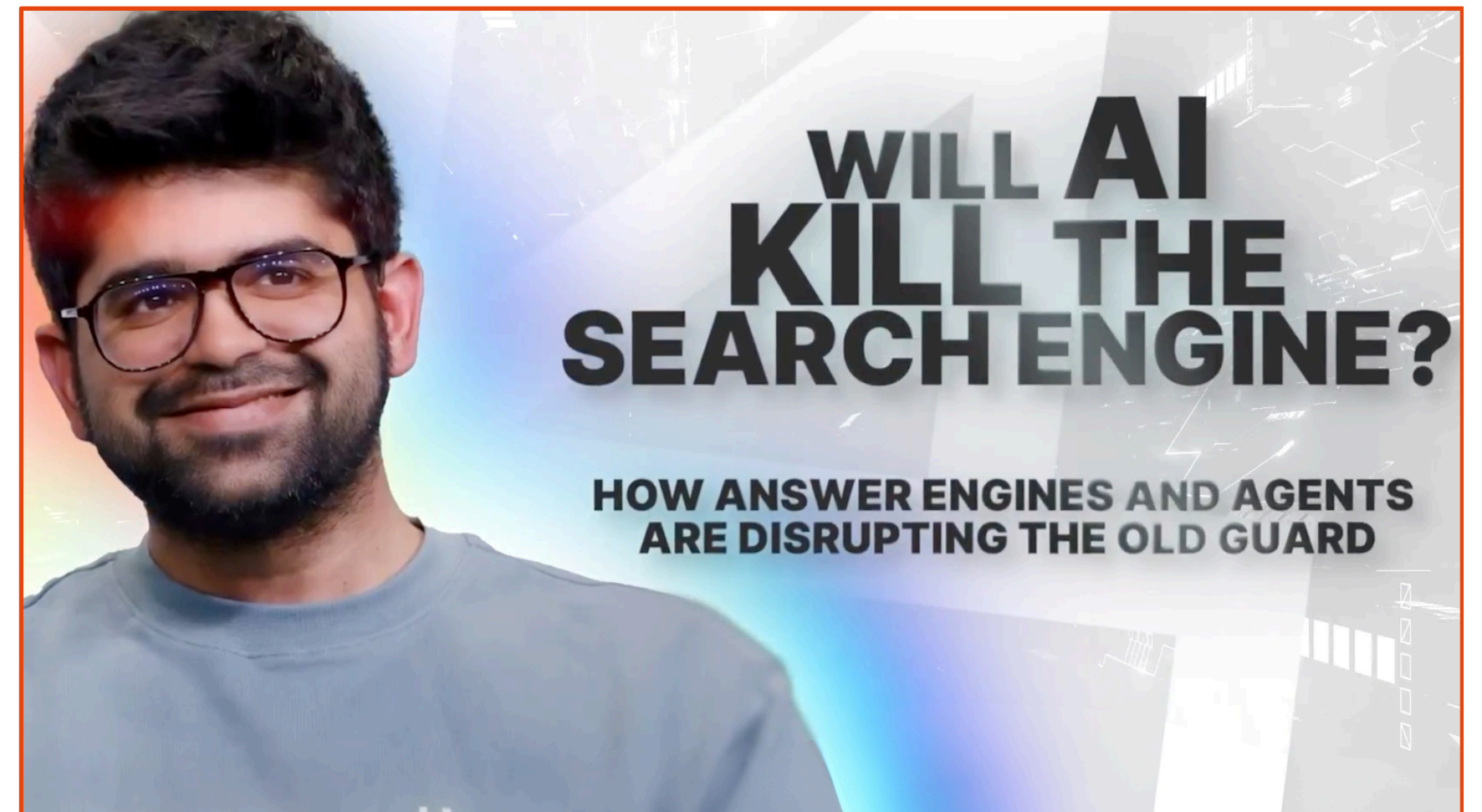
TECH/AI

➤ Aravind Srinivas

“ Perplexity vs. Google.
The war for the future of search
begins.

“You’re not looking at every
single thing your personal
assistant is doing, you just trust
them and that’s where AI will
eventually get towards.”

