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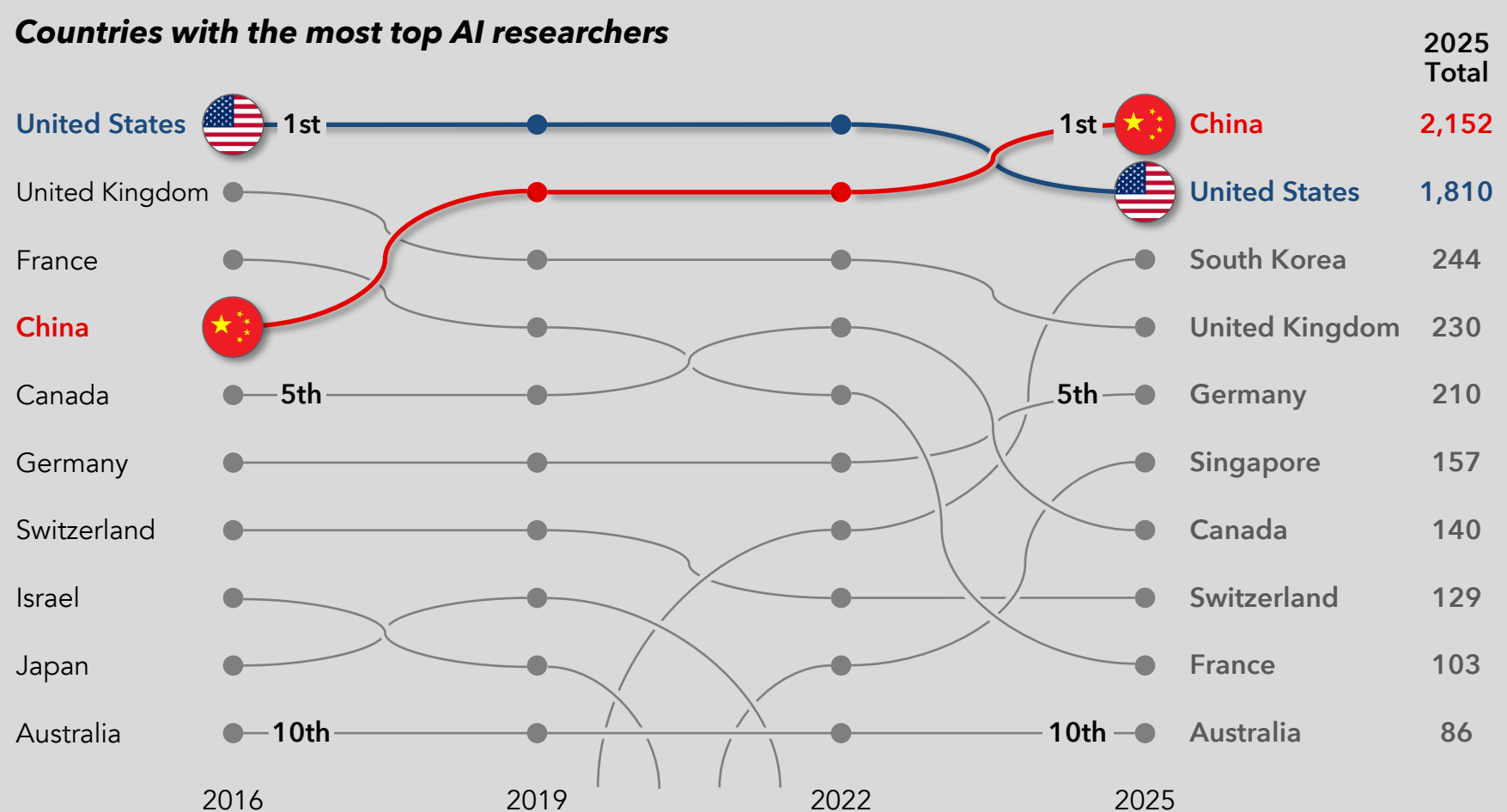
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Top AI Researchers by Country



According to the Economist, China and the United States maintain significant global leadership in top AI research.

