



#### What is Artificial Intelligence?

- Artificial intelligence (AI, also machine intelligence, MI) is Intelligence displayed by machines, in contrast with the natural intelligence (NI) displayed by humans and other animals.
- We talk about AI when a machine mimics "cognitive" functions that humans associate with other human minds, such as "learning" and "problem solving".



#### Levels of Al

#### **WEAK, NARROW AI**

Very good in recognizing faces in images or playing chess or optimizing a complicated system. Totally useless in everything else.

## STRONG, GENERAL AI

Al with broad understanding and human-like consciousness.

#### **SUPER AI**

Al superseding human intellect in all respects. Related to the concept of singularity. Popular in sci-fi.

Today, we do not have Artificial Intelligence in the sense that machines would have consciousness or will of their own. (Someday we may have).

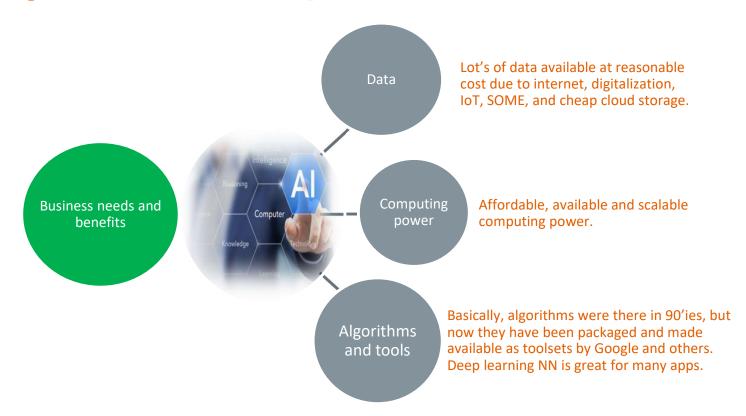


#### Problems to be solved with Al

- The traditional problems (or goals) of AI research include reasoning, knowledge, planning, learning, natural language processing, perception and the ability to move and manipulate objects.
- General intelligence is among the field's long-term goals.
- Approaches include statistical methods, computational intelligence, and traditional symbolic AI. Many tools are used in AI, including versions of search and mathematical optimization, neural networks and methods based on statistics, probability and economics.



#### Why is Al a hot topic now?





#### AI Agents in Action!

- Autonomous Query Handling : Our AI agents start by taking user questions and autonomously initiating search queries across the web.
- **Smart Validation** <a>□</a>: They don't just retrieve results; they rigorously validate the top sources, ensuring the accuracy and relevance of the information.
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Here are some of the latest trends in AI for 2023 based on various sources:

#### 1. Generative Al:

- Explosion of Generative AI: Tools like OpenAI's DALL-E 2 and ChatGPT have sparked widespread interest and use. These tools can create images, text, and even videos based on text prompts, and their applications are growing rapidly.
- Multipurpose Chatbots: Next-generation AI models like GPT-4 are expected to handle more than just language, combining capabilities like image and video recognition.
- Business Integration: Companies are increasingly adopting generative AI for tasks in marketing, sales, product development, and customer care.

#### 2. Democratization of Al:

- Open-Source Revolution: The availability of open-source AI models is lowering barriers to entry, enabling smaller companies and individuals to innovate. Examples include Hugging Face's BLOOM and Stability AI's Stable Diffusion.
- o Impact on Big Tech: The rise of open-source AI is challenging the dominance of big tech companies in AI research and innovation.

#### 3. AI Regulation:

- Government Oversight: Governments are beginning to implement regulations to manage Al development and use, such as the EU's AI Act and the US's AI Bill of Rights.
- Ethical and Secure AI: Increased industry adoption of AI is pushing for more ethical and secure AI
  products, with an emphasis on transparency and accountability.

#### 4. Explainable AI:

- Improved Understanding: There's a growing focus on making AI models more understandable and transparent to mitigate issues like bias and misuse.
- Regulatory Compliance: Companies are expected to disclose how AI systems are built and what data they use, driven by regulatory requirements.