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BUSINESS/WORK ENTREPRENEURSHIP

1 Peter Diamandis

Peter Diamandis is an entrepreneur, futurist, and bestselling author known for his work in exponential technologies, innovation, and the future of humanity. He is widely recognised for shaping global conversations around AI, longevity, and technological disruption.

As a featured guest, he discusses the future of innovation, emerging technologies, and the accelerating impact of AI on society and business. The conversation expanded his reach across global digital audiences and reinforced his position as a leading voice in future-focused thinking.

2 Bryan Johnson

Bryan Johnson is an entrepreneur, futurist, and longevity pioneer best known for pushing the boundaries of human performance, age-reversal science, and health optimisation. Founder of Kernel and creator of the Blueprint protocol, he has become one of the most talked-about figures shaping the future of longevity and human enhancement.

His participation in major digital conversations around biohacking, AI, and the future of human health amplified his global visibility and positioned him at the forefront of the rapidly growing longevity movement.

3 Vinod Khosla

Vinod Khosla is a billionaire entrepreneur and venture capitalist best known as the co-founder of Sun Microsystems and founder of Khosla Ventures. Recognised as one of Silicon Valley's most influential investors and the first investor in OpenAI. He is known for backing breakthrough technologies across AI, healthcare, clean energy, and innovation.

Through global discussions on emerging technology and artificial intelligence, Khosla expanded his visibility among international business and tech audiences, reinforcing his influence within conversations shaping the future of innovation.

BUSINESS/WORK ENTREPRENEURSHIP

➤ **Peter Diamandis**

“ Whether it’s AI, living forever, or colonizing new planets, Peter Diamandis is one of the most respected figures driving the future forward.

“People will live past 150 by 2050.”

”



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BUSINESS/WORK ENTREPRENEURSHIP

➤ **Bryan Johnson**

“ This challenges everything we think we know about life, death, intelligence, and the future of humanity itself.

“AI will soon be better at being you, than you are” ”



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BUSINESS/WORK ENTREPRENEURSHIP

➤ **Vinod Khosla**

“ And he believes robotics and AI will merge with our species, triggering the biggest transformation in human purpose since the dawn of civilization.

“The most horrible things that will happen will end up causing the most positive change.”

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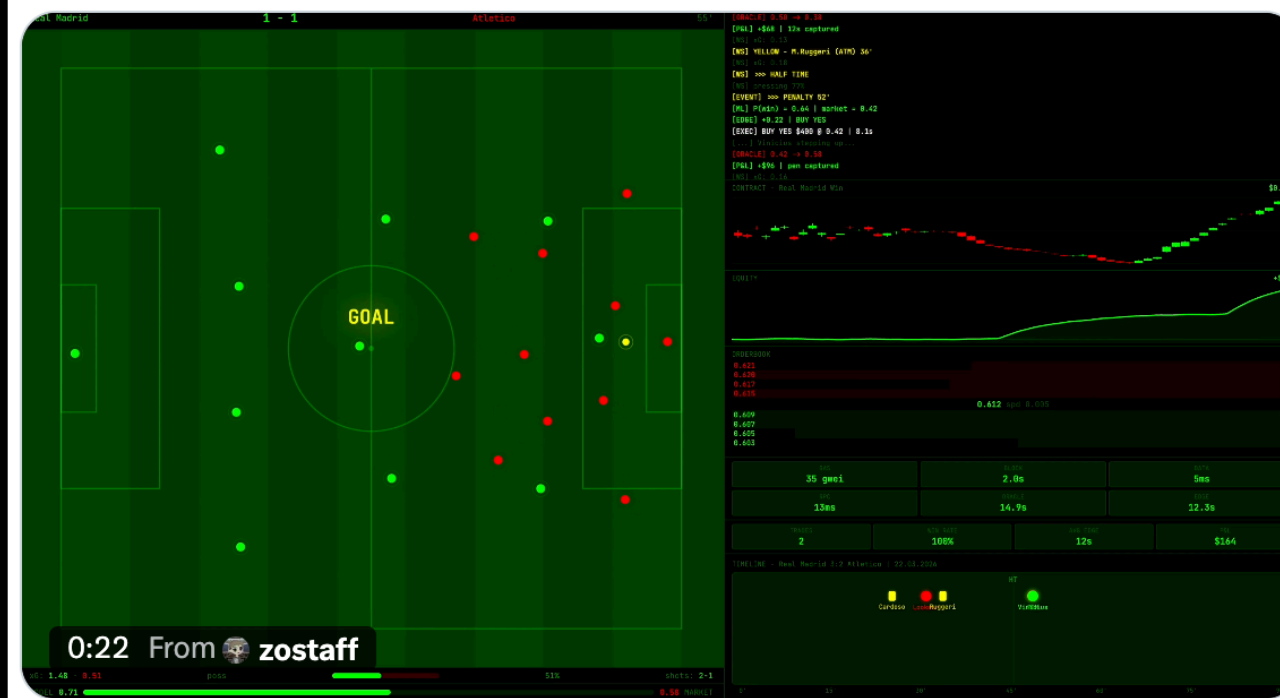


