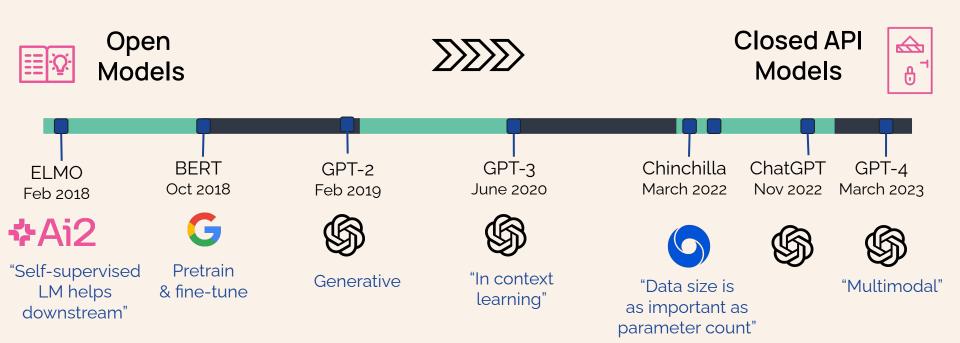
## Building and Evaluating Language Models

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# Al is here today due to open scientific practices and fully open models

# Are we done with scientific research on LMs?

This lecture: build foundational understanding for LM research.

#### Outline

#### Part 1: How to build language models?

- Learnings from Olmos 1, 2, and 3
- Collaborative model building
- Real-world applications

#### Part 2: How to evaluate language models?

- Frontiers in benchmarking
- Frontiers in bias evaluation

# Part 1: How to build language models?

# Goal of this tutorial is to build foundational understanding for LM research.

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- 1. Introduction (~5min)
- Data (~40min)
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- Conclusions & Q/A (~15min)

Minimal LM basics



#### Prerequisites

We're assuming you are comfortable with:

- Training ML models
  - e.g., "learning rate schedulers", "AdamW", "batch size", "transformers"
- Core LM concepts
  - e.g. "next word prediction", "tokenization", "sequence length"
- PyTorch\*

<sup>\*</sup>Treat our code snippets like pseudocode, no guarantees they will run!

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                     Model
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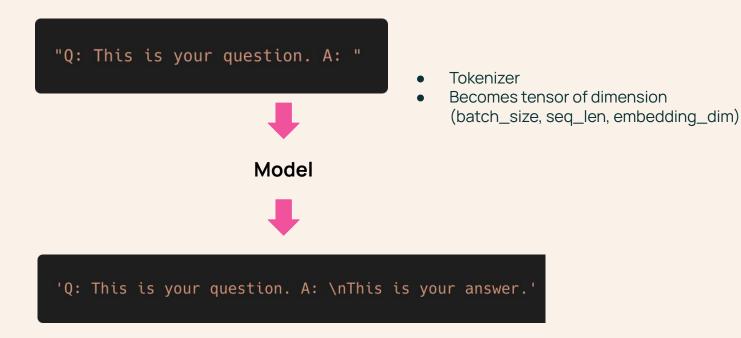
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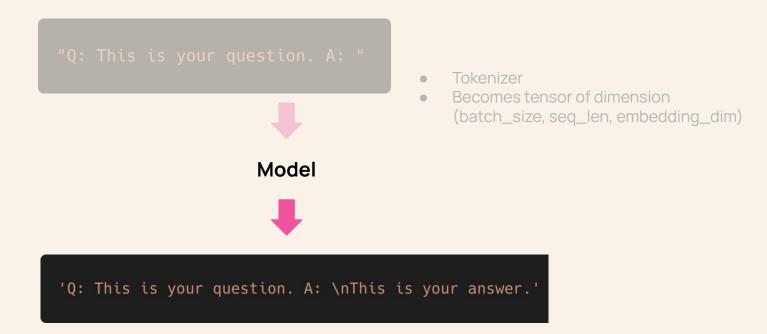
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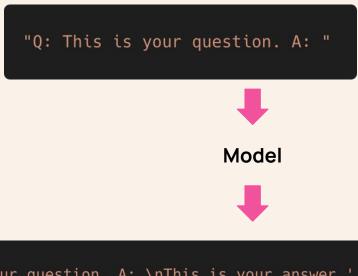
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#### Training should otherwise look familiar...

```
from torch.optim import AdamW
              from transformers import get_scheduler
              max lr = 3e-4
              max tokens = 5e12
              warmup tokens = 9e9
              batch size = 1024
Data tensor
              seq len = 4096
 shapes
              optimizer = AdamW(model.parameters(), lr=max lr)
              lr_scheduler = get_scheduler(
                  name="cosine_with_warmup",
                  optimizer=optimizer,
                  num_warmup_steps=int(warmup_tokens / (batch_size * seq_len)),
                                                                                        Data tensor
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                                                                                          shapes
```

### Looking at the data

```
from datasets import load_dataset
dataset = load dataset("allenai/dolmino-mix-1124",
                       name="wiki",
                       split="train[:100]")
for doc in dataset:
```

Organized hierarchically

Unstructured text

```
{
   "source": "wikipedia",
   "version": "v0",
   "id": 5,
   "text": "Organic Chemistry/Cover
```

Welcome to the worlds foremost open content<br&gt;Organic Chemistry Textbook The Study of Organic Chemistry.

Organic chemistry is primarily devoted to the unique properties of the carbon a compounds play a critical role in biology and ecology, Earth sciences and geology, phy of course — chemistry. At first glance, the new material that organic chemistry bring complicated and daunting, but all it takes is concentration and perseverance. Million successfully passed this course and you can too!

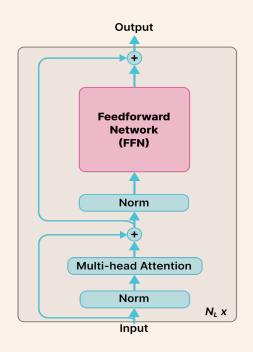
This field of chemistry is based less on formulas and more on reactions between different conditions. Whereas a typical general chemistry question may ask a student equation from the chapter that they memorized, a more typical organic chemistry quest product will form when substance X is treated with solution Y and bombarded by light. chemistry is to understand it rather than cram it in the night before a test. It is a the mechanism of Michael addition, but a superior accomplishment would be the ability would take place.

As in all things, it is easier to build up a body of new knowledge on a foundat

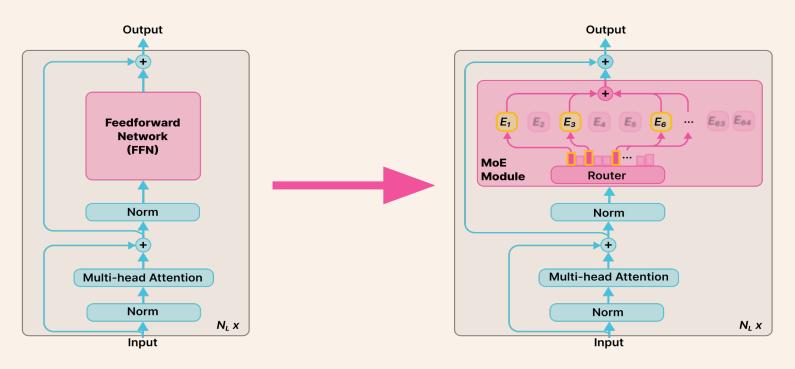
Even structured tasks as one long string

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"source": "flan",
"id": "34eb74b949b52f692e0fddfb252ebd0f",
"text": "QUESTION: Premise: 'Dog jumping for frisbee.'
   Hypothesis: 'The dog was playing fetch.'
    Is the hypothesis entailed by the premise?
    Options:
    - yes
   - it is not possible to tell
    - no
    SOLUTION: Lets solve this gradually. Jumping for Frisbee and play
    Answer is yes.
    QUESTION: Premise: 'The two street performers in costumes play the
    Hypothesis: 'Two street performers share a drink at a bar.'
    Is the hypothesis entailed by the premise?
    Options:
    - yes
    - it is not possible to tell
    - no
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#### **Transformer**



### Mixture of experts (MoE)



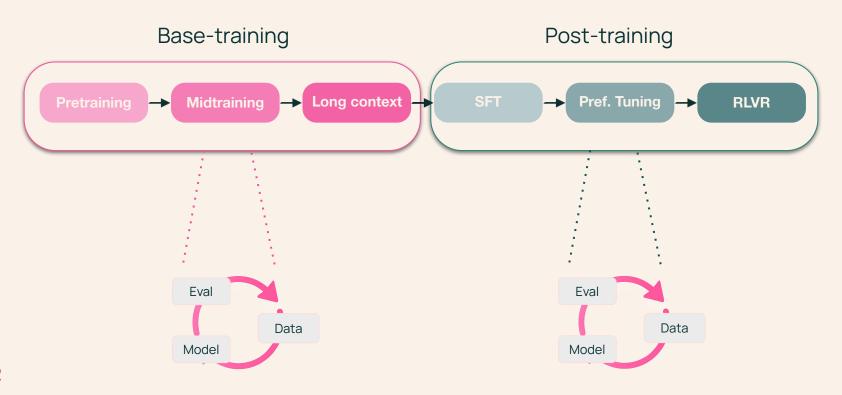
Speaker: Kyle Lo

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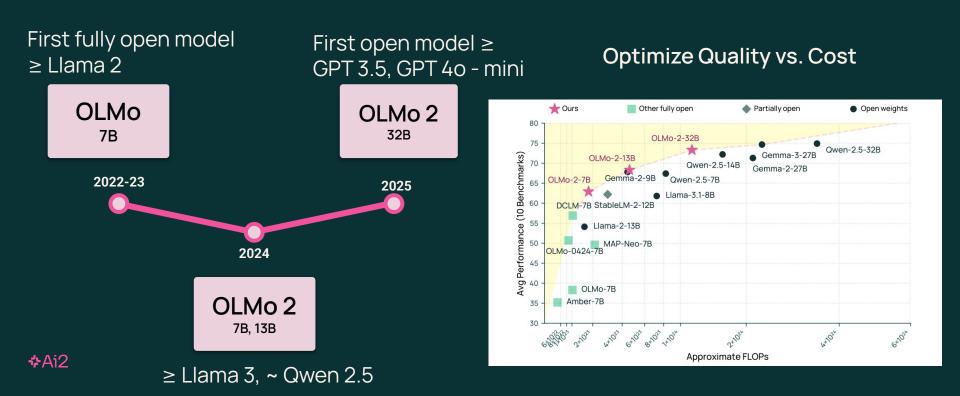
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## Best fully open model – Data, Weights, Code, Training Recipes

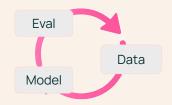


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### Reflecting back



Hard to use Olmo 2 for

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Goal for Olmo 3: Strong foundation on diverse capabilities, including thinking, tool-use, agents

#### Challenges at each stage

#### **Pretraining**

Old data: 95% web crawl

Need to add heterogeneous data (web, code, math, STEM data...), but

How to filter? How to mix?

#### **Long Context**

Published recipes don't work. Long context data scarce.

How to acquire data? How to scale up training?

#### Midtraining & post training

Data is expensive.

How to simultaneously improve diverse capabilities?

How to improve & scale up RL

#### Overall

How to optimize for quality vs. cost?

How to evaluate for complex tasks?

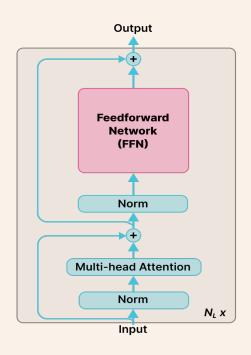


As we tackle more complex problems, it becomes hard to acquire training signals.

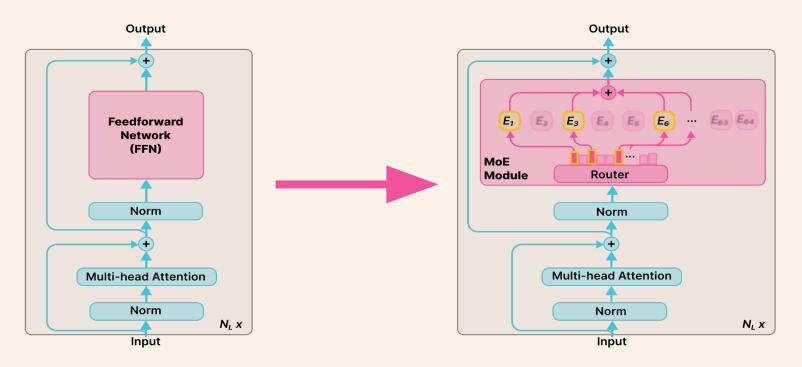
It takes longer to train and improve.

Finding training data and rewards is increasingly difficult.

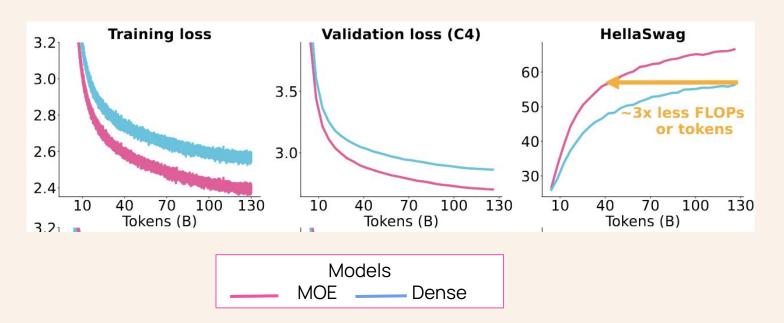
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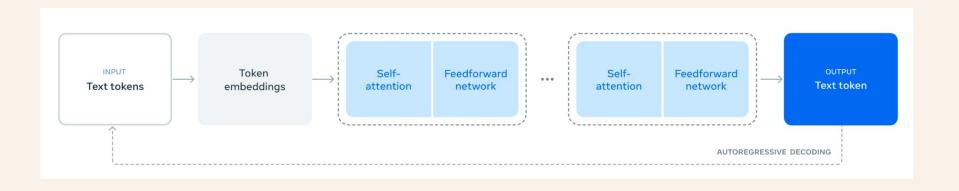


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Note: Learn more about OLMoE at the ESNLP workshop at neurips on Saturday!

### **Transformer**



Dubey, Abhimanyu et al. "The Llama 3 Herd of Models." ArXiv abs/2407.21783 (2024).