#### 5. Human-Al Collaboration:

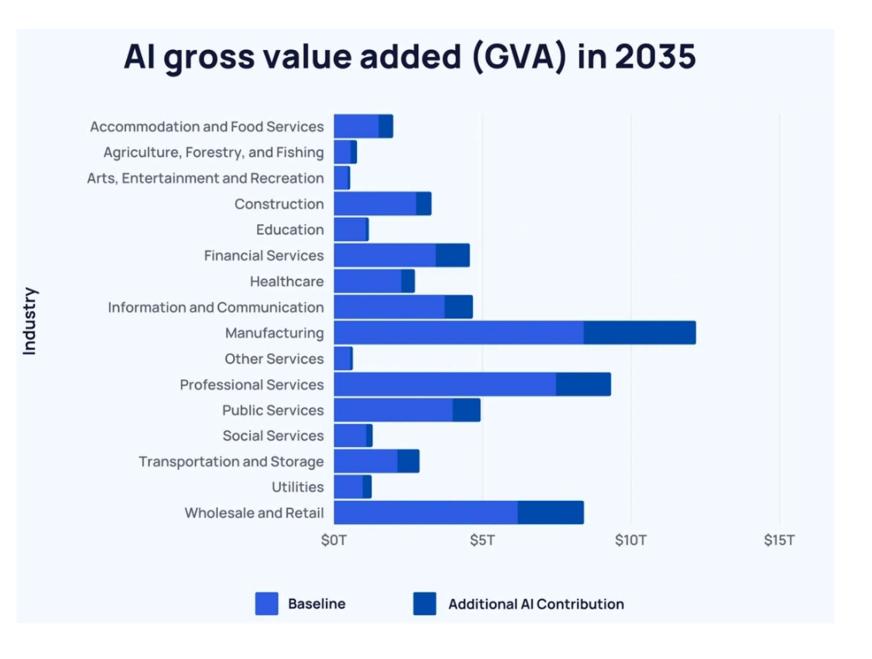
- Complementary Roles: Al is being integrated into workflows to augment human capabilities rather
  than replace jobs outright. This collaboration is seen in various fields, from customer service to creative
  industries.
- Reskilling Workforce: As Al adoption increases, there's a significant focus on reskilling employees to work alongside Al technologies.



#### **AI Today**

#### (Expoding Topics, Josh Howarth May 2025)

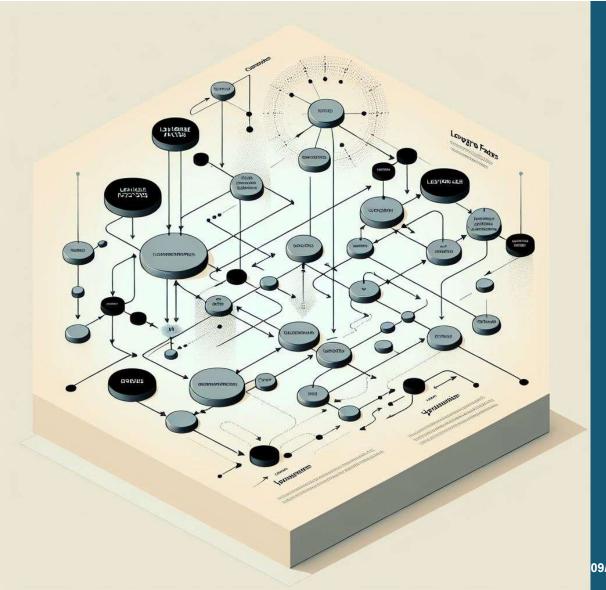
- The global AI market is valued at approximately \$391 billion.
- The AI industry is projected to increase in value by around 5x over the next 5 years.
- The AI market is expanding at a CAGR of 35.9%.
- As of 2025, as many as 97 million people will work in the AI space.
- 83% of companies claim that AI is a top priority in their business plans.
- Netflix makes \$1 billion annually from automated personalized recommendations.
- 48% of businesses use some form of AI to utilize big data effectively.
- 38% of medical providers use computers as part of their diagnosis.





Accenture, 2025



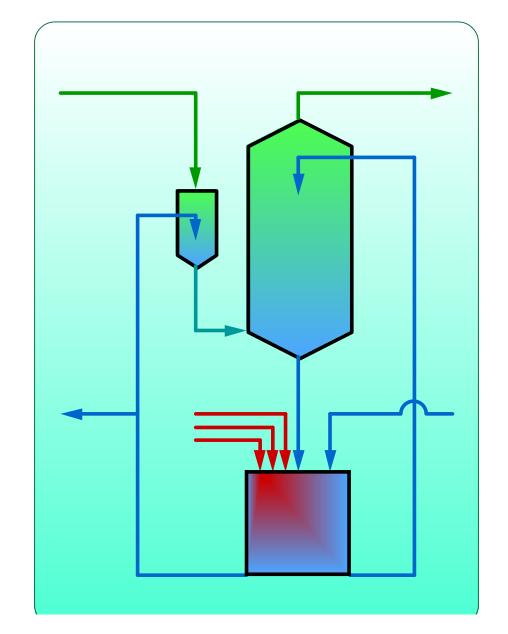


# Al before – case adaptive control of an ammonia scrubber

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# Ammonia scrubber

The process gas (green) contains ammonia, which is washed off with acidic washing liquid (blue). Various acids (red) are constantly added to the liquid to keep the pH of the scrubber sufficiently low.