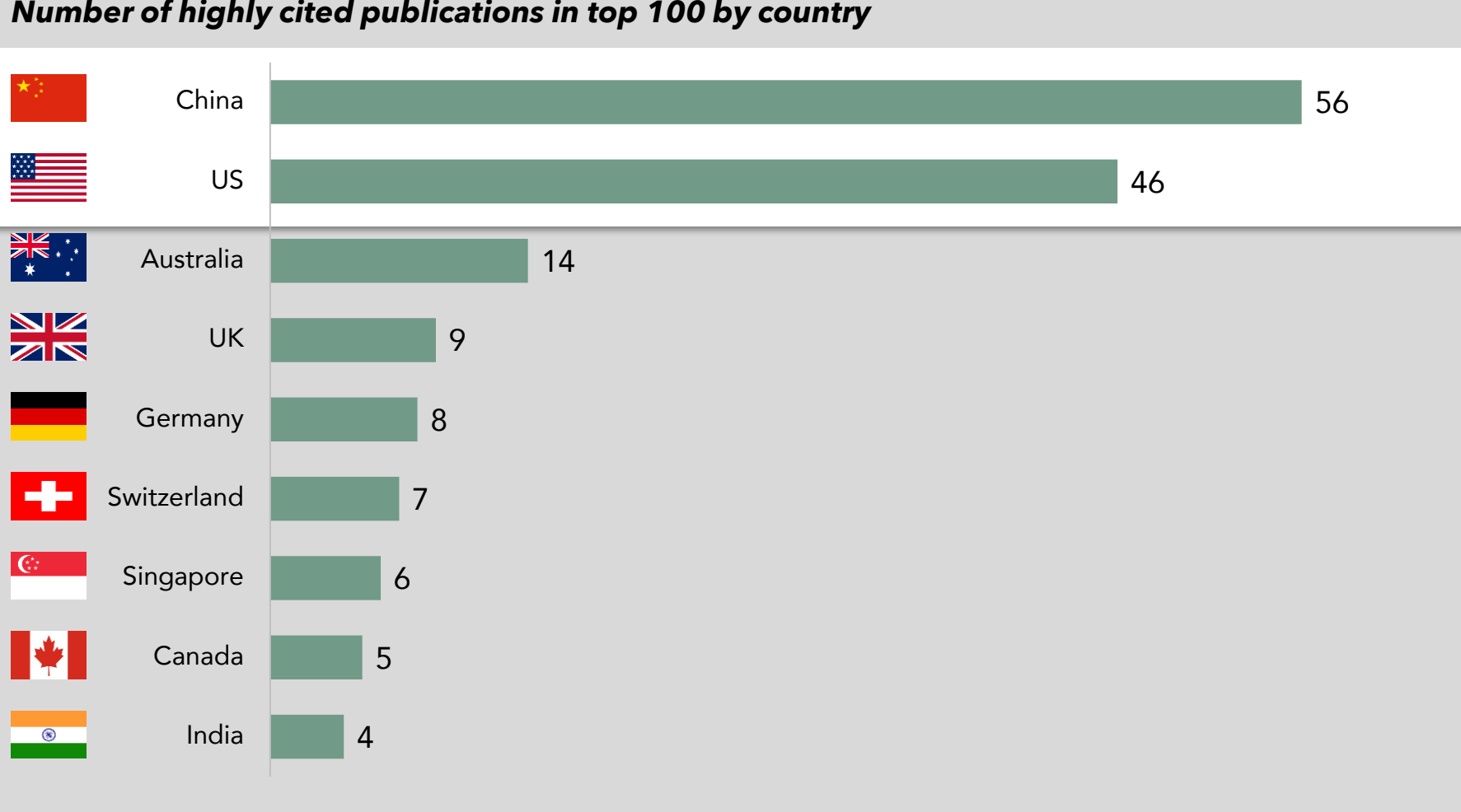


Source: (1) The Economist. NeurIPS. Paper Copilot. Country is the working location of the first authors of studies presented at the NeurIPS conference.

The Most Influential AI Research



According to Stanford University's Artificial Intelligence Report (2026), China and the US also dominate the most influential AI research, together accounting for the majority of highly cited publications among the top 100 most-cited AI papers in 2024.