# How do you configure a transformer model?

#### Config

d\_model
n\_heads

n\_layers mlp\_ratio

In type

pos embeddings attention\_ln (qk layernorm) multi query attention parallel blocks

affine in layer norm
bias in layer norm
activation
sequence length
batch size - instances
batch size warmup

#### Config

weight tying optimizer

init warmup

peak lr

min lr

wd

beta1

beta2

eps

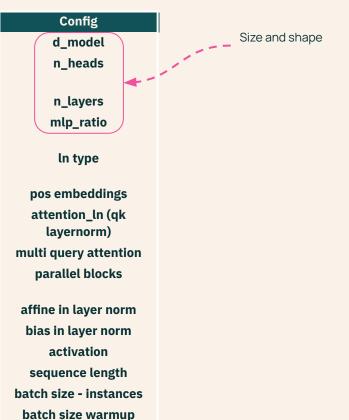
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grad clip

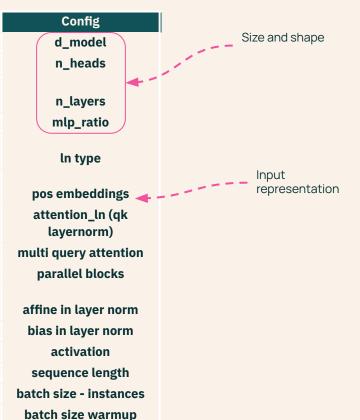
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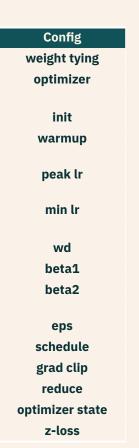
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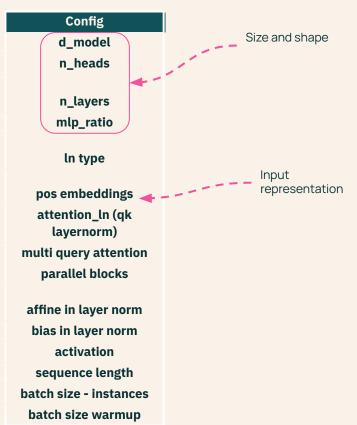
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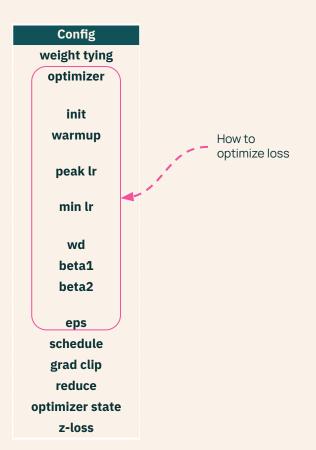


#### Config weight tying optimizer init warmup peak lr min lr wd beta1 beta2 eps schedule grad clip reduce optimizer state z-loss









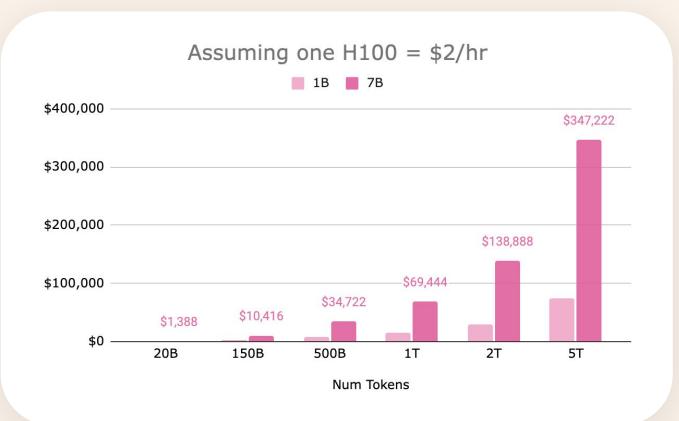
### Models don't always agree on best configs

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multi query attention	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	beta1	0.9	0.9	0.999
parallel blocks	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	beta2	0.95	0.95	0.999
affine in layer norm	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	eps	1.00E-05	1.00E-05	1.00E-05
bias in layer norm	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	schedule	cosine	cosine	cosine
activation	swiglu	swiglu	GELU	grad clip	global 1	global 1	global 1
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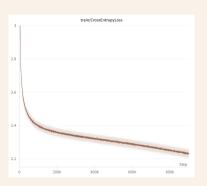
## Pre-training runs are costly



# What is a "good" run?

How to determine if your model is training well?

Loss convergence



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In-loop perplexity evaluations

Magnusson, lan et al. "Paloma: A Benchmark for Evaluating Language Model Fit." ArXiv abs/2312.10523 (2023): n. Pag.

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	MMLU (5-shot)
General	MMLU (0-shot, CoT)
General	MMLU-Pro (5-shot, Cot)
	IFEval
Code	HumanEval (0-shot)
Code	MBPP EvalPlus (0-shot)
Math	GSM8K (8-shot, CoT)
Matri	MATH (0-shot, CoT)
Reasoning	ARC Challenge (0-shot)
Reasoning	GPQA (0-shot, Cot)
Tool use	BFCL
Tooruse	Nexus
	${\it ZeroSCROLLS/QuALITY}$
Long context	${\rm InfiniteBench/En.MC}$
	${ m NIH/Multi-needle}$
Multilingual	MGSM (0-shot, CoT)

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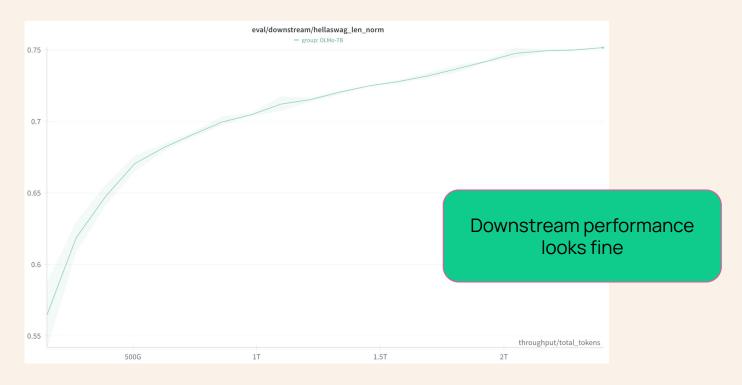
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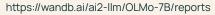
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Is this enough?

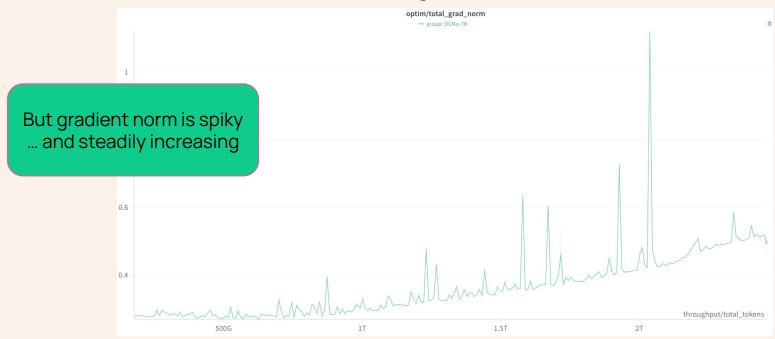
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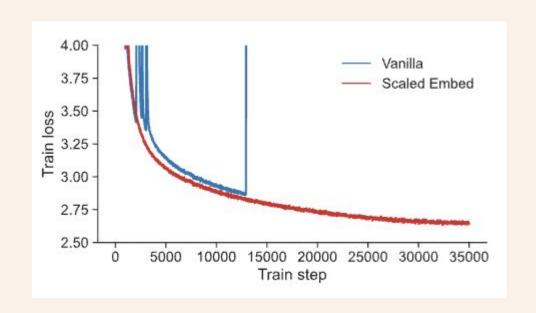


## Will it continue to improve?



## Spikes can indicate eventual divergence

For larger models, spikes can be an early indicator of model divergence



Takase, Sho et al. "Spike No More: Stabilizing the Pre-training of Large Language Models." ArXiv abs/2312.16903 (2023): n. pag.

A "good" training run has good performance on tasks, is stable and predictable, and optimizes hardware use.

#### Optimize Quality vs. Cost

Before the pre-training run

Scientific methodology

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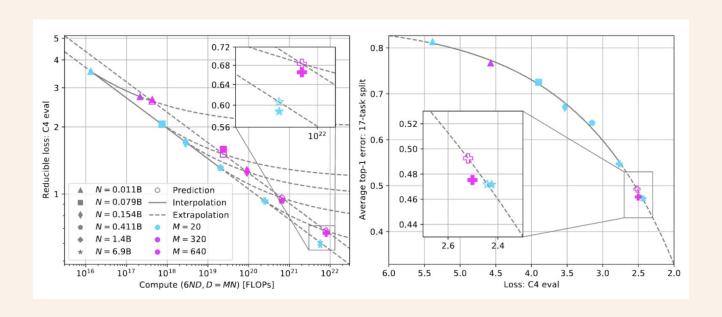
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Focus on improving inference-optimality De Vries, Harm. "Go smol or go home." (2023).

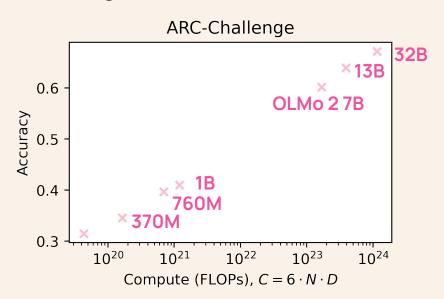
## Loss as a power law





### Scaling laws

How to determine small-scale experiments that reveal signals for decision making



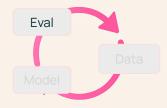


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### Defining Shared Standards is key



- Identify key capabilities to refine
- Collect and design benchmarks
- Cluster benchmarks on how show signals

QA, Math, Coding, Knowledge,...

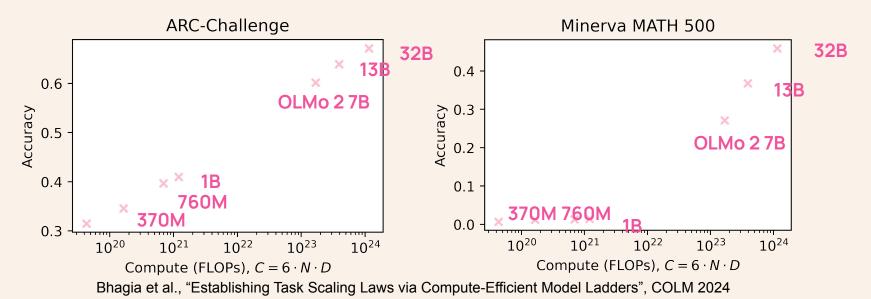
Use existing ones or create new

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                                        DS-1000
HellaSwaq
                      DROP
                             ARC-C
                                   MedMCQA
                 PiQA
                                               HumanEval
                      ARC-E
                                                  CruxEval
                                MMLU
                                       GSM8K
WinoGrande
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#### We evaluate many families of abilities (QA, Math, Coding, ...)

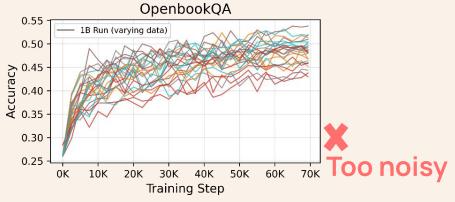
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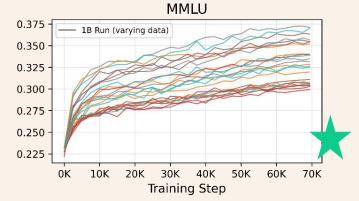
#### ... but how to get signal for small-scale decisions?



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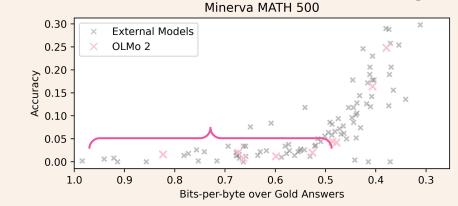
#### Find evaluation tasks with high signal and low noise





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#### Find formulations that are predictive of large-scale performance



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## Using hardware effectively

Goal: maximize the number of tokens processed per second (**TPS**) without loss of model performance

Faster training enables more experimentation, since it effectively increases the size of your cluster.

## Training parallelism

Data parallelism

Tensor parallelism

Pipeline parallelism

In practice, use FSDP ...

... but ensure that your global batch size is not too large

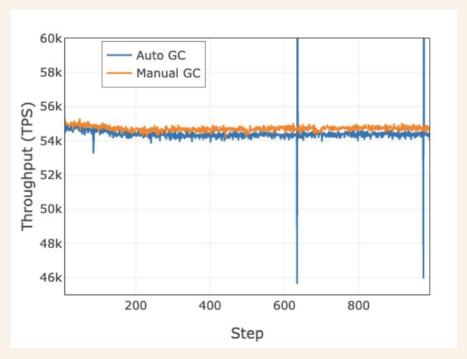
### Use available optimizations

FlashAttention

torch.compile

Flash attention library: <a href="https://github.com/Dao-AlLab/flash-attention">https://github.com/Dao-AlLab/flash-attention</a> torch.compile manual

## Garbage collection



Manual GC!

### Asynchronous bookkeeping

The training loop does other things besides learning model weights.

1. Monitoring the health of the run requires logging a lot of metrics.

This can cause slow-downs in the distributed setting.

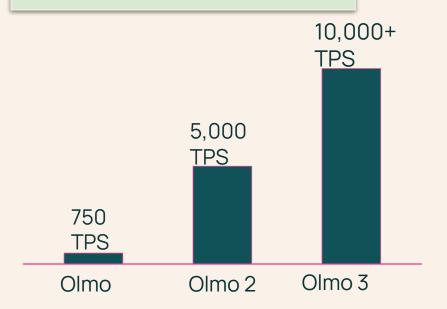
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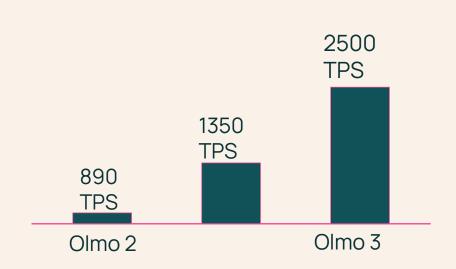
As the size of the model increases, checkpointing can become a bottleneck.

Solution: Use a separate backend for such bookkeeping tasks

#### Training infrastructure is key

To train more with least cost





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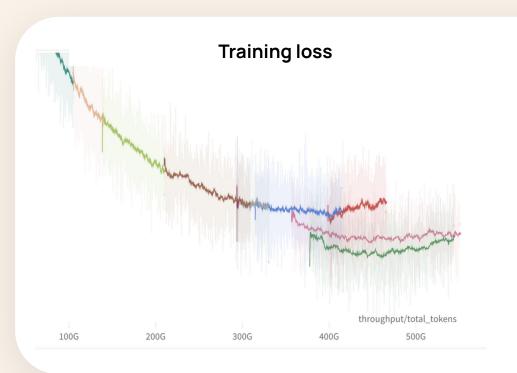


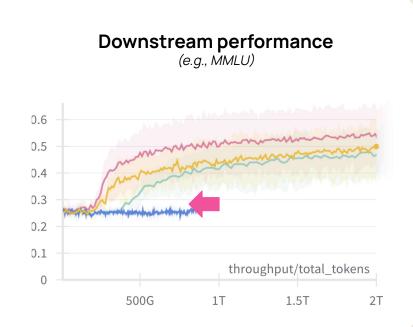
Reinforcement Learning





#### Training Stability is Key





Poor data and training can break your models

#### **Enhancing Training Throughput & Stability**

Improve modeling

e.g., initialization & theoretical finding

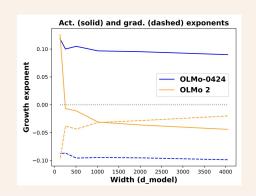
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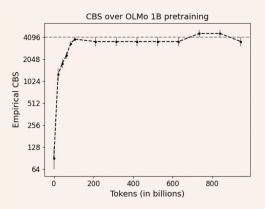
Improve architecture

E.g., adding z-loss

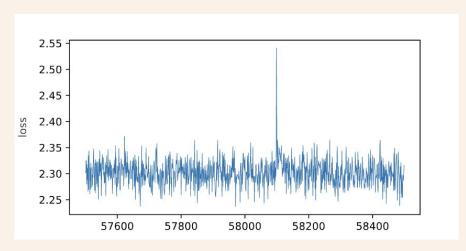
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Improve training throughput
E.g., Theoretical/Empirical results to set critical batch Size
Batch size warmup during training



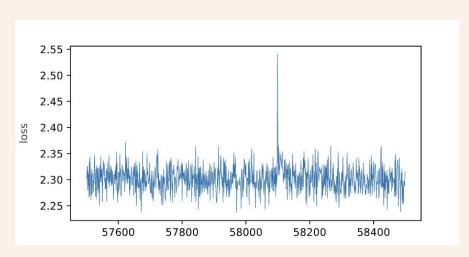


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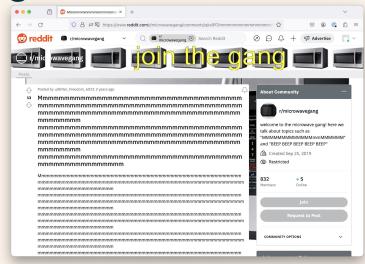


Fast spike

Fast Spikes during training



Fast spike



Look at your data!





#### Optimize Quality vs. Cost

Before the pre-training run

Scientific methodology

- Defining shared standards
- Scaling laws: predict task accuracy from small models

During the pre-training run

#### Training stability & performance

- Enhance training stability
- Improve training pipelines

### High quality, diverse data is key



#### The data curation loop

acquire data

transform the data (data intervention)

run experiment (pretrain LM)

Repeat per source

What is "good" data?