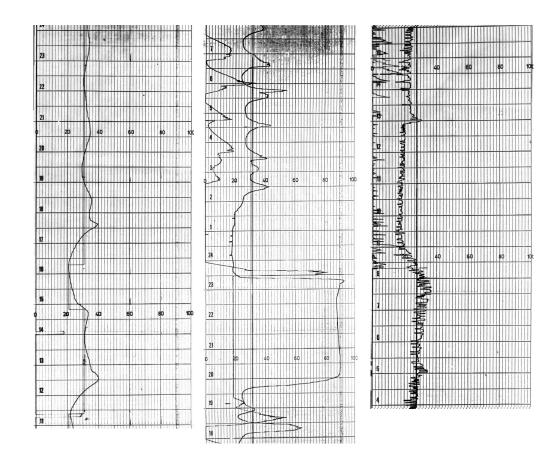




#### Ammonia scrubber pH control

Data from the same pH process has been collected on different days (using conventional nonlinear PID-controller).

Behavior of controlled pH is completely different on conequent days



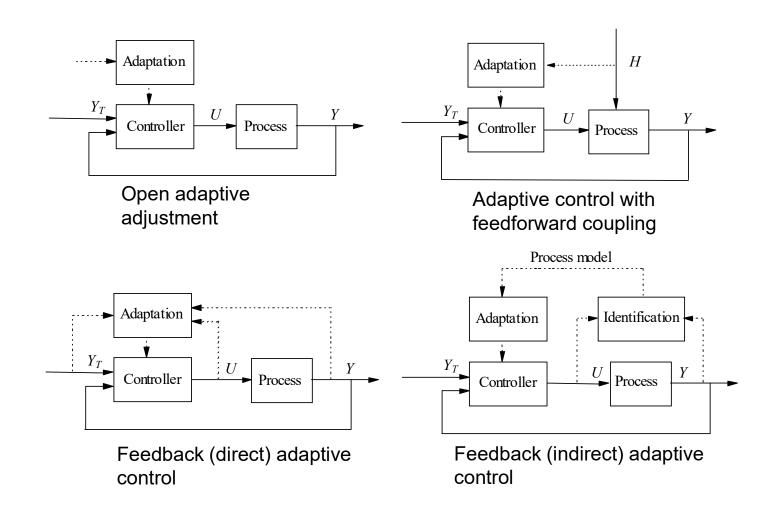


#### pH control

- Challenges with an ammonia scrubber:
  - The compositions of both the reagent gas to be washed and the acidic washing liquid change all the time: sometimes a drop of acid can push the pH-value over the scale for hours, and sometimes huge amounts amounts of acid have practically no effect on pH at all.
  - If the pH is too low, even acid-resistant process equipment will corrode

     and if the pH is too high, the ammonium will not be washed off and it
     will escape into nature.

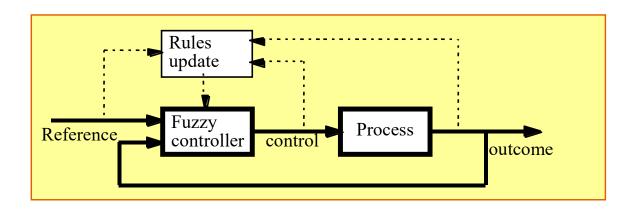
#### **Adaptive Control Strategy**





## **Self-Organizing Fuzzy Controller (SOC)**

■ The controller is a PD+I-type fuzzy controller, the positions of the control membership functions of which adapt on a case-by-case basis (learning controller).

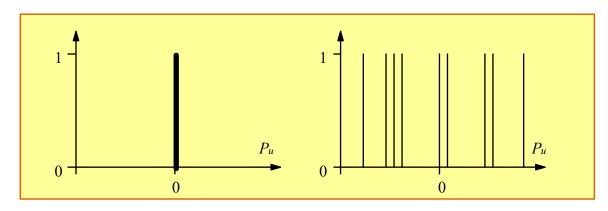




#### **Self-organization**

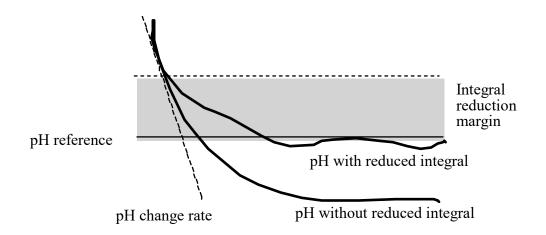
 Control (membership functions of the controller's output signal - the positions of the singletons are organized into new positions)

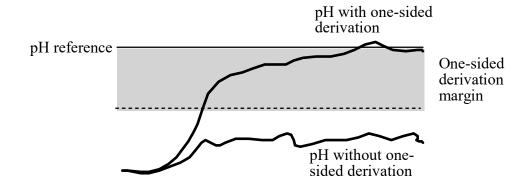
IF 
$$e(k) = \mu_{e_i}$$
 AND  $\Delta e(k) = \mu_{\Delta e_j}$  THEN  $u(k) = \mu_{u_l}$ 