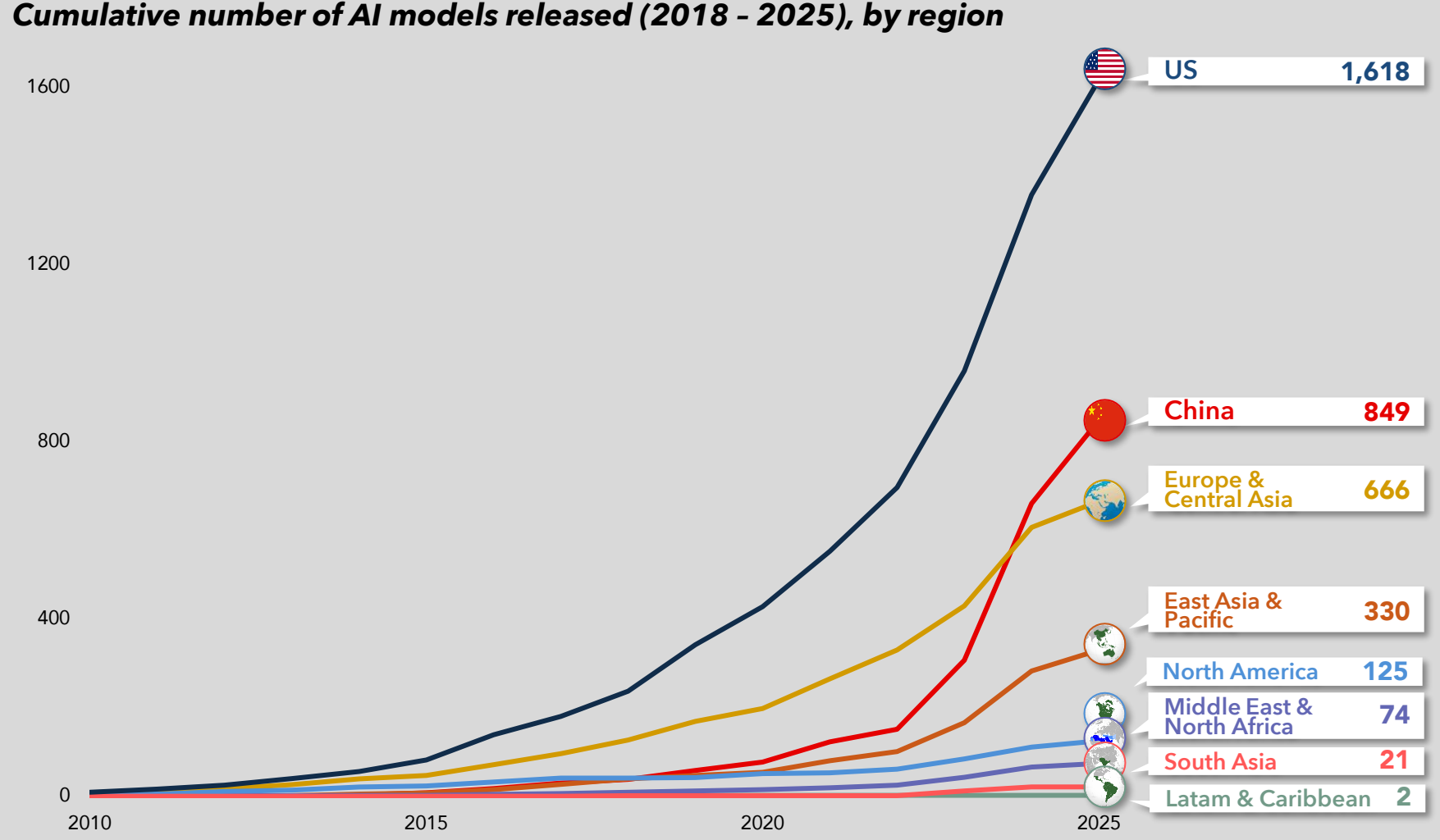


Source: (1) AI Index Steering Committee, Stanford University Institute for Human-Centered AI, "The AI Index 2026 Annual Report" (April 2026). China includes Hong Kong.