Scale





"Quality"



Constraints

Data acquisition

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- Web scrapers (80-100% of the data)
  - Internet Archive (1996), Common Crawl (2007), PushShift (2015),
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Crawling & Scraping



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Common Crawl, Internet Archive, Software Heritage, big tech company

# Domain-specific crawls are easiest to ensure **quality**



Math exercises, code notebooks, Q&A forum posts, Stack Exchange

### How to get the content?

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Coaxing content from JS requires site-specific logic



## What websites to target?

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example.org	Highly curated.	~100,000 pages, 742 w/p		~ 186 words / sec
example.net	Subjectively poorer.	~200,000 pages, 1,280 w/p		~ 256 words/sec
example.ai	Walled; evidence of generated content	Walled	Non-web modality	Walled
example.cat	Highly curated. Substantial non-text information, PDF	Reports 3MM books.	Free range crawl	Maybe not very crawlable?
example.gov	High variance (generally curated)	Reports 2.5MM sites over 92 languages. High variance on words/doc.	Free range crawl	Single URLs vs. Linked Sites; highly parallelizable
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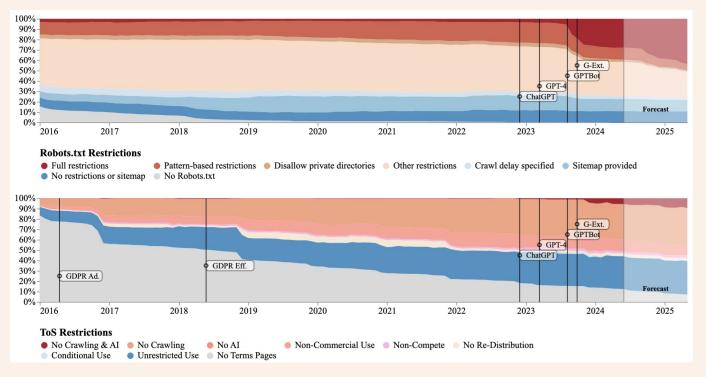
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### Harder to get data via crawling



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### Widening inequality in data access



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# **Publish Training**

Long-running
But now its ro

#### Interconnects

# We aren't running out of training data, we are running out of open training data

Data licensing deals, scaling, human inputs, and repeating trends in open vs. closed LLMs.



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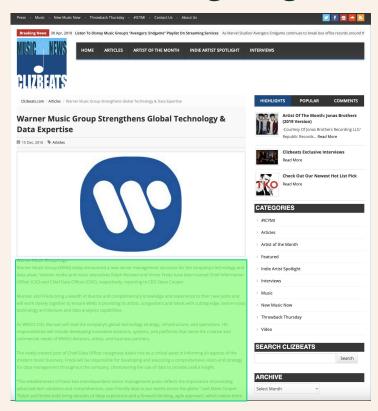




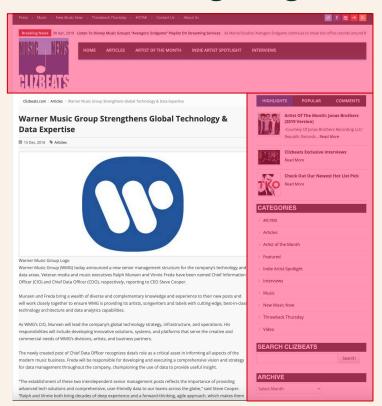
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RENNINGER'S OUTDOOR EXTRAVAGANZA Noble Street, Kutztown, Pa.; 717-385-0104. Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the last weekend of April, June, September.

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Monthly

ANN ARBOR ANTIQUES MARKET, P.O. Box 1512, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48106; 313-662-9453. May through October, third Sunday.

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KANE COUNTY FLEA MARKET, Kane County Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 549, St. Charles, Ill. 60174; 708-377-2252. Year-round, first weekend.

THE METROLINA EXPO. 7100 Statesville Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28213; 704-596-4643. Year-round, first weekend of every month

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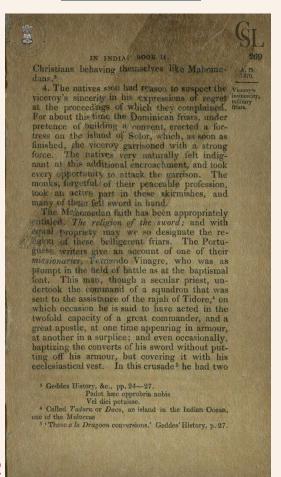
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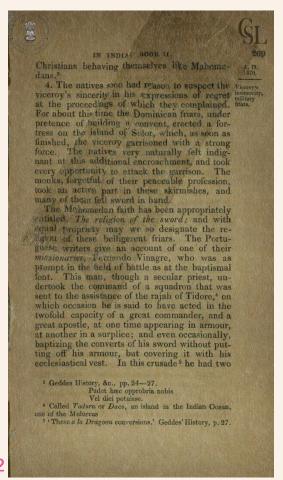
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## What we would like instead

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# Is there a "best" linearization?

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 Vocab: Following Beltagy et al. (2019), we construct a cased WordPiece (Wu et al., 2016) vocabulary of size 3lt using 15% of the S2ORC pretraining corpus. The Jaccard index between the S2ORC-ScIBBRT and SCIBBRT vocabularies is 0.536.

We follow a similar setup to Beltagy et al. (2019) for both pretraining and fine-tuning S2ORC-SCIBERT. Like SCIBERT, S2ORC-SCIBERT is pretrained from scratch using the original BERT code<sup>15</sup> and default BERT-Base configurations on a single TPU v3-8 for one week. Also like SCIBERT, S2ORC-SCIBERT is fine-tuned on all tasks by optimizing a cross entropy loss using Adam (Kingma and Ba, 2014), a linear learning rate decay with 10% warm-up, batch size of 32, and dropout of 61.

We search over an equal-sized grid of hyperparameters as Beltagy et al. (2019). We fine-tune for 1 to 4 epochs with a maximum learning rate of 1e-5, 2e-5, 3e-5, or 5e-5. For each task, we select the optimal combination of these two hyperparameters using the development set and report the corresponding test set results. For details, we refer the reader to SCIBERT code, <sup>16</sup> which we use for all experiments.

The results in Table 5 show that S2ORC-SCIBERT outperforms SCIBERT on many tasks despite including a large percentage of data outside of the biomedical and computer science domains. As the pretraining corpus for SCIBERT is not publicly-available, S2ORC can serve as a large pretraining corpus for evaluating and comparing pretraining approaches on academic text. We also release S2ORC-SCIBERT to serve as a baseline for research.

#### 6 Applications of S2ORC

S2ORC can be used for many NLP and analysis tasks over academic text. We give a summary of potential applications below.

The combination of structured full text annotated with linked inline citations makes S2ORC well-suited for a variety of citation-related textbased tasks. Without any additional supervision, S2ORC can be used directly for both inline (He et al., 2010; Duma and Klein, 2014; Jeong et al., 2019) and document-level (Yu et al., 2012; Liu et al., 2015; Bhagavatula et al., 2018) citation recommendation. Among document-level recommenders, \$20RC is well-suited to the setting of Liu et al. (2015), who use inline citation contexts to filter document-level recommendations.

Embeddings for arXiv papers (6 ML categories)

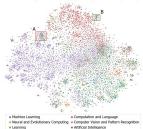


Figure 3: Word2vec embeddings associated with 20k papers in six AI-related arXiv categories visualized using t-SNE (van der Maaten and Hinton, 2008). Example papers from two randomly selected sub-regions A and B are given in Table 7.

Region A

stat.ML	"Learning Disentangled Representations with Semi-Supervised Deep Generative Models"
cs.LG	"Denoising Criterion for Variational Auto-
	Encoding Framework"
cs.CV	"Variational methods for conditional multi- modal deep learning"
Region B	
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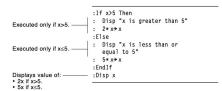
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Table 7: Sampled papers in clusters from t-SNE embedding space in Figure 3. Region A consists of papers related to deep generative models; region B consists of papers concerned with graph representation learning.

Other tasks that leverage citation contexts in-

### If...Then...Else... EndIf Structures

To execute one group of commands if a conditional test is true and a different group if the condition is false, use this structure:



#### If...Then...Elself... EndIf Structures

A more complex form of the If command lets you test a series of conditions. Suppose your program prompts the user for a number that corresponds to one of four options. To test for each option (If Choice=1, If Choice = 2, etc.), use the If...Then...Elself...Endlf structure.

Refer to Appendix A for more information and an example.

#### Lbl and Goto Commands

You can also control the flow of your program by using **Lbl** (label) and **Goto** commands.

Use the LbI command to label (assign a name to) a particular location in the program.

#### Lbl labelName

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naming convention as a variable name)
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You can then use the **Goto** command at any point in the program to branch to the location that corresponds to the specified label.

#### Goto labelName

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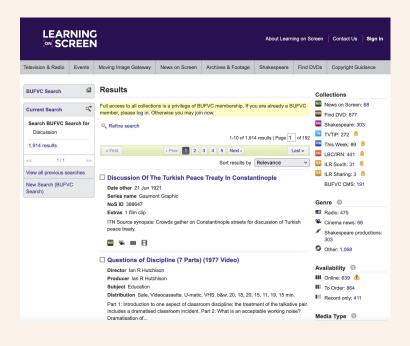
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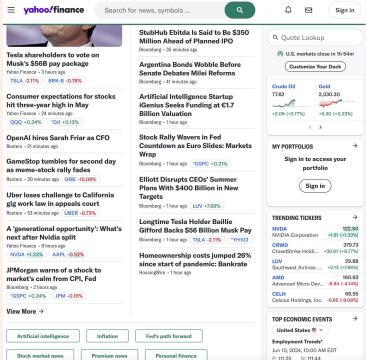
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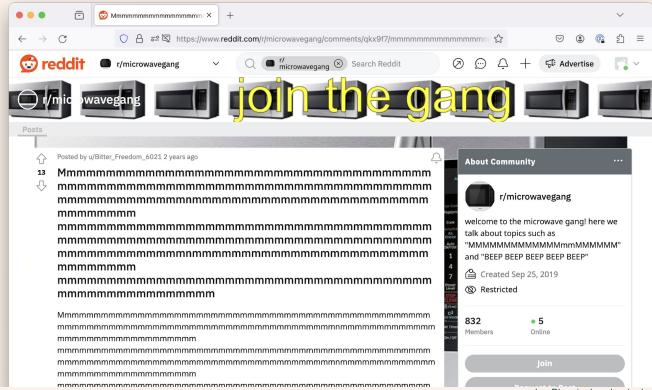
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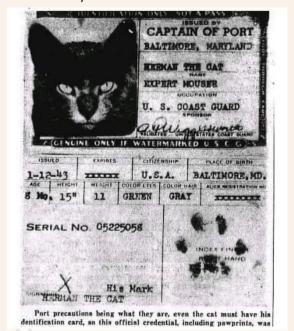


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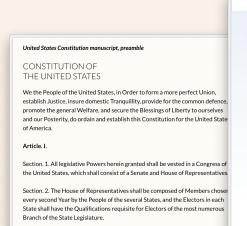
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#### Constitution of the United States

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# Use small text classifiers for everything



## **Bag of Tricks for Efficient Text Classification**

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## fastText

- 2,000 docs per second per CPU
- \$0.04/hr (\$8.5/hr for c7i instance, 192 cores)

## **BERT-Base**

- 1,600 docs per second per H100
- \$2.50/hr

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## DataComp-LM: In search of the next generation of training sets for language models

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#### Meta

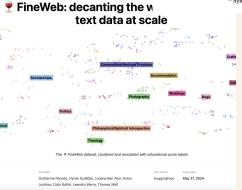
## The Llama 3 Herd of Models

#### Llama Team, Al @ Meta1

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Modern artificial intelligence (AI) systems are powered by foundation models. This paper presents a new set of foundation models, called Llama 3. It is a herd of language models that natively support multilinguality, coding, reasoning, and tool usage. Our largest model is a dense Transformer with 405B parameters and a context window of up to 128K tokens. This paper presents an extensive empirical evaluation of Llama 3. We find that Llama 3 delivers comparable quality to leading language models such as GPT-4 on a plethora of tasks. We publicly release Llama 3, including pre-trained and post-trained versions of the 405B parameter language model and our Llama Guard 3 model for input and output safety. The paper also presents the results of experiments in which we integrate image. video, and speech capabilities into Llama 3 via a compositional approach. We observe this approach performs competitively with the state-of-the-art on image, video, and speech recognition tasks. The resulting models are not yet being broadly released as they are still under development.

Date: July 23, 2024 Website: https://llama.meta.com/





## Two text classifier ideologies

## "Give me more like this"



Positive: Llama-labeled "Edu" content Negative: Llama-labeled "non-Edu" content

## "Give me less like this"



Positive: Diverse set of "High Quality" docs Negative: Randomly sampled Common Crawl

## Label whole documents with small models

```
"title": "Top 11 things to see in Darlington | Wander",
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   "source": "common-crawl",
   "text": "Stay in Darlington\nHomechevron_rightDestinationschevron_rightDarlington\nDarlington is a
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```

output = small\_model.predict(text)

# Label passages with small models

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                 output = small model.predict(text)
Darlington<mark>\n"</mark>
```

# Common format for all labeled output

```
"language_doc": [0, 698, "en"],
"nsfw_doc": [0, 698, False],
"grammatical_doc": [0, 698, True],
"quality_doc": [0, 698, 0.8]
```

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fastText comes with trained weights. Better than cld2 and cld3

Dolma trained fastText classifier on Jigsaw.

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C4, Gopher used rules.

FineWeb used Llama 70B to generate labels. Distill into fastText.

Dolma, FineWeb, DCLM all use some commonsense text heuristics.

DCLM trained fastText on OpenHermes + ELI5.



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# Finding duplicates is also tagging

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        BloomFilter, minHash, exact Match, ...
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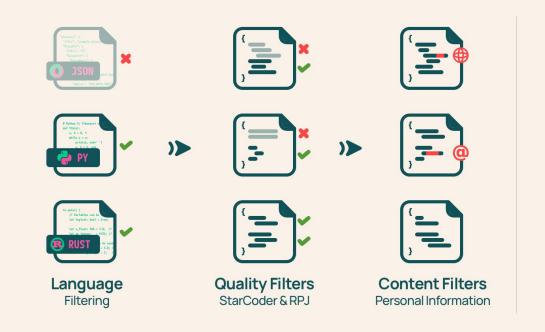
# Assembling the final dataset

"remove all documents with English score < 0.5 and > 70% of lines are ungrammatical or are duplicated more than 20 times and..."

```
attributes:
 - c4 v2
 - ft_lang_id_en_doc_v2
 - deduper v2
filter:
 exclude:
   # remove documents with low English language score
   - $.attributes[?(@.ft_lang_id_en_doc_v2__ft_lang_id_en_doc_
   # remove documents with ungrammatical lines
   - $.attributes[?(@.c4_v2__c4_v2__has_ungrammatical_lines &&
true)]
   # remove documents where any line appears more than 20 time
   - $.attributes[?(@.deduper v2 occurrence count > 20)]
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span_replacement:
 # remove lines that do not end in punctuation
 - span: $.attributes.c4_v2__c4_v2__lines_with_no_ending_punct
   min score: 0.5
   replacement: ""
```

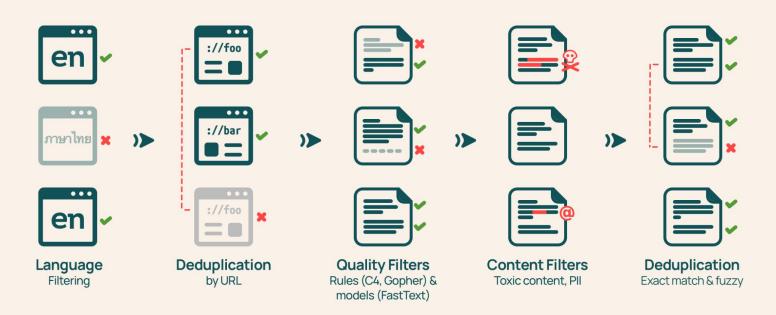
Curation steps to Data Pipelines

# Each data source requires own pipeline



GitHub Code

# Each data source requires own pipeline



## **Common Crawl Web Documents**

## From Raw Data to Polma3

Common Crawl



255B Docs

## Heuristic Filtering

- Pll filtering
- Language filtering
- URL removal.



