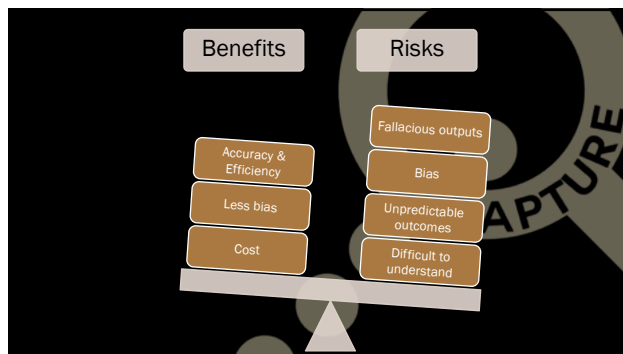
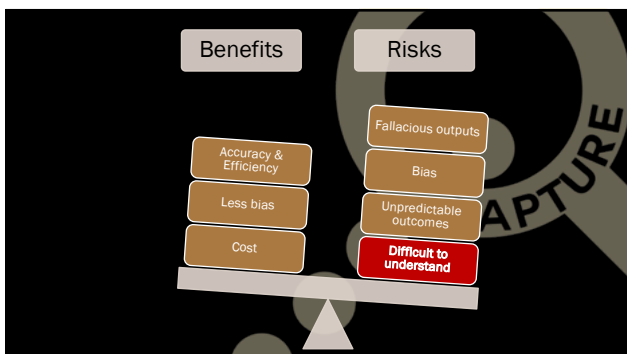




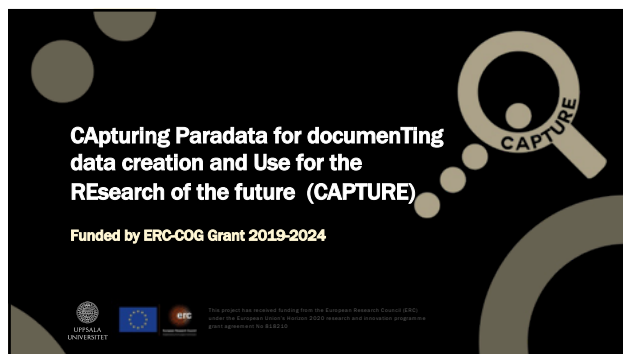
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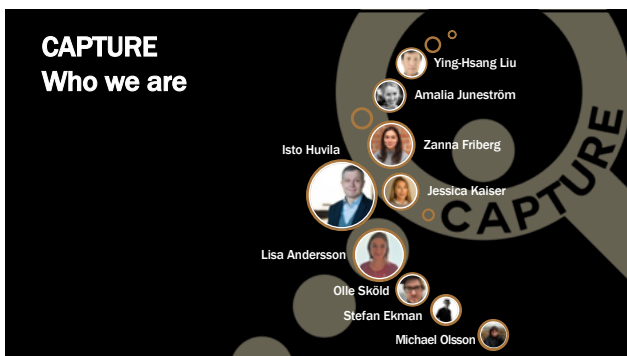
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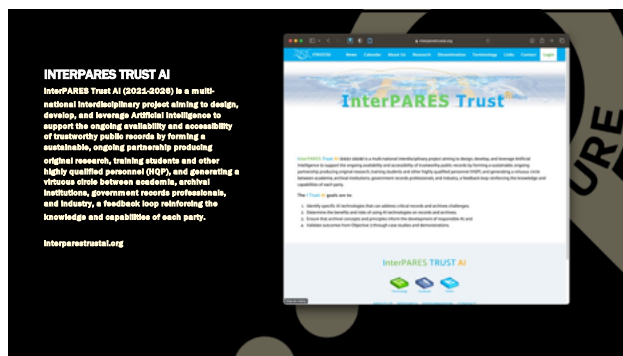
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**Problem**  
**Lack of contextual knowledge on processes to properly understand their outcomes.**

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**Paradata**  
**data on the processes**

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**Paradata**  
**"Information about the procedure(s) and tools used to create and process information resources, along with information about the persons carrying out those procedures."**

InterPARES Trust AI Terminology Database  
<https://interparestrust.ai.org/terminology/term/paradata/en>

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**Paradata**  
**"a category of things that can be appropriated as informative of processes and practices"**

Huvila in Huvila et al. Paradata: Documenting Data Creation, Curation and Use. Cambridge University Press, 2025.