Number of AI Models, by Region



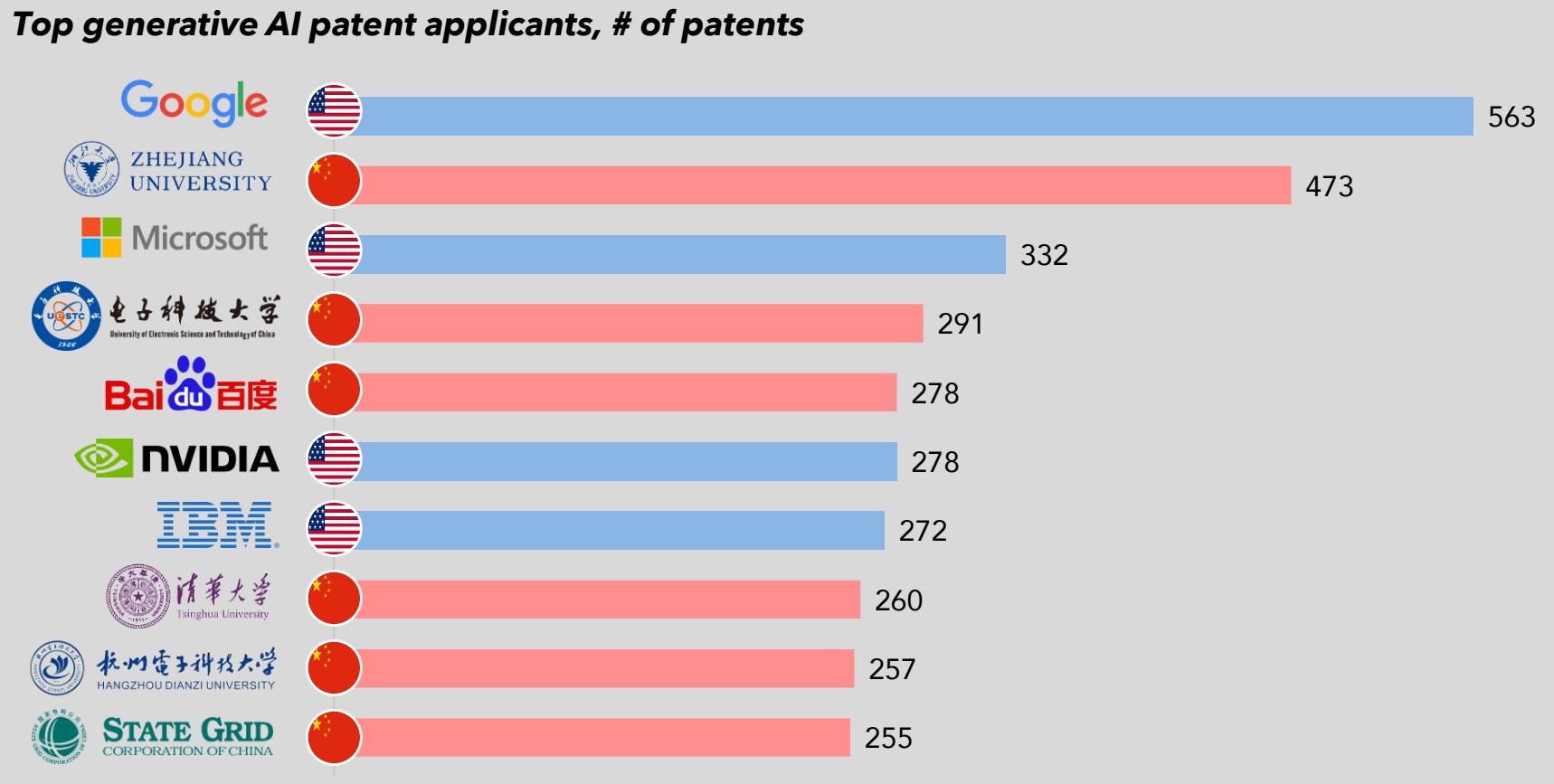
New AI models released by the US grew nearly 7x since 2018 to close to 2,000 in 2025. China saw a 22x increase over the same time period, suggesting an intensified competition with the US.



Source: (1) AI Index Steering Committee, Stanford University Institute for Human-Centered AI, "The AI Index 2026 Annual Report" (April 2026). Epoch AI.

US & China Dominate Gen AI Patent Applications

The US and China dominate Gen AI patent applications globally, though the headline numbers require careful decomposition to accurately assess their impact. In particular, very few of China's patent applications are filed internationally (<10%), thereby only meeting China's review standards. This, in turn, limits overseas enforcement mechanisms, providing a low ceiling on the global commercial scalability of China's innovations. By comparison, US patents and publications receive significantly more global citations.



Source: (1) IFI Claims Patent Services. Data as of May 2025.

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