39B Docs

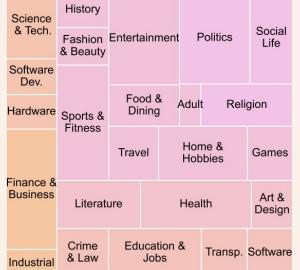
## Deduplication

- Exact deduplication
- Min-Hash
- Suffix Array

10B Docs
Enable fine grained
control over data



Web Organizer



Data Mixing

Quality UpSampling Making good decisions



# The data curation loop

acquire data

transform the data (data intervention)

run experiment (pretrain LM)

## ❖ Dolma3

# Fine-grained control over mixing

## **Pretraining**

- Diverse: 75% web crawl, +STEM, +code, +math
- Improved deduplication
- Detailed web data categories

## Midtraining

- Diverse
- High-quality data
- Introduce reasoning traces

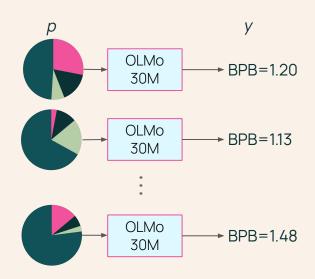
## **Long Context**

- Acquire long context data from stem papers
- Novel data processing

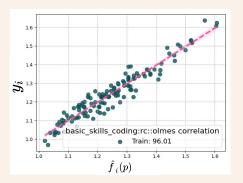
- Improved data processing infra
- Algorithmic/data structure advances for global deduplication up to 50T tokens

# Our global data mixing procedure

1. **Swarm runs**: train *K* small OLMo models with randomly sampled mixtures p



2. **Fit a regression model** for each benchmark task  $\hat{f}_i(p) pprox y_i$ 



3. **Solve optimization problem** to get optimal mix p\*

$$egin{array}{c} ext{minimize} \ rac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{f}_i(p) \end{array}$$

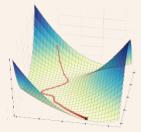


Avg predicted BPB = 1.44



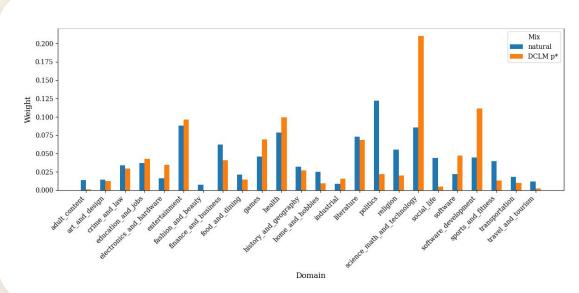
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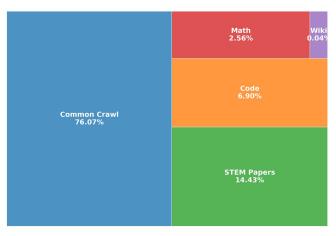




# Dolma 3: Diverse Data Mixing

Steers heavily toward STEM & Code

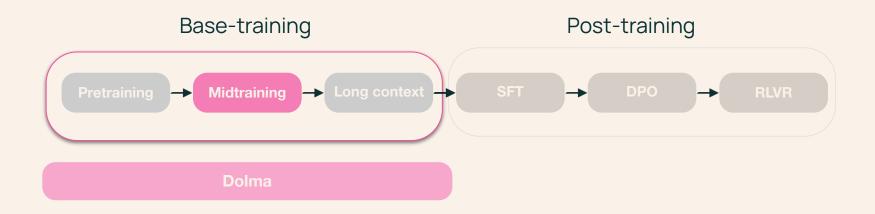




# New Quality-Based Upsampling

Given a budget on number of tokens (6 T), select highest quality data for each category Highest quality data capped at 7x Sampling repetitions rate Sample data proportional to their quality score Throw away data below threshold **Quality score** 1.0 0.0 Tuned Ai2 Threshold

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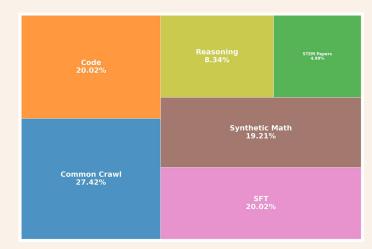
#### Focused capabilities for Olmo 3 Think

 Reasoning traces – math and code problem-solving using human-inspired meta-reasoning strategies

Math – math problem-solving through code and/or discussion

• QA – demonstration of diverse question structures, rewritten from natural

knowledge-rich data

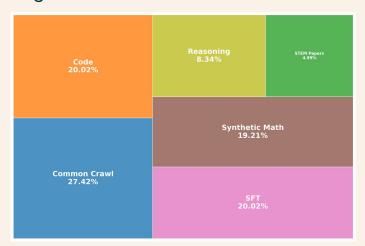


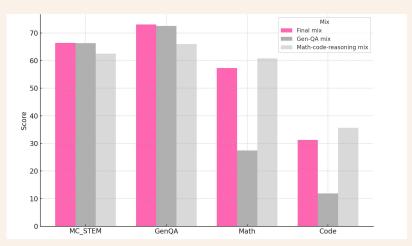
## Mid-training: Boost High-quality data

Methodological efficacy: candidate data mixes improve over time

- Distributed investigation of domain-targeted capability boosts
- Mixing & Verification via centralized integration tests

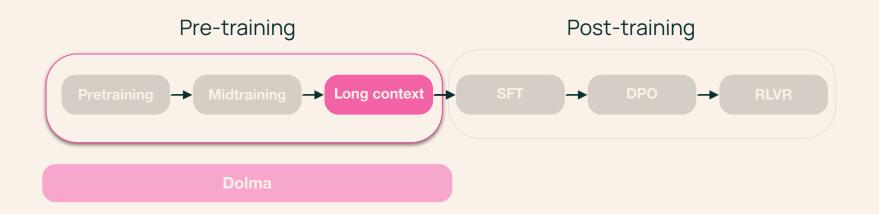
**Domain tradeoffs**: performance tradeoffs at the individual domain level necessitate careful balancing between domains







## **Long Context Training**



- Efficient recipe for long context training from 8k → 64k
- Release 1T high-quality long-context data

## **Long Context Training**

- Challenges: Where do we get long context data?
  - How to mix so we don't lose general capabilities



#### Process PDF documents into linear text

- ~1T tokens, 100M documents in Dolma 3
- fully open model + toolkit
- now it is Ai2's most popular repo
- 1/30th cost of using gpt4o

	score	date	weights	data	code	code	license
OpenAI GPT-4o	$68.9 \pm 1.1$	May 2024	8	8	8	8	$igstar{igstar}^6$
${\rm Qwen~2~VL~7B}$	$31.5 \pm 0.9$	$\mathrm{Aug}\ 2024$		×	8		$\bigcirc$ <sup>1</sup>
Gemini Flash 2	$57.8 \pm 1.1$	$\mathrm{Dec}\ 2024$	×	×	×	8	<b>⊗</b> <sup>6</sup>
$\mathrm{Qwen}\ 2.5\ \mathrm{VL}\ 7\mathrm{B}$	$65.5 \pm 1.2$	$\mathrm{Feb}\ 2025$		8	8		$\bigcirc$ <sup>1</sup>
Mistral OCR API	$72.0 \pm 1.1$	$Mar\ 2025$	×	×	8	8	<b>⊗</b> <sup>6</sup>
MinerU 1.3.10	$61.5 \pm 1.1$	${\rm Apr}\ 2025$		8	8		$0^4$
Nanonets OCR S	$64.5 \pm 1.1$	$\mathrm{Jun}\ 2025$		×	8		<b>?</b> 5
MonkeyOCR Pro 3B	$75.8 \pm 1.0*$	$\mathrm{Jun}\ 2025$		×	8		<b>?</b> 5
Infinity-Parser 7B	$79.1 \pm ?*$	$\mathrm{Jun}\ 2025$	<b>②</b>		×		$\bigcirc$ <sup>1</sup>
dots.OCR	$79.1 \pm 1.0*$	$\mathrm{Jul}\ 2025$		×	<b>②</b>		$\odot^2$
Marker 1.10.1	$76.1 \pm 1.1$	$\mathrm{Sep}\ 2025$		×	×		$0^3$
MinerU 2.5.4	$75.2 \pm 1.1*$	$\mathrm{Sep}\ 2025$	<b>②</b>	×	×		04
PaddleOCR-VL	$80.0 \pm 1.0*$	Oct 2025		×			$\bigcirc$ <sup>1</sup>
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${\bf DeepSeek\text{-}OCR}$	$75.7 \pm 1.0$	Oct 2025	<b>②</b>	×	×		$\odot^2$
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Release

Training Inference

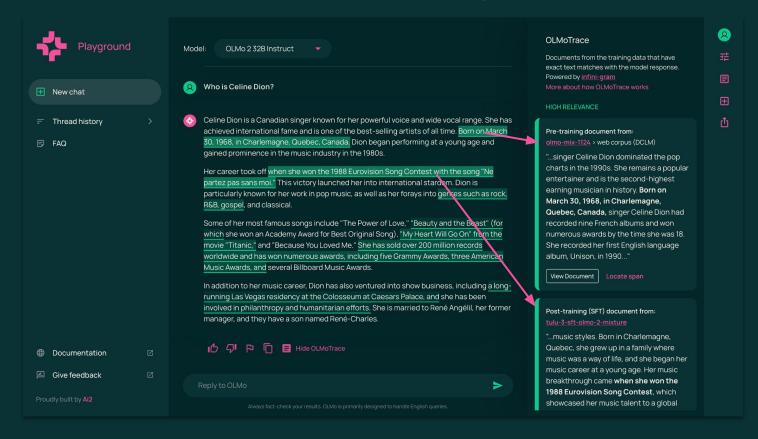
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Open data leads to better traceability, data auditing, and data accreditation



# Trace the outputs of language models back to their full, multi-trillion-token training data in real time



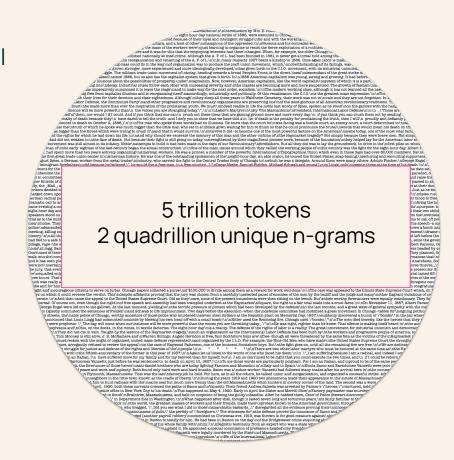


### **♦OLMo** Trace

 Searches multi-trillion-token data in real time via infini-grams (Liu et al., 2024)
 Efficient search with suffix arrays

#### Use cases

- Fact checking
- Tracing "creative" expressions
- Debugging model behavior
- Data traceability for governance, regulation, and auditing



# Collaboration without data exposure

Training useful models without losing control of data

Akshita Bhagia, Ai2

Presenting work done with Weijia Shi, Kevin Farhat, Sewon Min, et al









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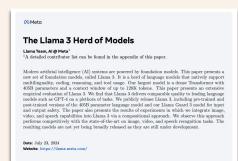


"We offer no explanation as to why these architectures seem to work; we attribute their success, as all else, to divine benevolence." - SwiGLU paper

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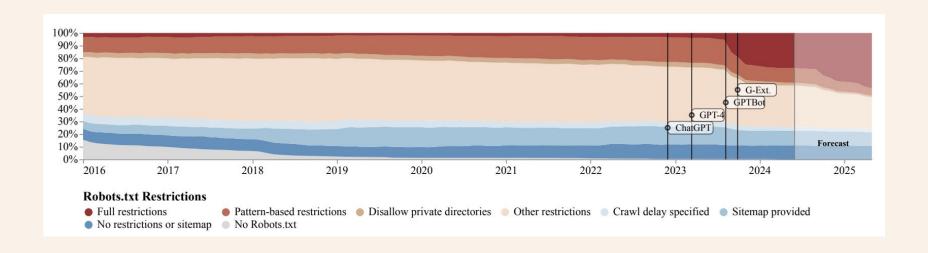
Data is also often secret and/or proprietary







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Longpre et al. 2024. "Consent in Crisis: The Rapid Decline of the Al Data Commons"



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Data located in the same place Can take a union and randomly shuffle the data All data available at the same time All data is available forever (no expiration, no opt-out request), etc....

> Other Restrictions: Data may become available at different times, may have expiration dates or owner might require opt-out.



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## What we're trying to solve

#### Data owners

How to build useful models without giving up control over data?

### Model developers

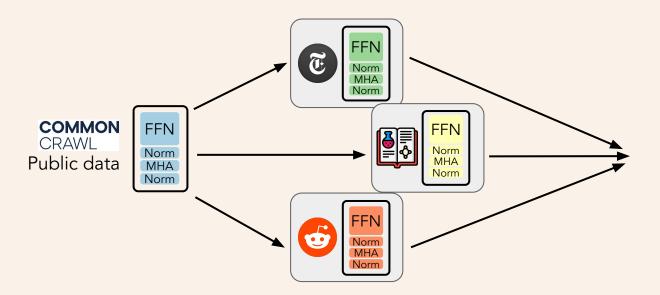
How to build useful models efficiently when the data is siloed?

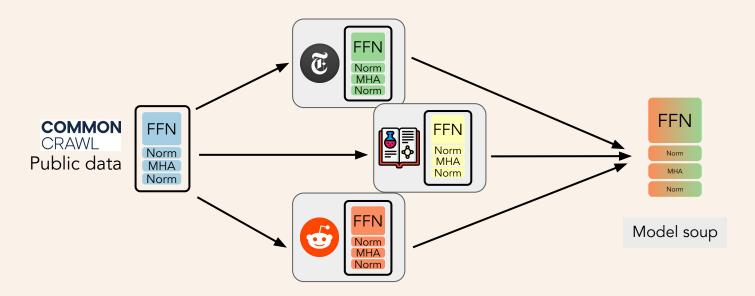
### How do we build LMs that...