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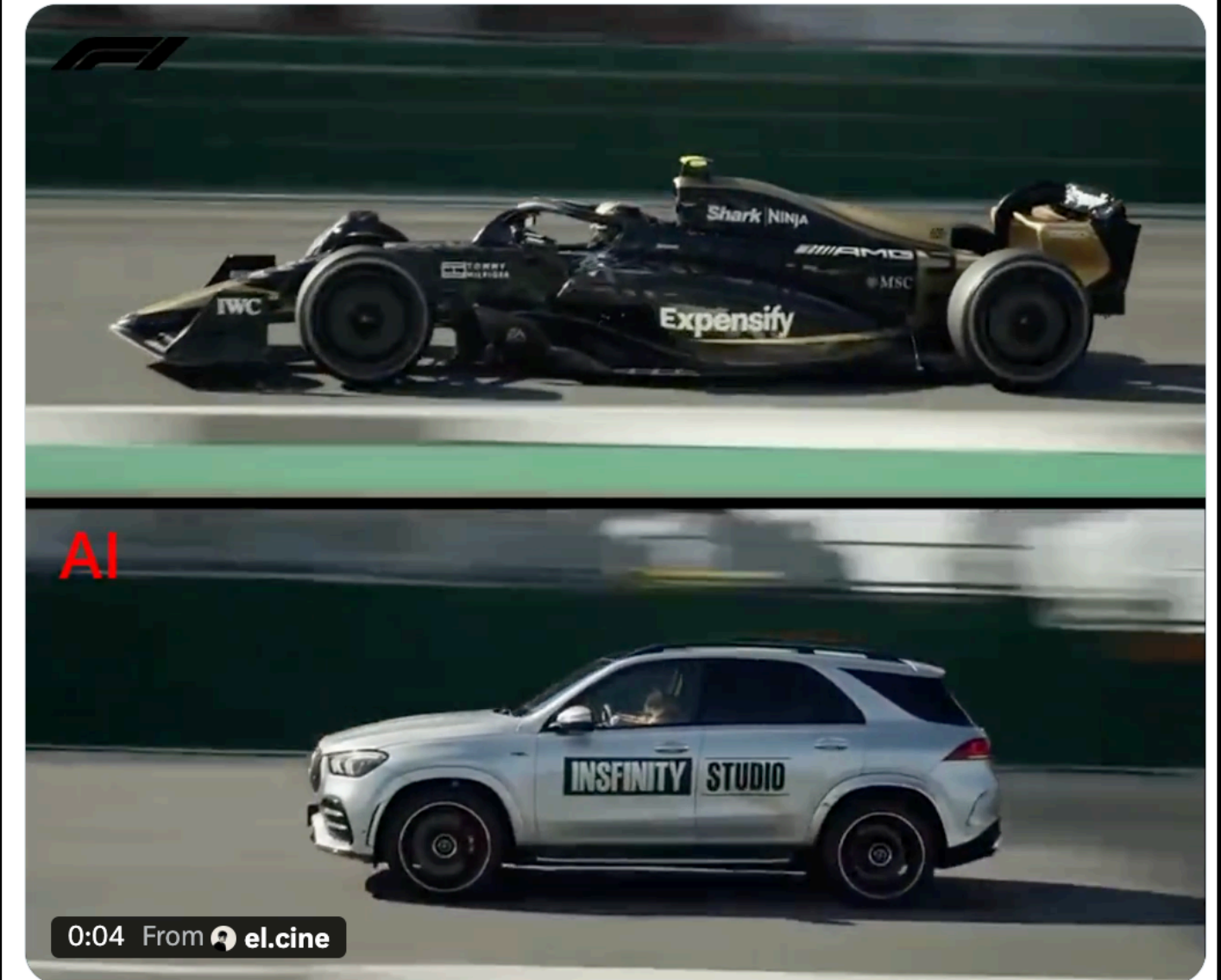
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