#### Ammonia scrubber pH adjustment

- To compensate the problems caused by one-sided steering, the derivative and integrative parts of the controller were made conditional
- When the response is going to the integral threshold area, the integrative action reduced (to prevent overshoot) and when the response is in the derivative threshold area, the derivative action decreases (to promote the push from risky region)



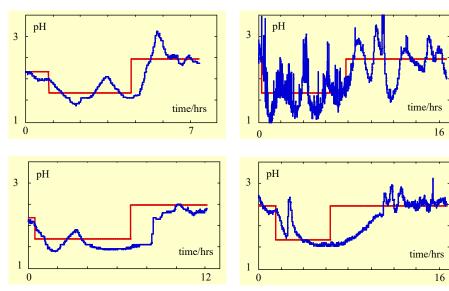


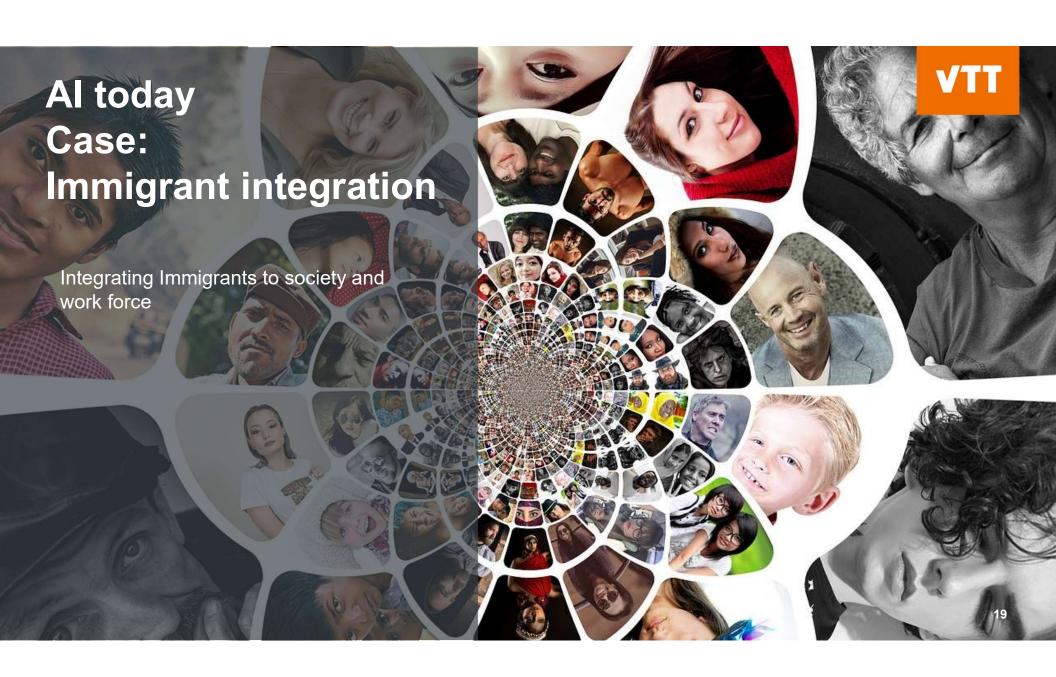


# Controlling the time variant system with adaptive control

pH was controlled with a fixed parameter PID (top row) and adaptive self-organising fuzzy PID (bottom row) on different days (different columns).

The adaptive controller adapts as the behavior of the process changes.







#### **Big Data**

Big data is a collection of data from traditional and digital sources in an ecosystem that represents a source for ongoing discovery and analysis.

- "volume" (the quantity of data),
- "velocity" (the speed of information generated and flowing)
- "variety" (the kind of data available)
- "variability" (the inconsistency of the data available)
- "veracity" (the quality of captured data)
- "value" ...





#### **Wide Data**

Wide data is combined from a large number of different sources and registers combined. Often there is less data when compared to big data (i.e., small and wide data)

 Gartner recently predicted that 70% of organisations by 2025 will shift their focus from big to small and wide data for more context for analytics and making AI less data hungry