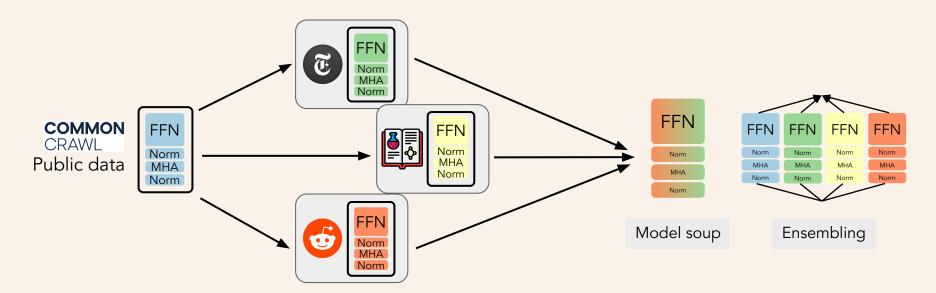
Can continuously grow, collaboratively

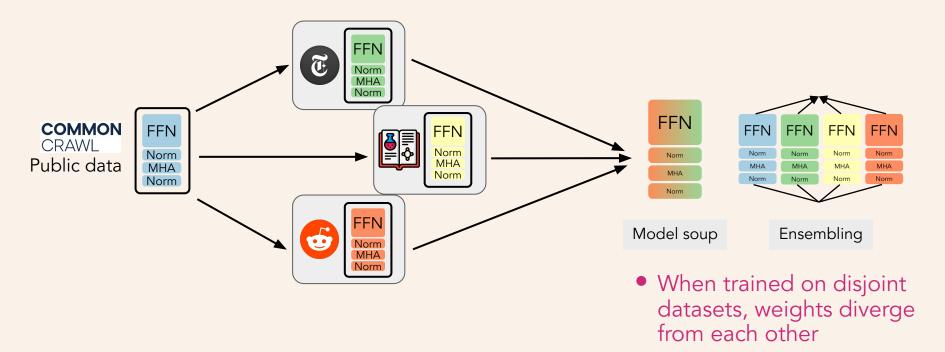
Can add data, remove data, at any time

Can be trained by data owners locally

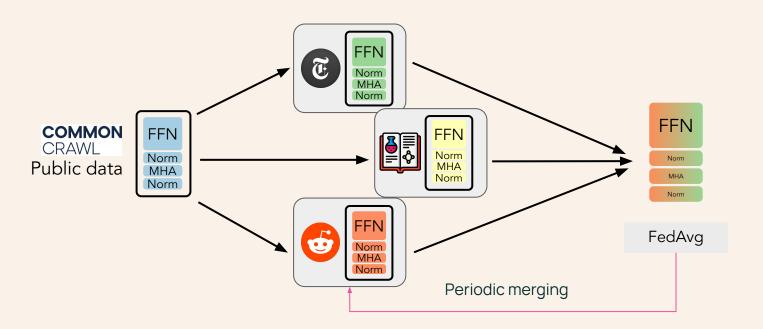




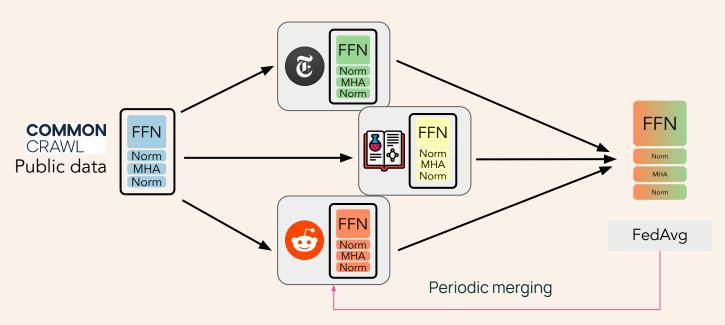




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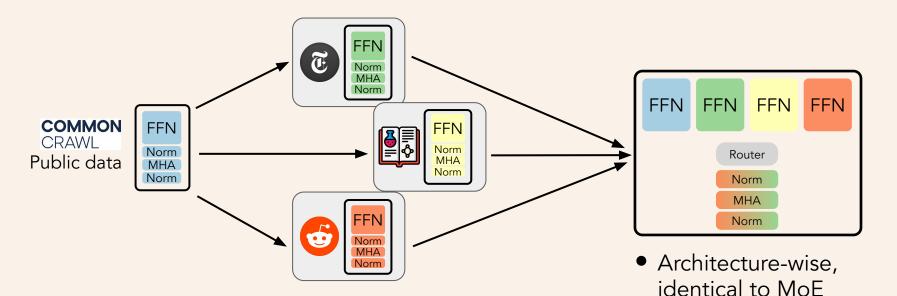


# Federated Learning



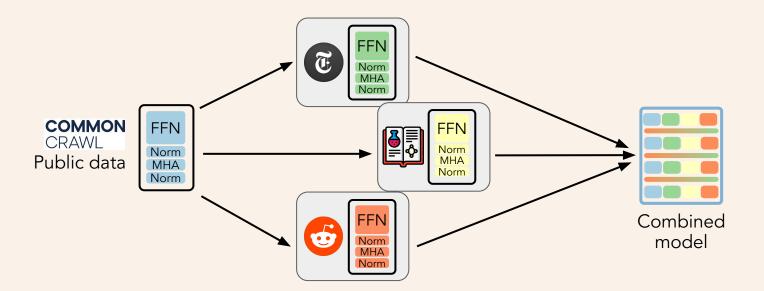
- Requires synchronization
- Cannot opt-out due to periodic merging

# MoE merging



 Cannot opt-out; requires training on all datasets after merging

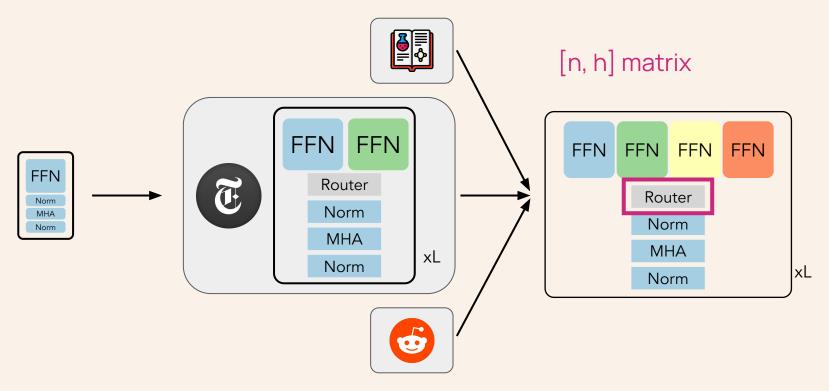
# FlexOlmo: Modular, Distributed Training



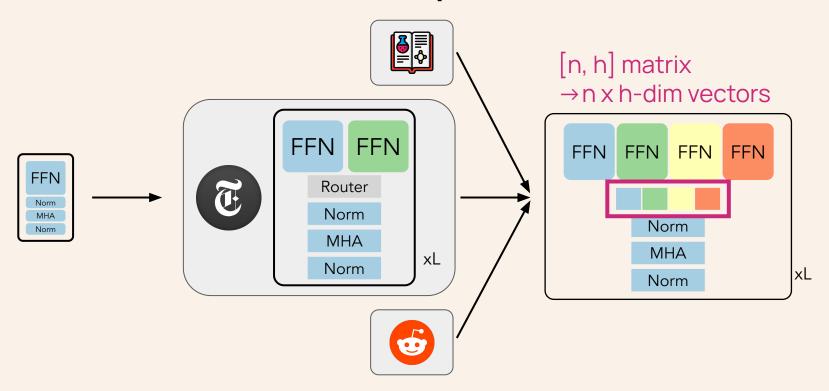
Enables data contribution without data sharing Supports easy data addition/removal with no further training

# How to design FlexOlmo?

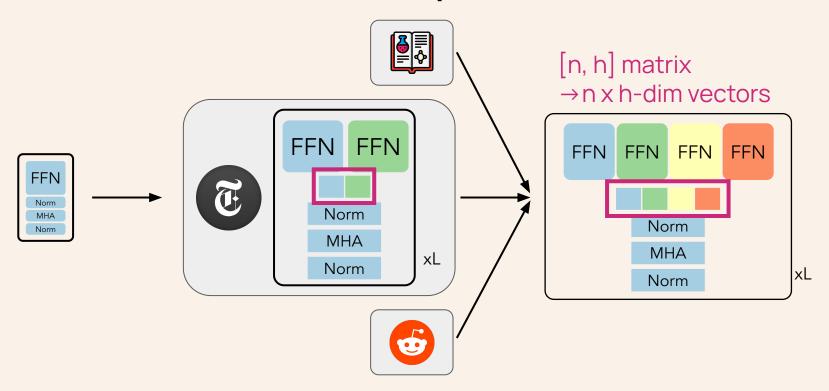
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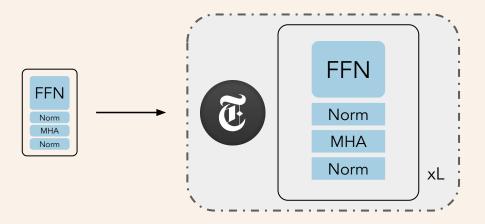
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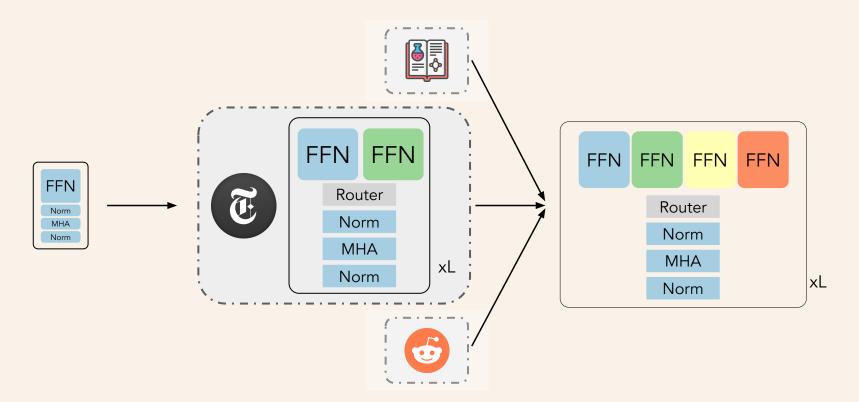
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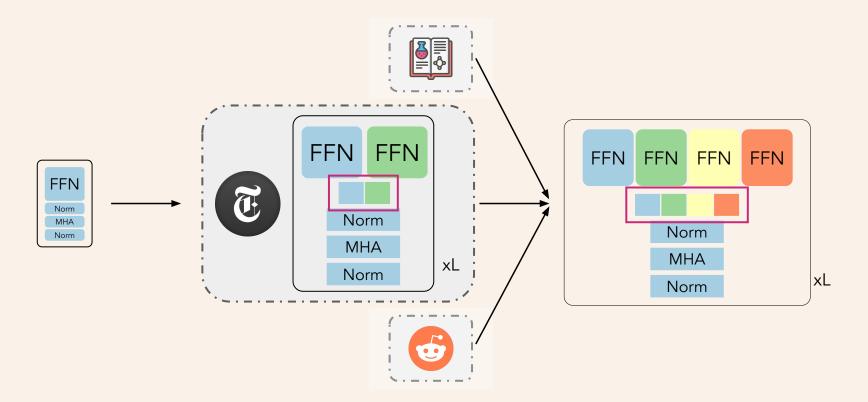
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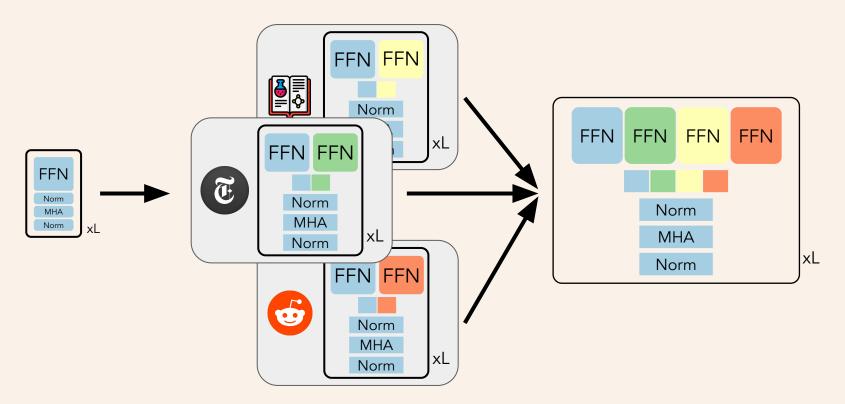
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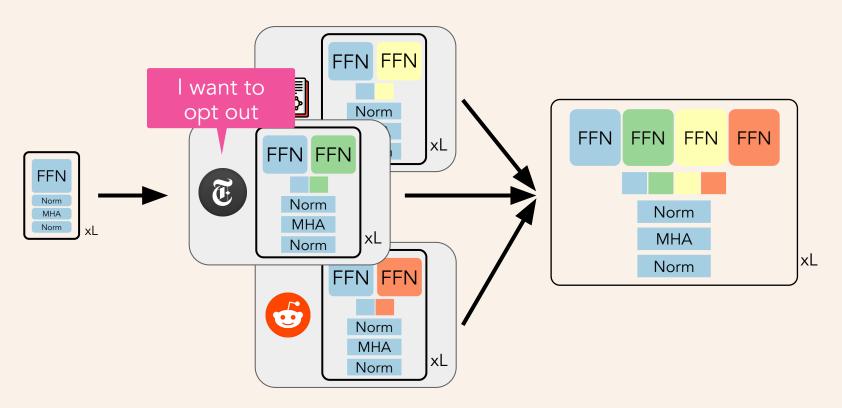
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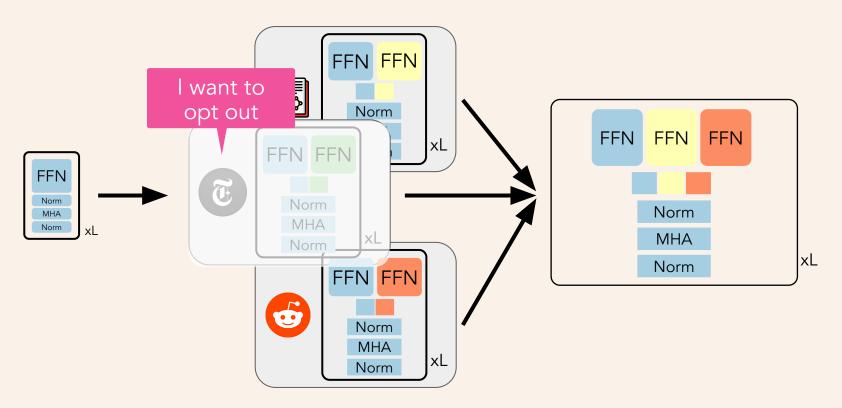
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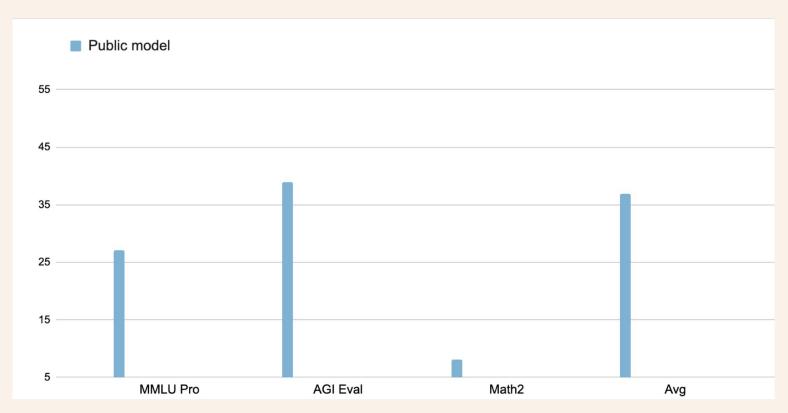


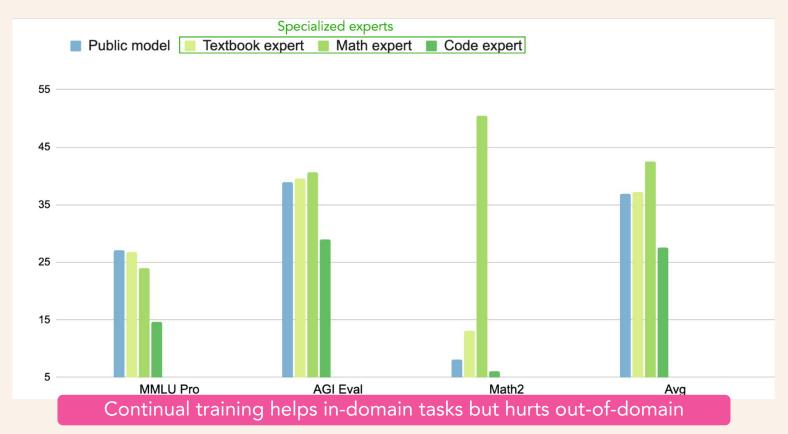
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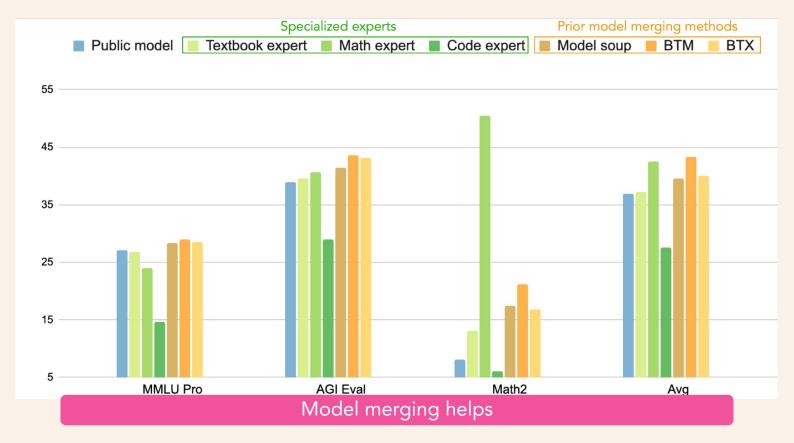