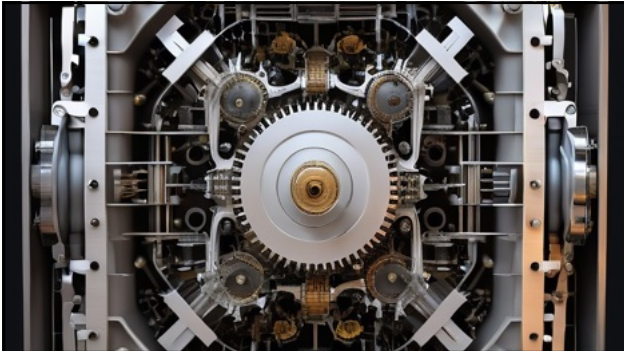
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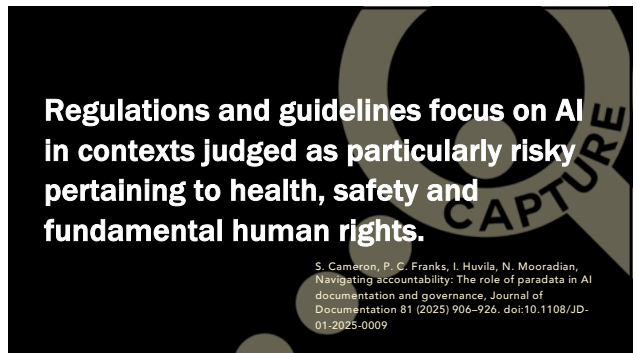
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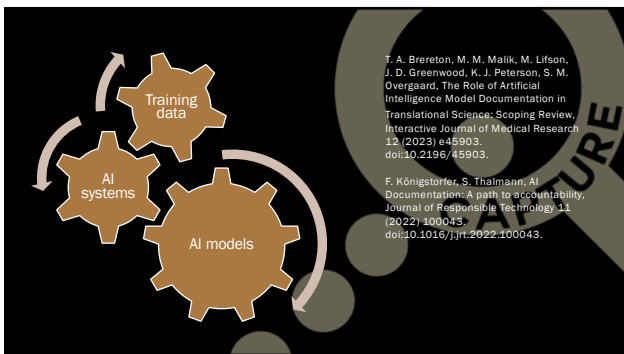
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**A lot of research on  
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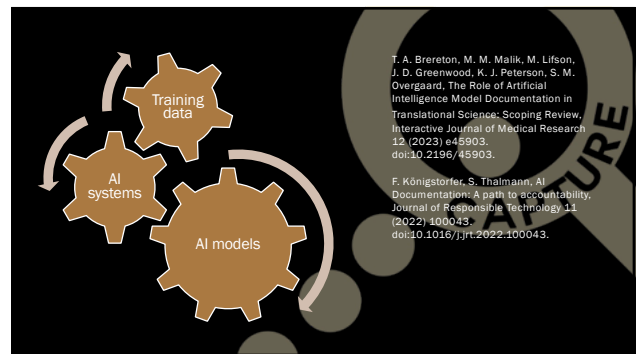
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**But what about  
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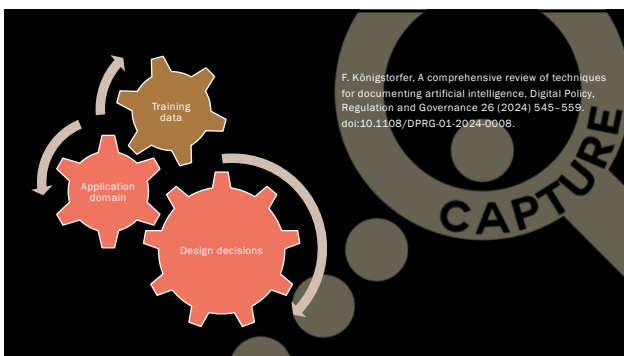
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**Methods for data documentation**

- **Structured data**
  - Summary statistics and visualisations
  - Data analysis tools
- **Unstructured data**
  - Metadata

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### Methods for process documentation

- **AI specific templates and checklists**
  - Model cards, Factsheets, Notebooks, Workflows tracking systems
- **General paradata documentation methods**
  - Formal metadata
  - Narratives
  - Recording and logging
  - Research plans and prospective workflows

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## Lot of on-going work on documenting AI models and systems.

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## Less focus on documenting AI use so far.

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## How to generate and keep (enough) meaningful paradata without massive additional effort?

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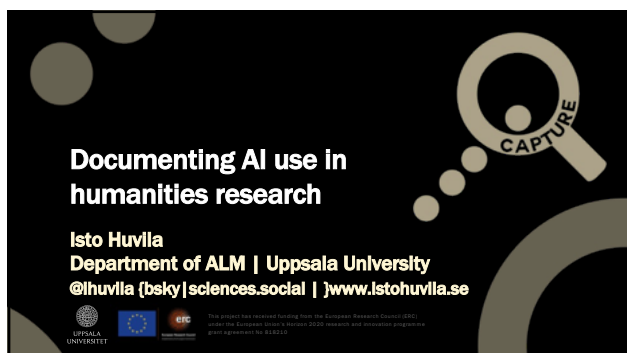
### How to document AI use?

1. **Avoid the Impossible task of speculating (too much) about (unknowable distant) future needs.**
2. **Focus on known uses (but don't assume that it's all).**
3. **Document what a piece of documentation is aiming to achieve.**
4. **Document what a particular AI system was used for and what it was considered to have achieved in the context of its use.**
5. **Keep (many) working documents and drafts.**

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The image shows two book covers. The left book is 'Paradata: Documenting Data Creation, Curation and Use' by Isto Huvila, Lisa Anderson, Zanna Fibberg, Ying-Hsiang Liu and Ole Skold. The right book is 'Perspectives on Paradata: Research and Practice of Documenting Process Knowledge' edited by Isto Huvila, Lisa Anderson and Ole Skold. Both books are published by Springer. There are QR codes on both covers.

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