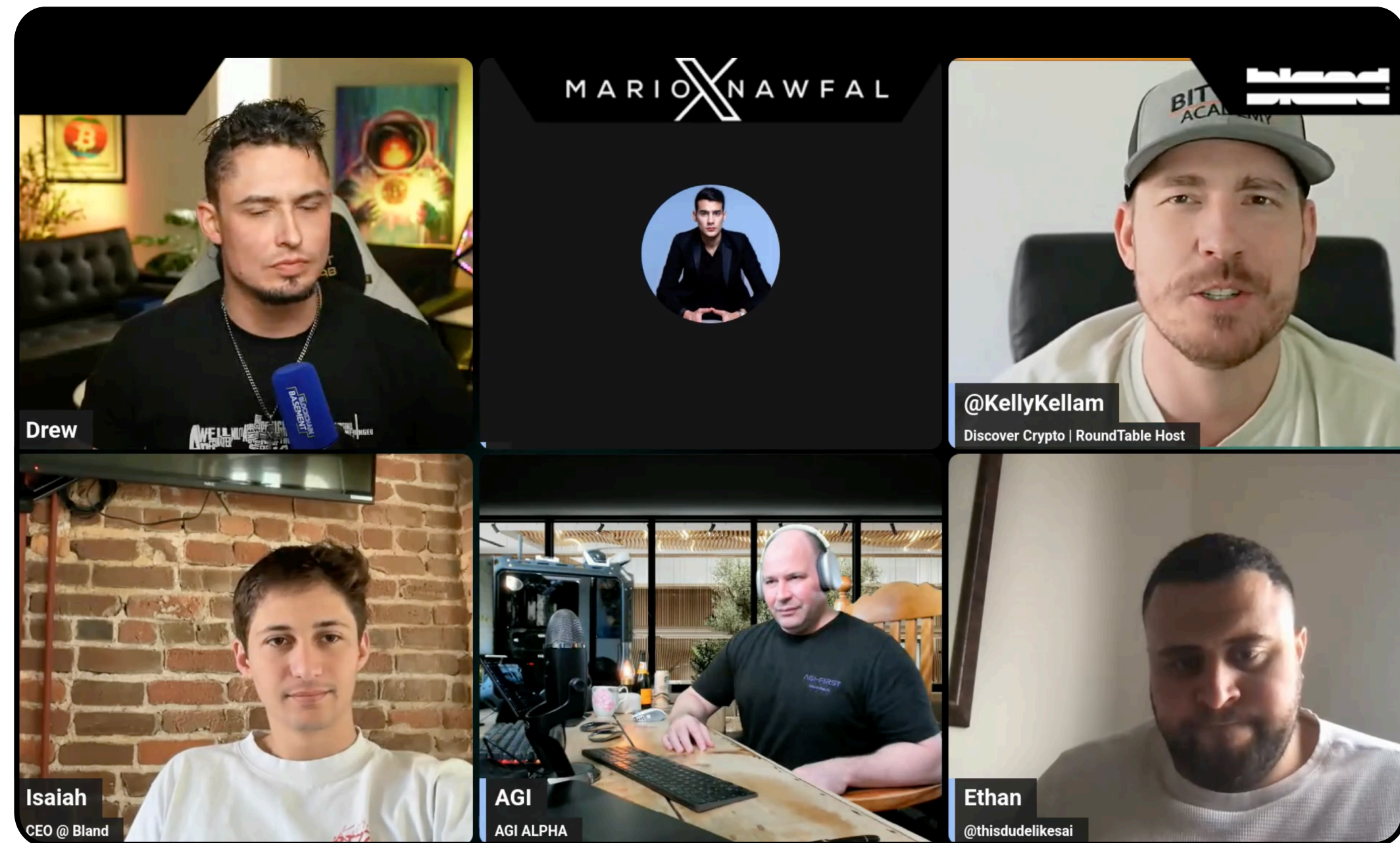
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Major problem