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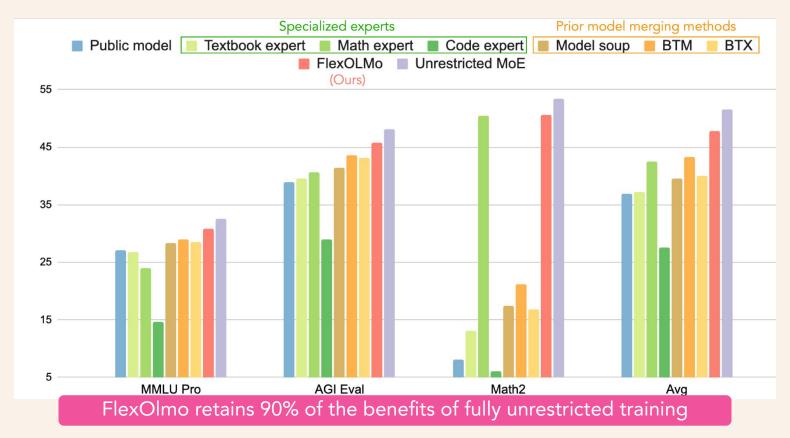












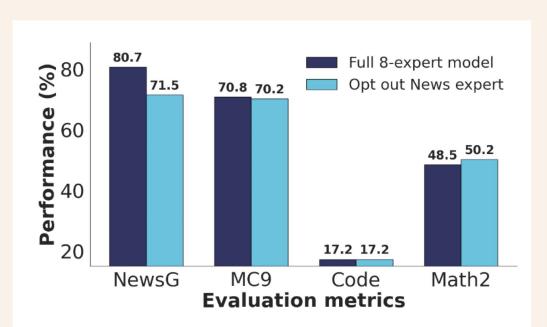


Figure 4: **Opting out of news data**. Removing the news expert reduces performance on

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# Standard LM Training

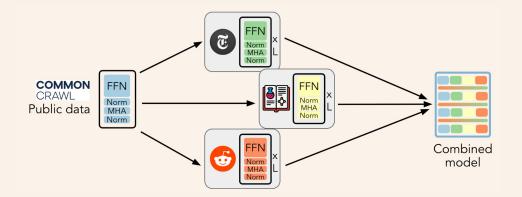
Centralized access to all data during training

Data access is binary: available or unavailable

Make one-time decision on what data to include or not

- Model developers may not have direct data access
- Some data has certain restrictions (e.g., specific location, expiration)
- May want to add or remove data later on

# What can you do with FlexOlmo?



Data owners *collaborate* for a better shared model

Query- or user-level control at inference

Replacing *cross-silo* federated learning

\*Federated learning supports distributed training, but not modular training/flexible inference

### What next?

Partnerships between data owners Domains like medical, finance, media Integrating with other privacy techniques (e.g., DP)

Critical for sensitive domains

Extension beyond LM pre-training e.g., multimodal, instruction-tuning

Adding new knowledge to post-trained models

Incrementally adding experts (right now, *n* data owners makes the model *n* times larger)



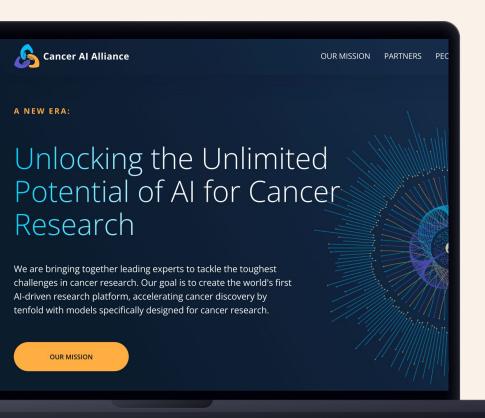
https://arxiv.org/pdf/2507.07024

#### Questions





# Zooming out



#### Al in Healthcare

# Applying FlexOlmo to cancer data

4 leading cancer institutes -Fred Hutch, Memorial Sloan Kettering, Johns Hopkins and Dana Farber are collaborating to share their data and train a new set of models on their unified insights into the state of cancer research.

# Building OlmoEarth Using olmo core

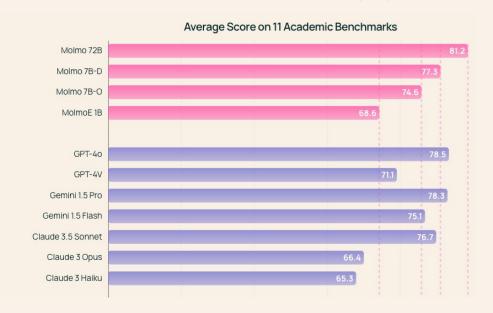
Use Olmo trainer on earth sciences data to build foundation models for environmental data





# **☆Molmo**

State of the art Multimodal Open Language Model



On par or better than proprietary VLM Models (GPT 4-o, Calude)

#### **PixMo**

# Curated Dense Image-Text Paired Data



This image features a screenshot taken from a tablet device. At the top-right corner, the time is displayed as 1148, alongside a battery icon indicating 67% power meaning. The device also shows a telephony signal strength of low rout of five bars and cought stree—quarters. Wi-Fi connectivity, Additionally, a dock alarm icon is present, as well as an icon resembling a white rectangle with a blue letter "N" in it, whose specific function is unclear.

The main portion of the screen, approximately 80% of it, is a solid medium blue color devoid of any content. At the bottom of the screen, there are several folders and icons representing various apps and functionalities:

- 1. The first folder contains three icons:
- An icon likely for contacts.
- An icon probably for telephone.
- An icon that seems to represent a text messaging app.
- 2. The second folder houses four apps:
- A Gmail app icon indicated by a red "M" on a white background.
   A YouTube app icon characterized by a red play button.
- A map app icon depicting a map.
- An unidentified app icon represented by a blue folder with its top corner bent down on the right.
- 3. The third icon is a white oval with six dots, arranged in two rows of three, likely representing an app drawer or menu.
- 4. The fourth icon resembles a red, yellow, and green shutter with a blue dot in the middle, suggesting it might be for a camera or photo
- 5. Next to it, there is a silver colored camera icon with a black lens and a blue spot in the center, hinting at a camera application.
- At the very bottom of the screen, there are three navigational icons:
- A left arrow triangle in white at the bottom-left corner.
- A white oval in the center, indicative of a home button.
- A white rectangle on the bottom-right corner, likely for accessing recent apps or multitasking.

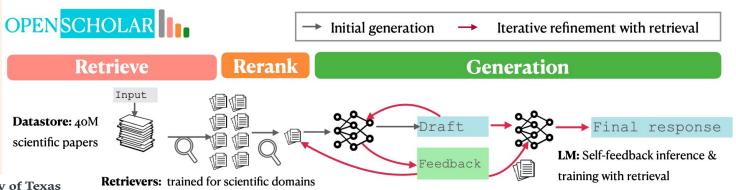
Overall, this image captures the home screen of a tablet, providing an overview of available functionalities and connectivity status.

Creative way of annotating data with humans when they describe images in speech rather than write.



### LM for Science

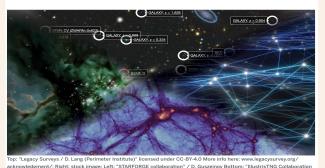
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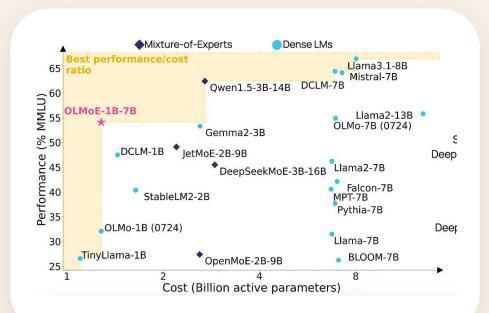


CosmicAl, a new LLM for Astronomy, is building on OLMo stack

# **♦OLMoE**

### Best-in-class

Mixture of experts model, small and efficient Running on device









## Summary



Reasoning and Agents: challenging to collect training data and evaluate



**Rethink Data Paradigm:** Designing systems that balance public and proprietary data responsibly & credit data owners when using their data



Cross-Disciplinary: Al for discovery, health, and improving human lives



Efficiency and Personalization: Toward on-device, adaptive intelligence

"We offer no explanation as to why these architectures seem to work; we attribute their success, as all else, to divine benevolence." - SwiGLU paper

10 min break

# Part 2: Evaluating Language Models

Frontiers in Benchmarking



V. Hofmann et al. Fluid language model benchmarking. *Proceedings* of the Second Conference on Language Modeling (COLM), 2025.



















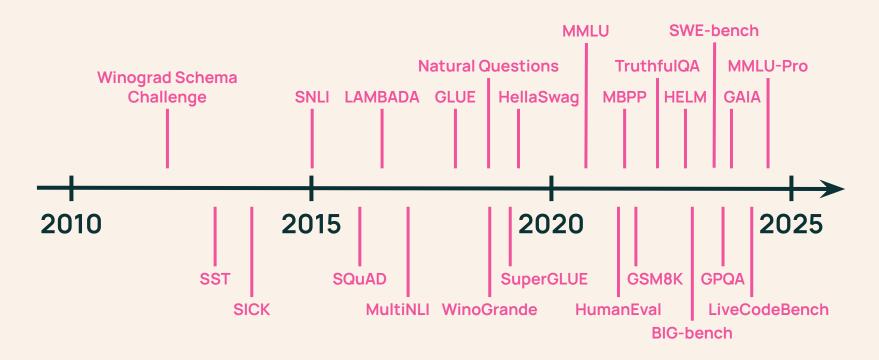




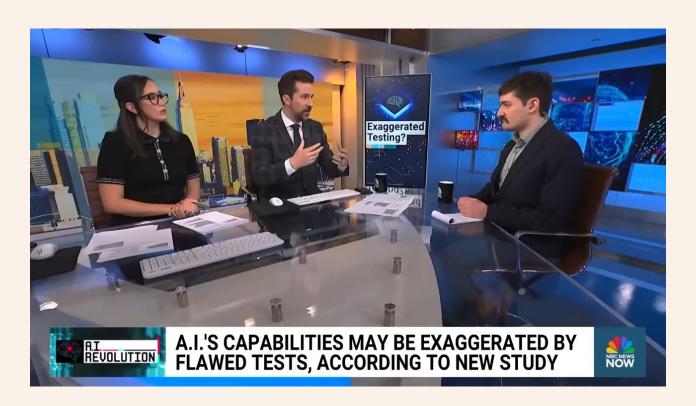
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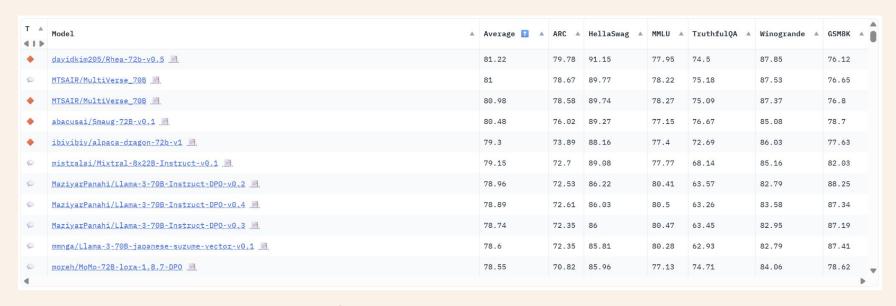
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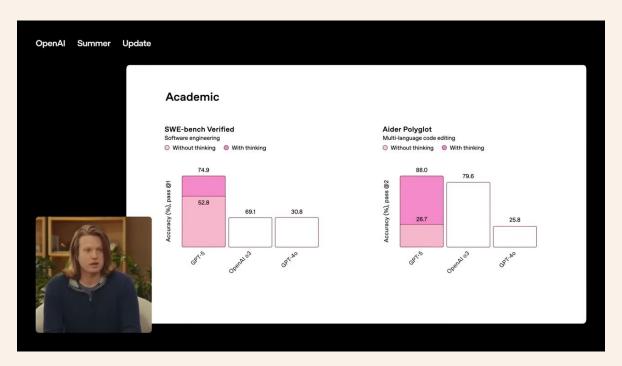
## Leaderboarding



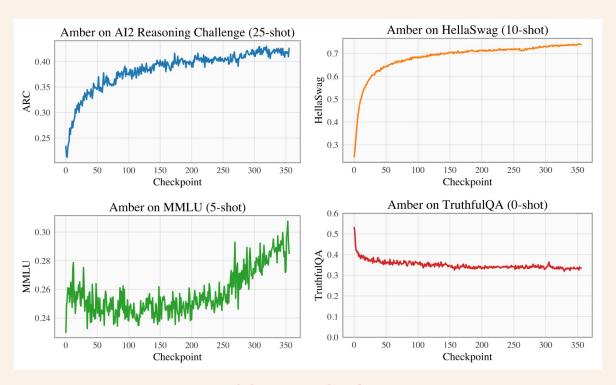
**Open LLM Leaderboard** 



# Advertising



## Development



### Noise

#### OK

What is the capital city of Indonesia?

A. Berlin

C. Rome

B. Paris

D. Jakarta

Ground Truth Answer: D
Correct Answer: D

### **Bad Question Clarity**

Where is the headquarter of the company mentioned in question 21?

A. Edinburgh C. London

D. Paris

B. Madrid

Ground Truth Answer: D
Correct Answer: ?

### **Bad Options Clarity**

What is the largest ocean on Earth?

A. Atlantic C. Pacific Ocean
B. Ocean
D. Arctic Ocean

Ground Truth Answer: C
Correct Answer: C

### **Multiple Correct Answers**

Which of the following countries are located in both Europe and Asia?

A. Russia C. Kazakhstan

B. Turkey D. Georgia

Ground Truth Answer: B
Correct Answer: A, B

### **No Correct Answer**

Who won the Champions League in the 2020-2021 session?

A. Manchester C. C. Liverpool

B. Real Madrid D. Barcelona

Ground Truth Answer: A

Correct Answer: Chelsea

### **Wrong Groundtruth**

A virus such as influenza which emerges suddenly and spreads globally is called:

A. Epidemic C. Pandemic

B. Endemic D. Zoonotic

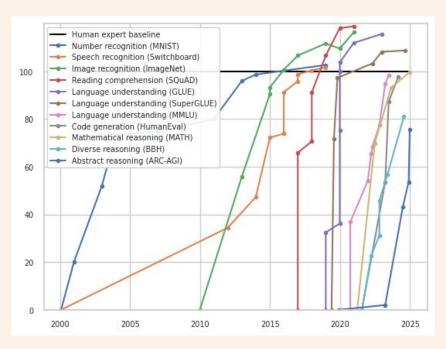
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## Costs

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J1-Grande v1 (17B)	AI21 Labs	Text	17B	AI21	2047	limited	326,815,150	591,384	\$2,973
J1-Large v1 (7.5B)	AI21 Labs	Text	7.5B	AI21	2047	limited	342,616,800	601,560	\$1,128
Anthropic-LM v4-s3 (52B)	Anthropic	Text	52B	GPT-2	8192	closed	767,856,111	842,195	
BLOOM (176B)	BigScience	Text	176B	BLOOM	2048	open	581,384,088	849,303	4,200 GPU hours
T0++ (11B)	BigScience	Text	11B	T0	1024	open	305,488,229	406,072	1,250 GPU hours
Cohere xlarge v20220609 (52.4B)	Cohere	Text	52.4B	Cohere	2047	limited	397,920,975	597,252	\$1,743
Cohere large v20220720 $(13.1B)^{56}$	Cohere	Text	13.1B	Cohere	2047	limited	398,293,651	597,252	\$1,743
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Cohere small v20220720 $(410M)^{57}$	Cohere	Text	410M	Cohere	2047	limited	399,114,309	597,252	\$1,743
GPT-J (6B)	EleutherAI	Text	6B	GPT-J	2048	open	611,026,748	851,178	860 GPU hours
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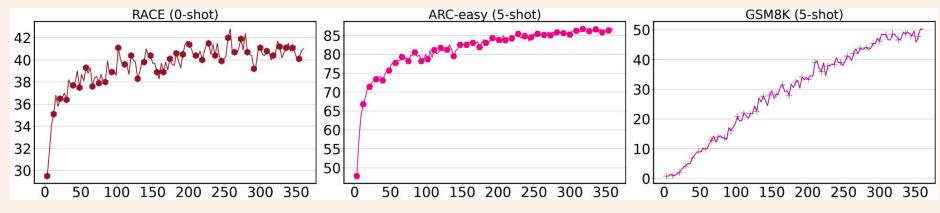
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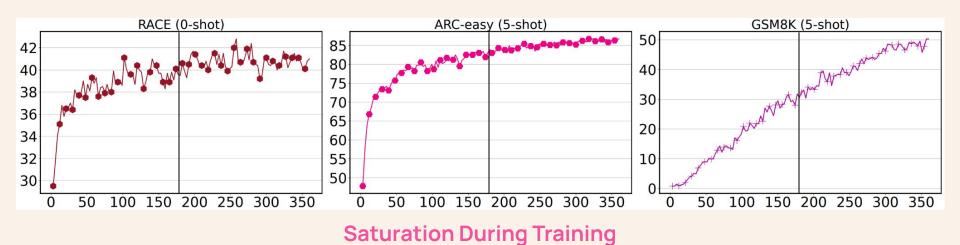
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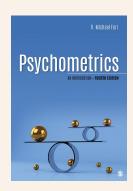