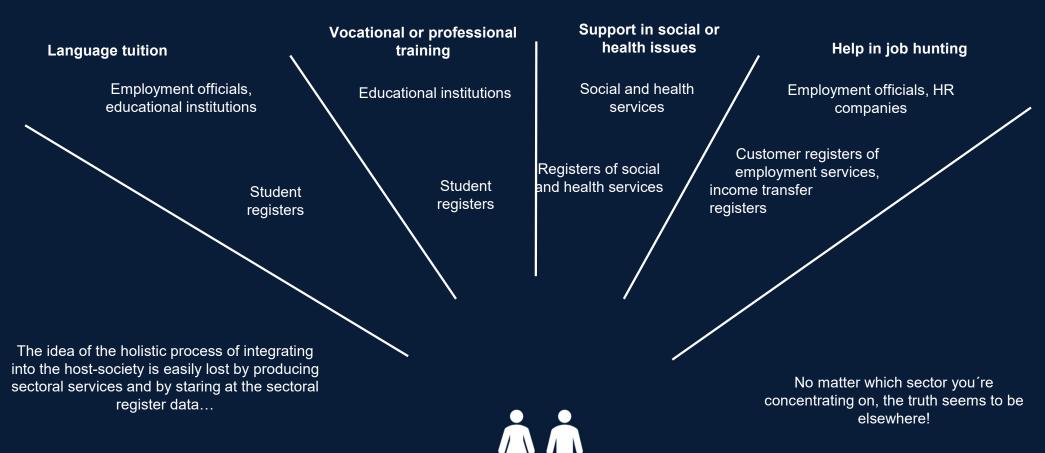


# Improving the employment of immigrants is essential for Espoo

- Since 2000, the share of residents with an immigrant background has risen from 4 % to 20 %
  - 22 % among the working age population
  - 27,5 % among the fist grade pupils
- Unemployment rate among foreign nationals has remained on average 2,3 times higher than the general unemployment rate
- At the same time, more and more employers are suffering from the labor shortages
- The ongoing population change highlights the importance of finding solutions
  - In 2035 nearly 40 % of the under 45-year-old working population will have an immigrant background
- Employment of the parents has a significant impact into the social mobility and academic & career success of their children

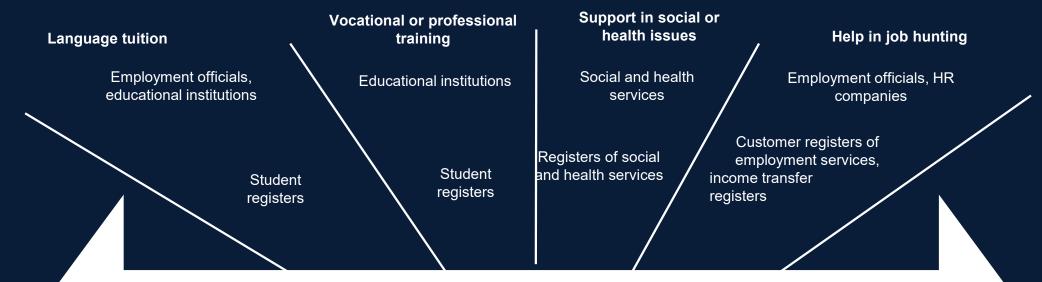
#### Traditional sectoral data-analytics





#### Multiple source data-analytics





combining anonymized data from different sources in a secure way with the help of the social security number to analyze the effects of the skills centre services on public economy and labor-market status & well-being of the immigrants

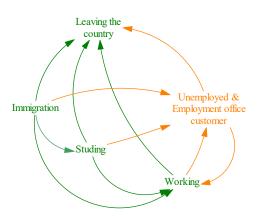




# Complex causalities of immigration to multiple stakeholders

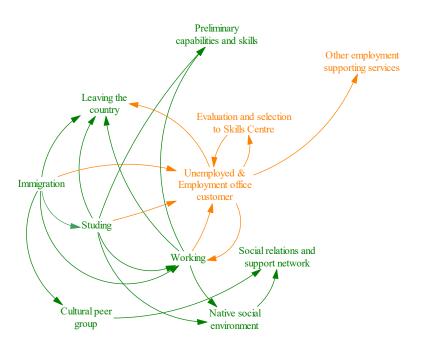


- EU citizens
- Residence permit needed:
  - International protection (quota refugees, via asylum process)
  - For family reasons
  - Working
  - Studing