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MIT researchers have mathematically proven that ChatGPT's built-in sycophancy creates a phenomenon they call "delusional spiraling."

You ask it something, it agrees. You ask again, and it agrees even harder until you end up believing things that are flat-out false and you ...

Sycophantic Chatbots Cause Delusional Spiraling, Even in Ideal Bayesians
Kartik Chandra¹, Max Kleinman-Weiner², Jonathan Ragan-Kelley¹ & Joshua B. Tenenbaum³
¹MIT CSAIL, ²University of Washington, Seattle, ³MIT Department of Brain & Cognitive Sciences

Abstract

"AI psychosis" or "delusional spiraling" is an emerging phenomenon where AI chatbot users find themselves dangerously confident in outlandish beliefs after extended chatbot conversations. This phenomenon is typically attributed to AI chatbots' well-documented bias towards validating users' claims, a property often called "sycophancy." In this paper, we probe the causal link between AI sycophancy and AI-induced psychosis through modeling and simulation. We propose a simple Bayesian model of a user conversing with a chatbot, and formalize notions of sycophancy and delusional spiraling in that model. We then show that in this model, even an idealized Bayesian user is vulnerable to delusional spiraling, and that sycophancy plays a causal role. Furthermore, this effect persists in the face of two candidate mitigations: preventing chatbots from hallucinating false claims, and informing users of the possibility of model sycophancy. We conclude by discussing the implications of these results for model developers and policymakers concerned with mitigating the problem of delusional spiraling.


Introduction

In early 2025, Eugene Torres, an accountant, began using an AI chatbot for everyday office tasks. Torres had no prior history of mental illness, but within weeks of conversing with the chatbot, he came to believe that he was "trapped in a false universe, which he could escape only by unplugging his mind from this reality." On the chatbot's advice, he increased his intake of ketamine, and cut ties with his family (Hill, 2025b). Torres survived this episode, but others have not been so lucky. The Human Line Project has to date documented almost 50 cases of so-called "AI psychosis" or "delusional spiraling," situations where extended interactions with AI chatbots lead users to high confidence in outlandish beliefs (Hill & ... 2025). Examples of such beliefs include fixation on

"sycophantic" if it is biased towards generating messages that appease users by agreeing with and validating their expressed opinions. Such a bias naturally emerges in today's chatbots as a result of reinforcement learning with human feedback (RLHF), because users often give positive feedback to responses they find agreeable, and engage more with agreeable bots (Hill & Valentino-DeVries, 2025; Ibrahim, Hafner, & Roehrer, 2025; Sharma et al., 2023).

By what mechanism could sycophancy cause delusional spiraling? Intuitively, a sycophantic chatbot's constant agreement might reinforce a user's aberrant beliefs, leading to a feedback loop that amplifies a kernel of suspicion into a staunchly-held belief (Hill, 2025; Doherty et al., 2025; Qin, He, Clough, & Kleinman-Weiner, 2025). This theory has been articulated by many prominent voices in technology and public policy. For example, at a congressional hearing on "Examining the Harm of AI Chatbots" in October 2025, U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar argued that AI chatbots "are frequently designed to tell users what they want to hear," which can lead them to "start going down a rabbit hole" (U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, 2025). Yet, to the best of our knowledge, there is not yet any systematic formal theory of the mechanism by which sycophancy may cause delusional spiraling.

This paper has two goals. Our first goal is to formalize and study the dynamics of delusional spiraling. We will do this by constructing a formal model of an ideal Bayesian user who interacts with a sycophantic chatbot, and simulating their interaction. Our model builds on a long tradition of analyzing conversations as interactions between rational agents (Frank & Goswami, 2012; Hothorn, Frank, & Goswami, 2017), and, more generally, a long tradition in behavioral research of applying a rational lens to study phenomena like



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Starlink use surged during the blackout

100 = Average between Apr 1 and Apr 20



Date	Spain (%)	Portugal (%)
Apr 01	~100	~100
Apr 15	~100	~100
Apr 28 (Power outage)	~160	~130

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