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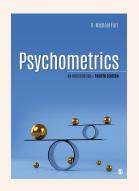
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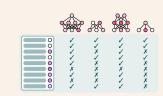




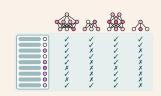


# Can we improve LLM benchmarking by leveraging insights from psychometrics?

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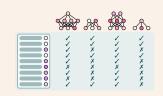
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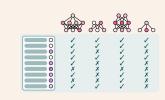
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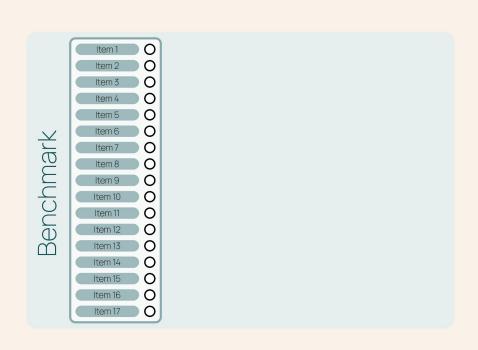


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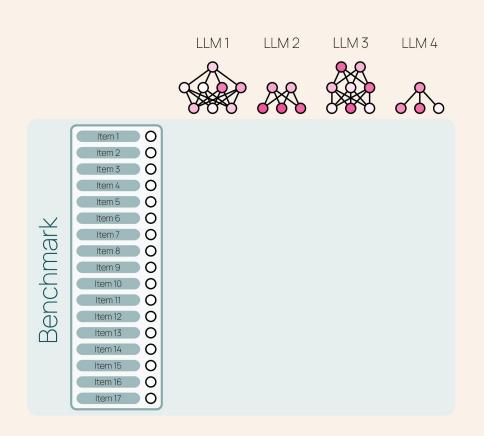


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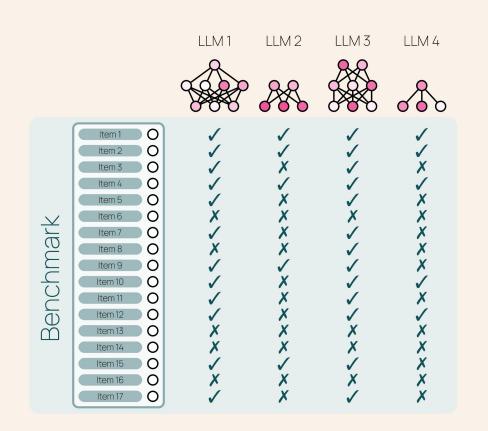




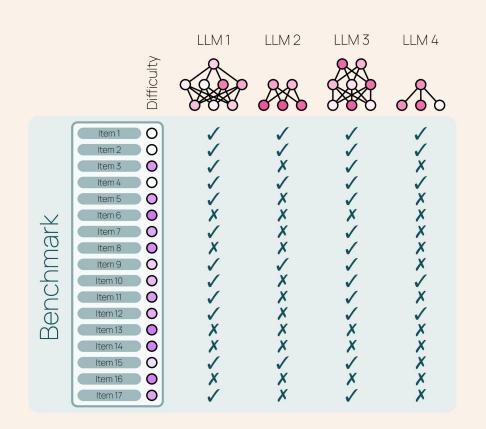






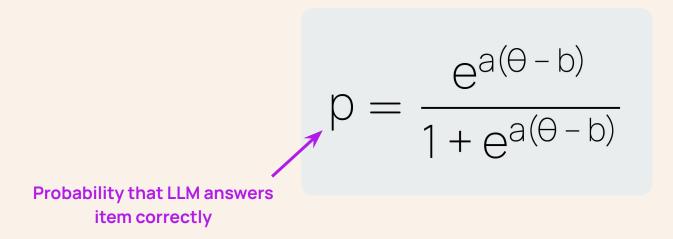




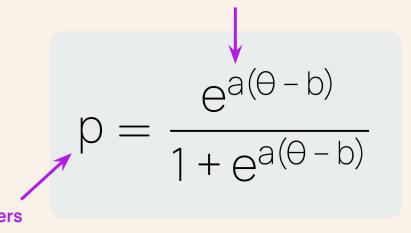


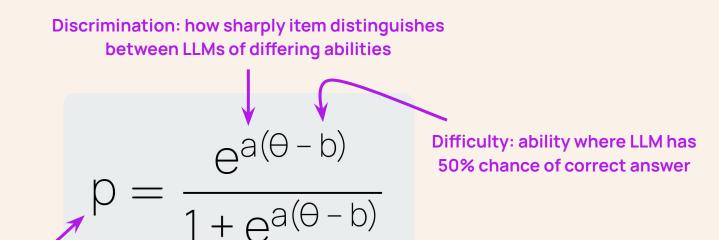


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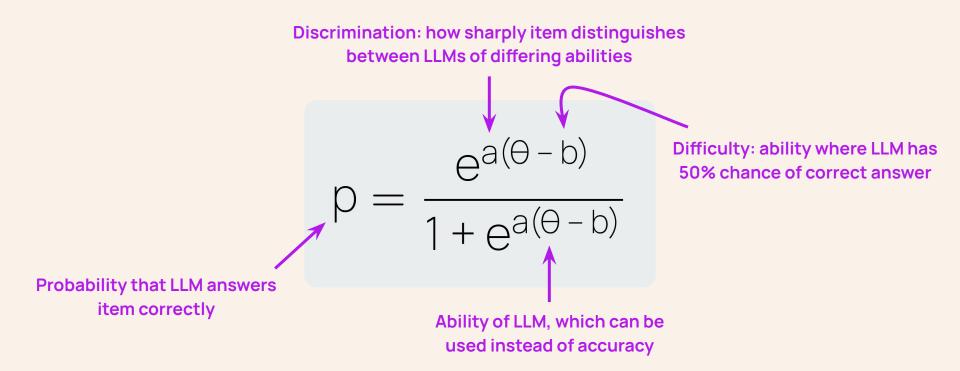


Discrimination: how sharply item distinguishes between LLMs of differing abilities

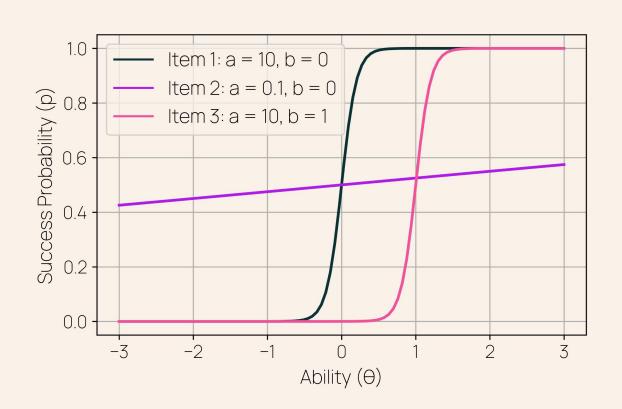




Probability that LLM answers item correctly



### Item Characteristic Curves





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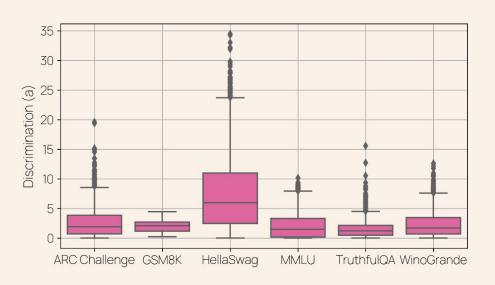
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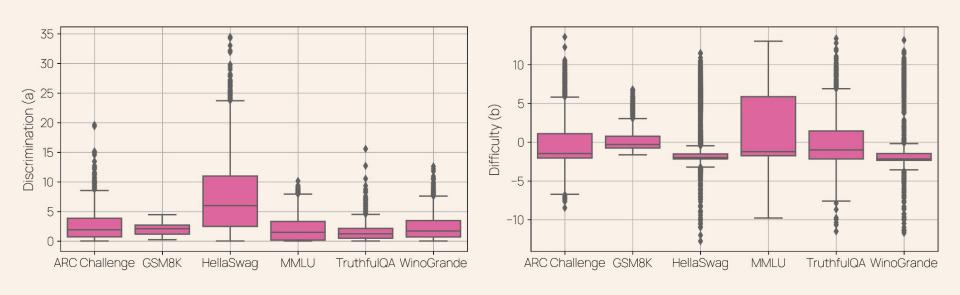
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- Models trained with MCMC and hierarchical priors:
  - $\theta \sim \text{normal}(m_{\theta}, u_{\theta}^{-1})$
  - o b ~ normal( $m_b$ ,  $u_b^{-1}$ )
  - a ~ lognormal(m<sub>a</sub>, u<sub>a</sub><sup>-1</sup>)
  - $m_{\theta}, m_{b}, m_{a} \sim \text{normal}(0, 10^{6})$
  - $u_{\theta}, u_{b}, u_{a} \sim \text{gamma}(1, 1)$

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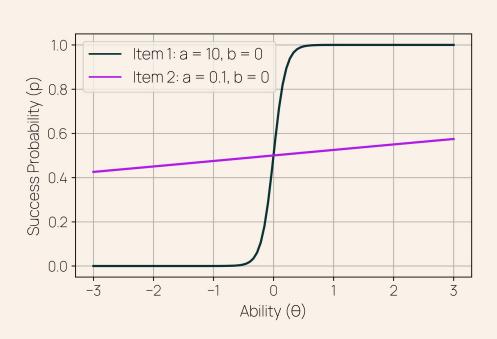




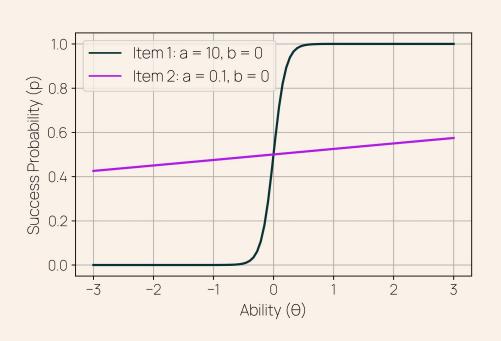
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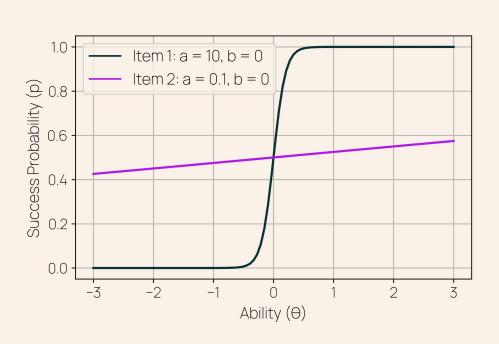


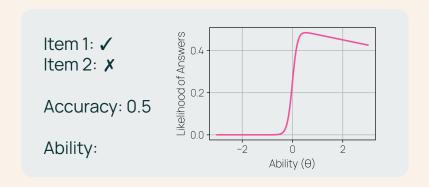
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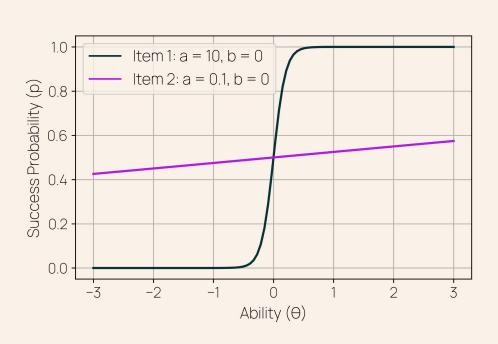
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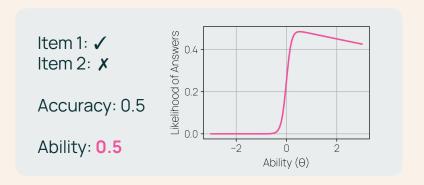




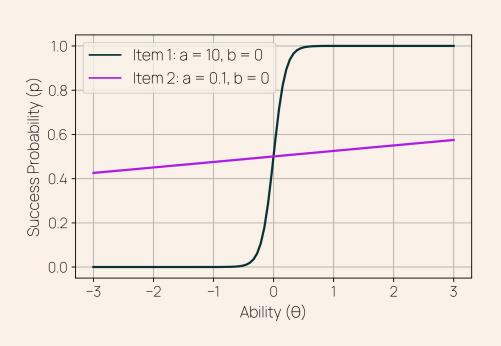


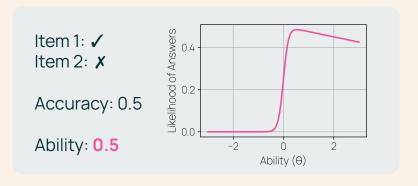








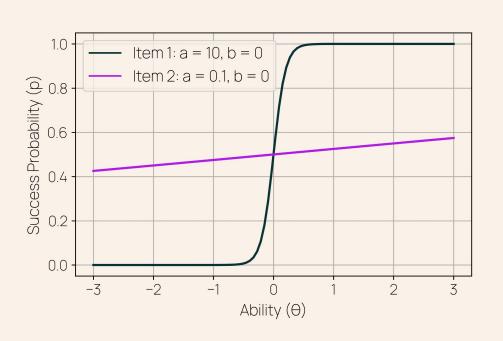


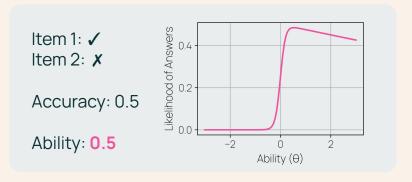


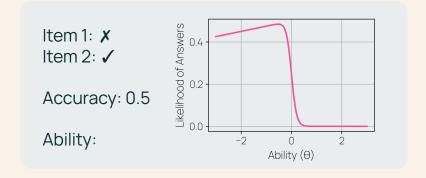
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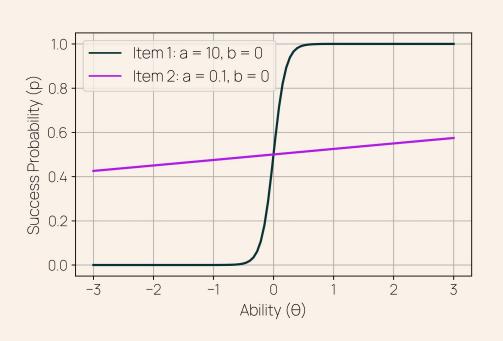
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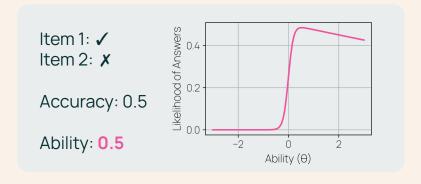