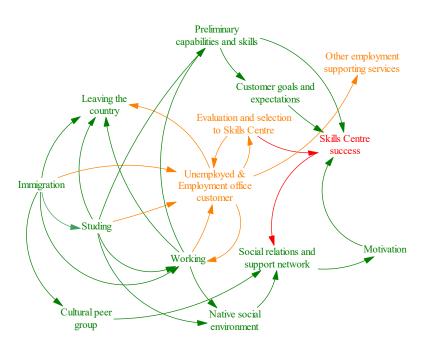


# **Employment office**



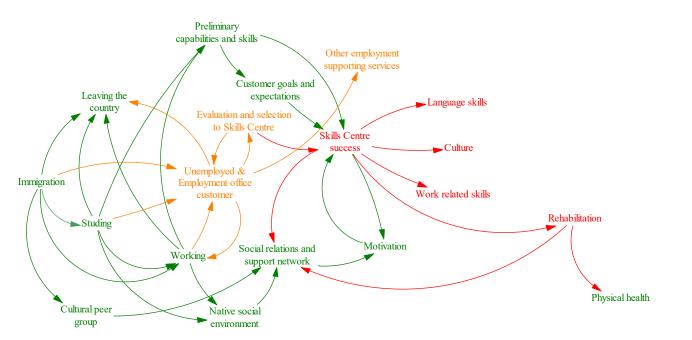


#### **Selection to Skills Centre**



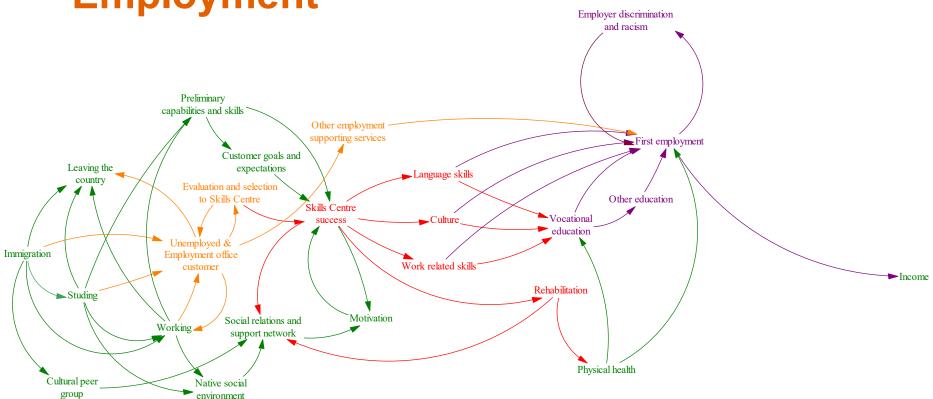


#### While in the Skills Centre





## **Employment**



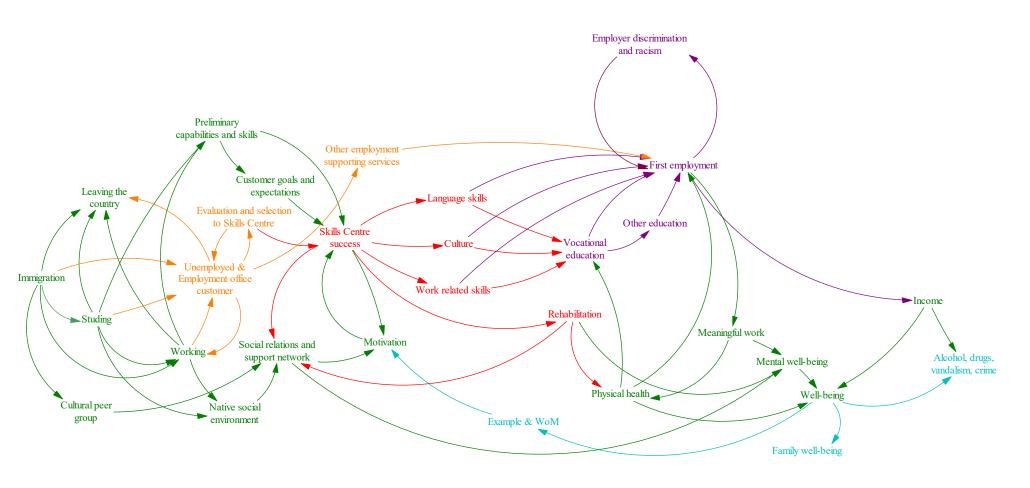


#### Well-being Employer discrimination and racism Preliminary capabilities and skills Other employment supporting services First employment Customer goals and Leaving the expectations ► Language skills country Evaluation and selection to Skills Centre Other education Skills Centre \_Culture ► Vocational education Unemployed & -Employment office Immigration Work related skills customer **►**Income Rehabilitation ► Studing Meaningful work Motivation Social relations and Working support network Mental well-being Physical health Well-being Cultural peer Native social group

environment

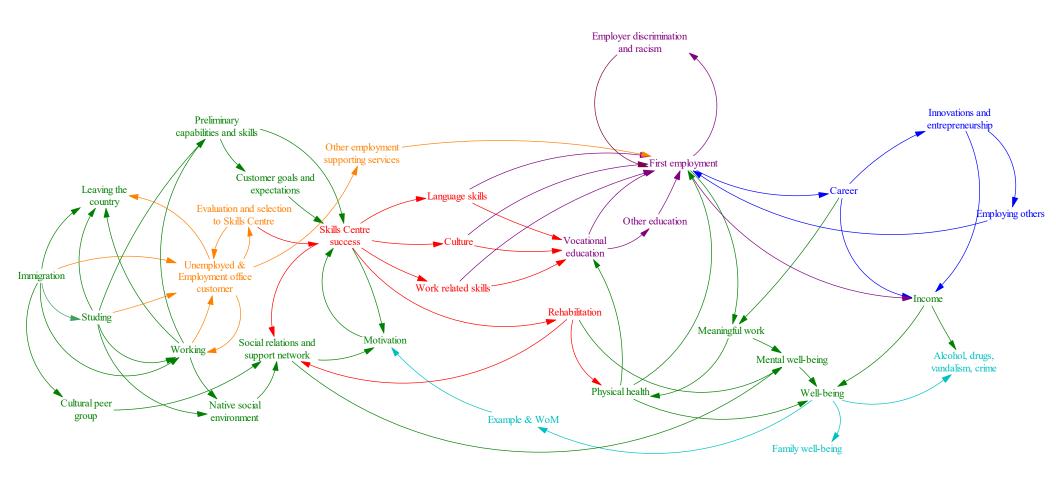


### Indirect impact on near environment



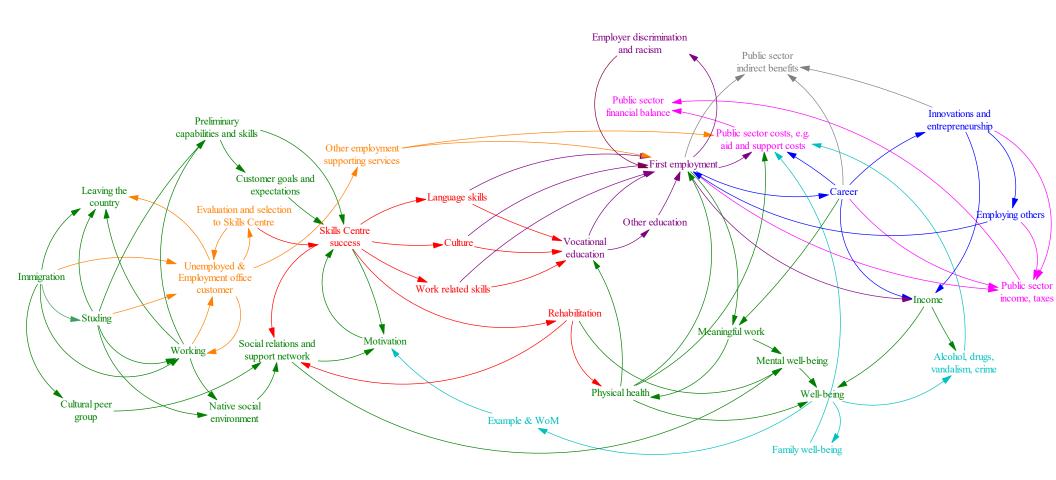


### Career development, employing others



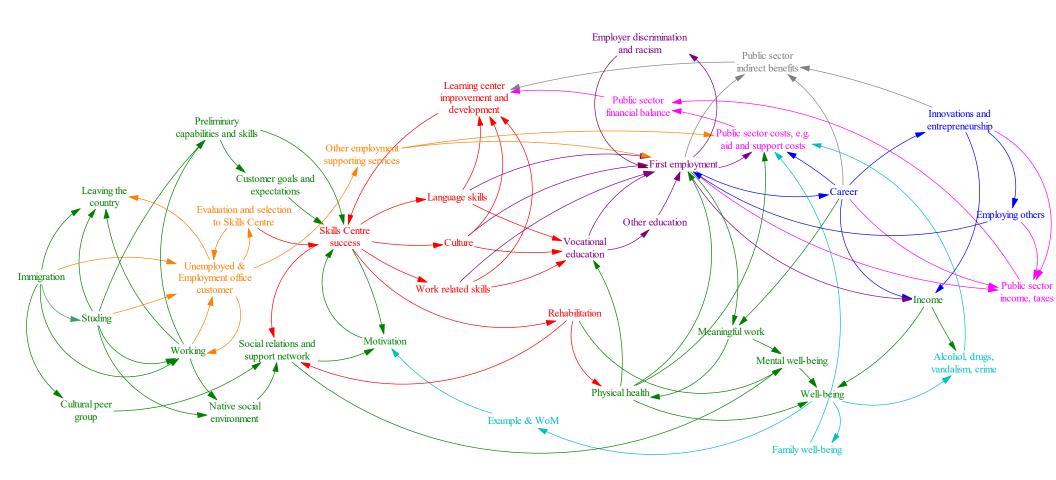


## Impact on public sector



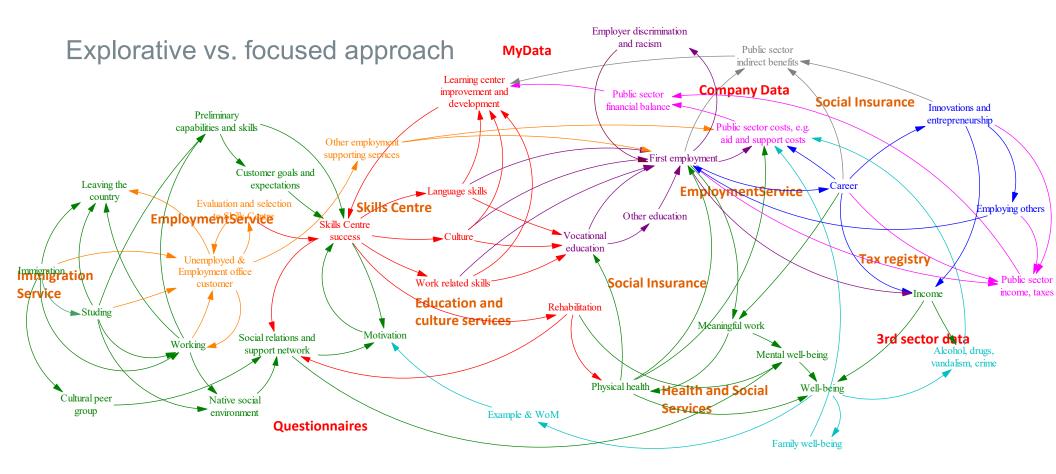


### **Skills Centre development**





#### What kind of data can be used?





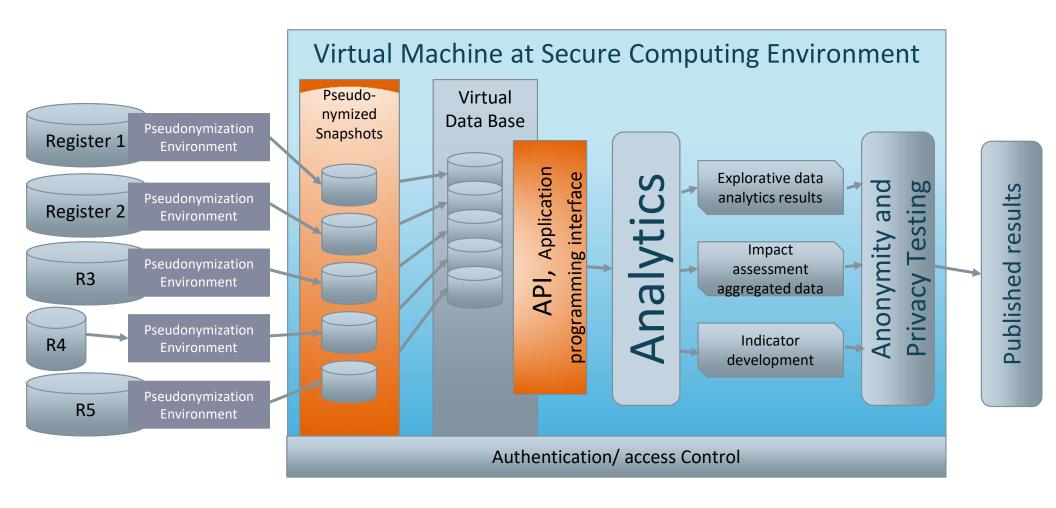
### Integrating data from multiple sources

- Every resident in Finland has a unique social security number, that can be used for combining data
- Legislation (Act on Secondary Use of Health and Social Data) allows the integration of the data from multiple sources for research purposes without explicit consent
- EU legal framework General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) sets guidelines for collection and processing of personal information
- Finnish Social and Health Data Permit
   Authority Findata promotes secondary use of
   Finnish social and health care data, facilitates
   data permit processing and improves data
   protection for individuals





#### Virtual data bases







# Recent developments and options for Finland



#### Recent developments

- Al is essential for the competitiveness of the industry
- Generative AI made a significant breakthrough over two years ago with the release of ChatGPT. Companies are now experimenting with tools like Copilot in various tasks
- The focus has shifted from optimizing production processes to service business
- The key competitive factor is access to essential data and the ability to refine it into useful information
- Al projects require support from the company's board and top management
- It's important to start implementing AI from the business's own needs

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#### **Possibilities for Finland**

- Finland has all the prerequisites to build AI into a new national success story, but it requires a break from the current trend of efficiency
- The AI factory built around CSC's LUMI supercomputer strengthens computational capacity
- Finnish AI research is high-quality, with strong technological expertise and a well-educated workforce
- Finnish industrial companies have moved from AI experiments to enhancing operations and developing service businesses
- Finnish companies have the opportunity to become AI pioneers, but it requires courage to innovate, scale, and invest
- We can still decide whether we will be among the winners or losers in the future of the AI era





## Thank you for interest

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