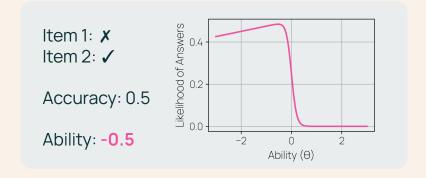














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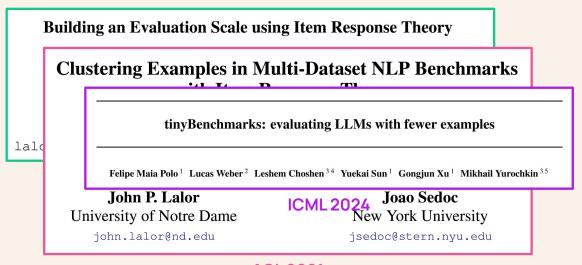
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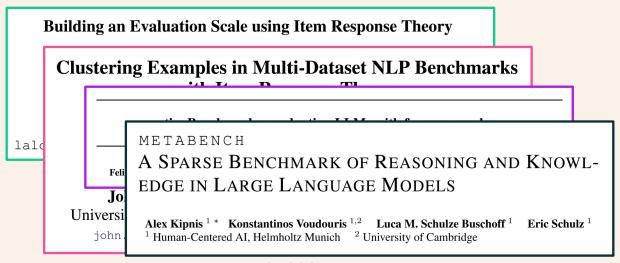
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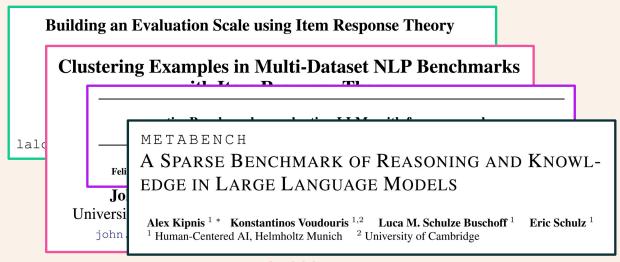
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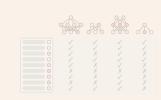


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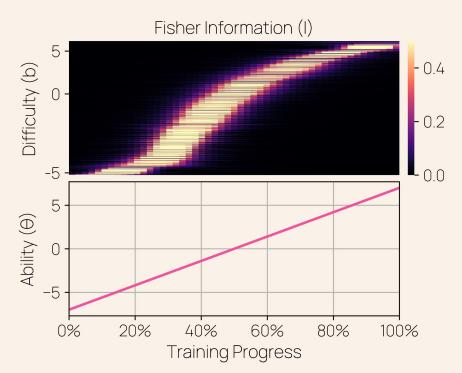


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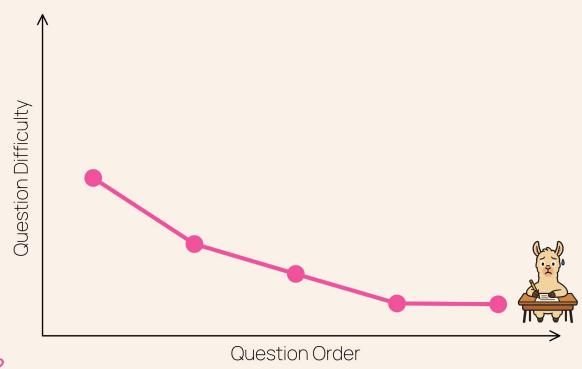
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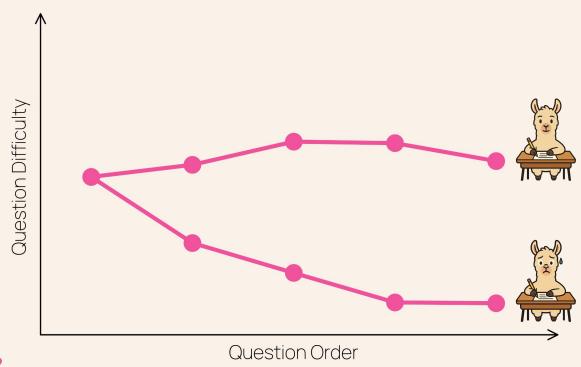




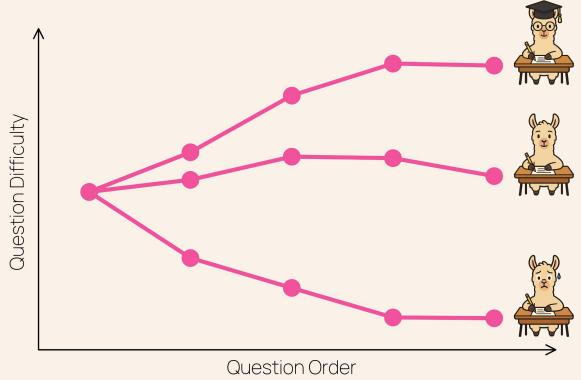


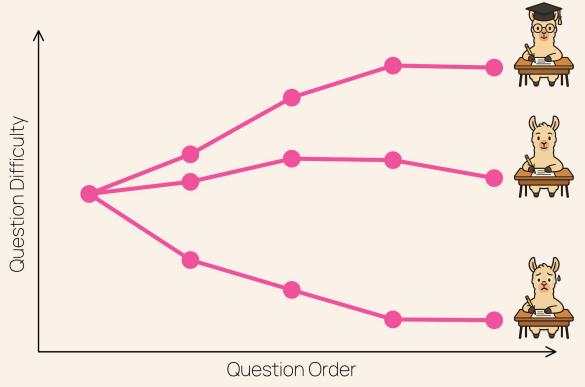




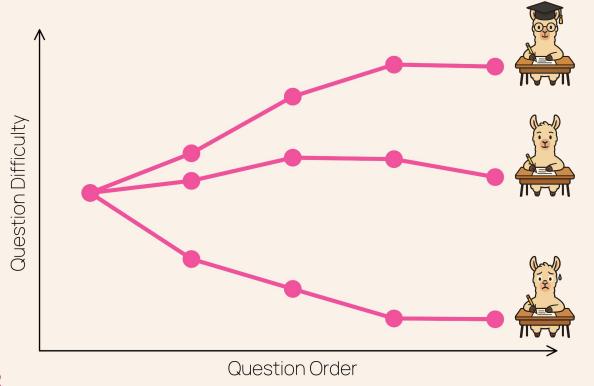








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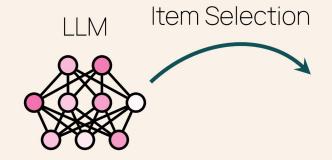
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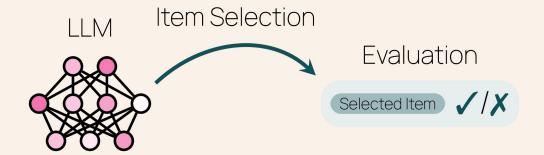


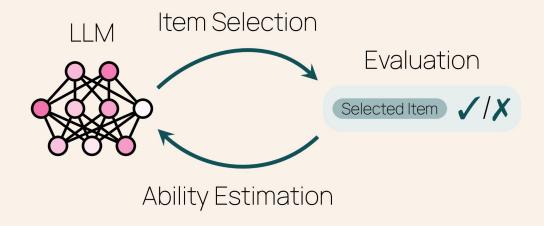








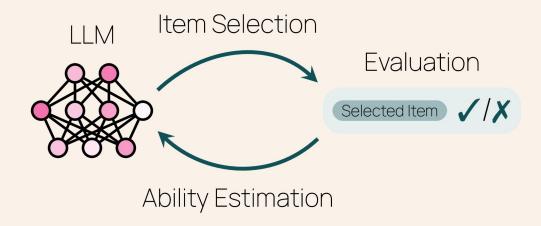






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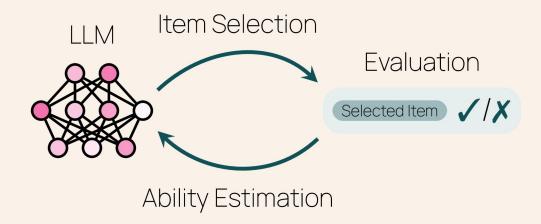
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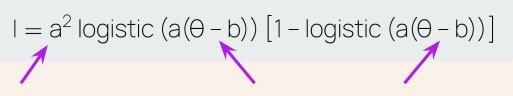


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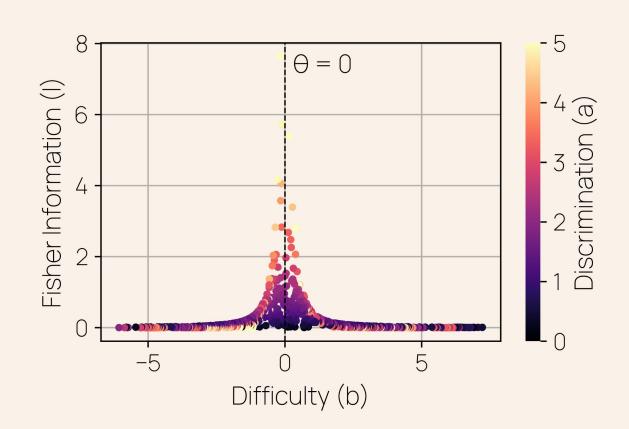
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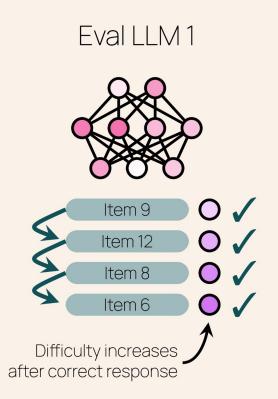
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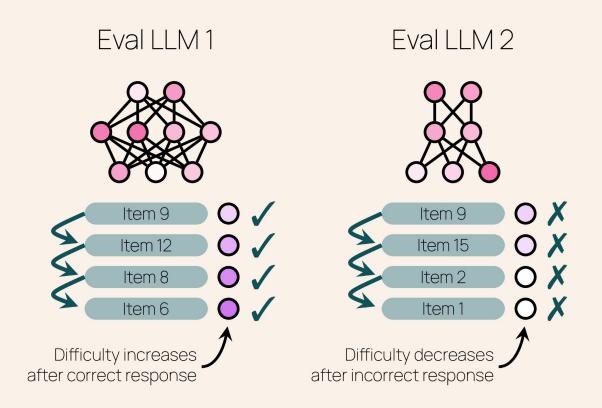


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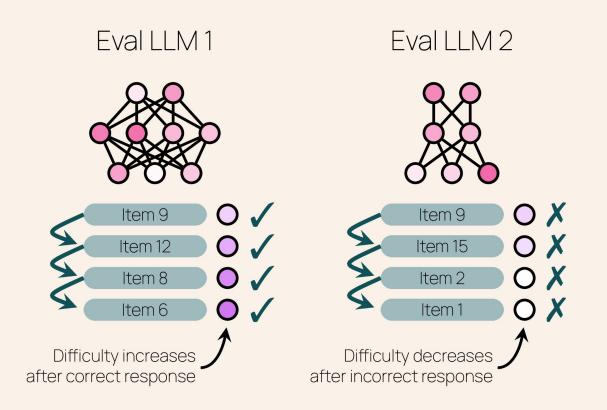
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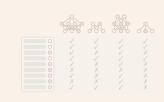
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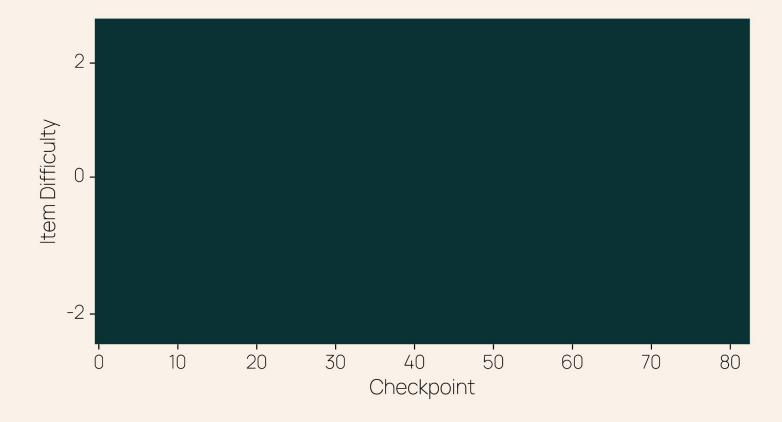
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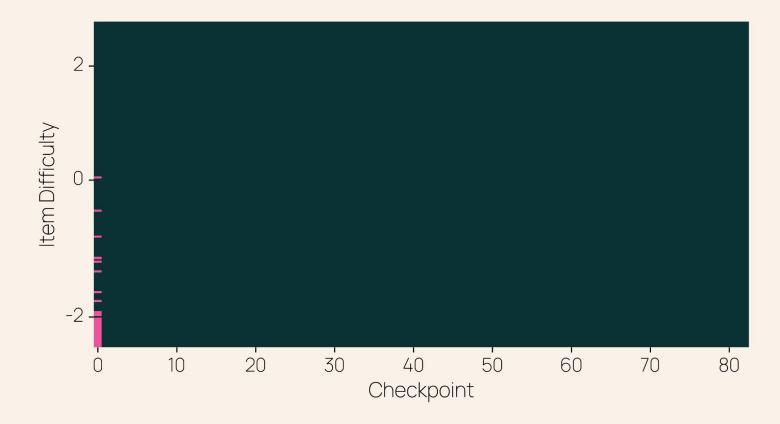
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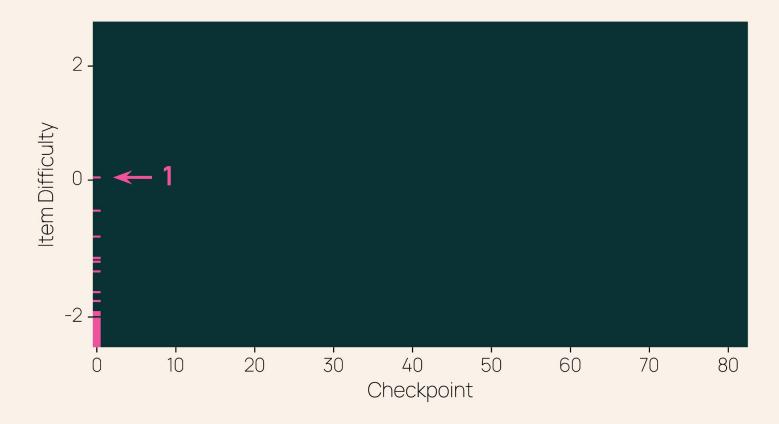
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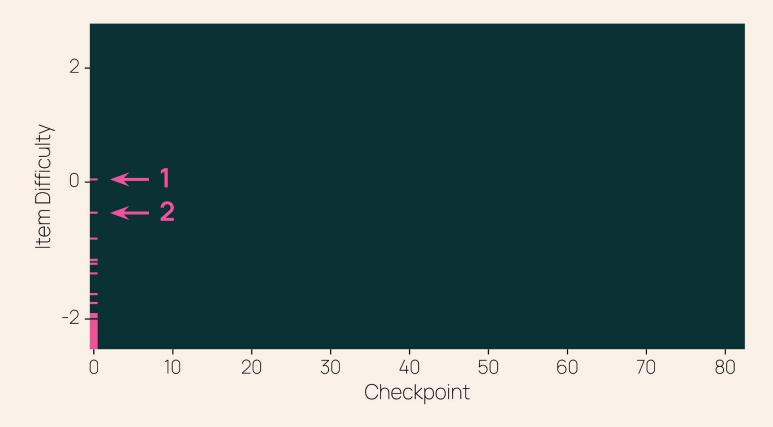




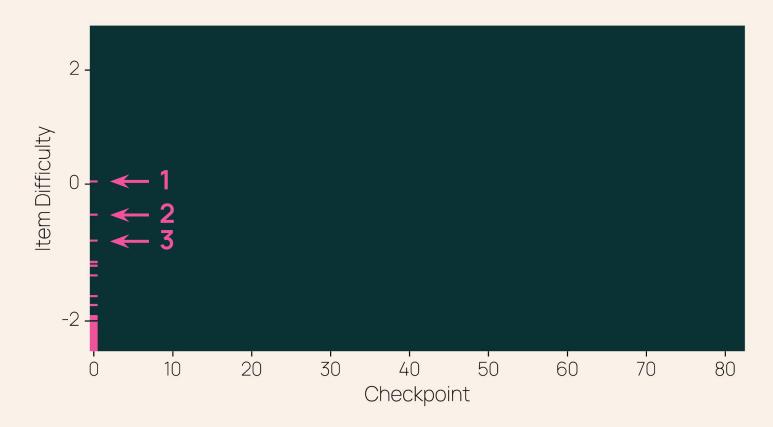




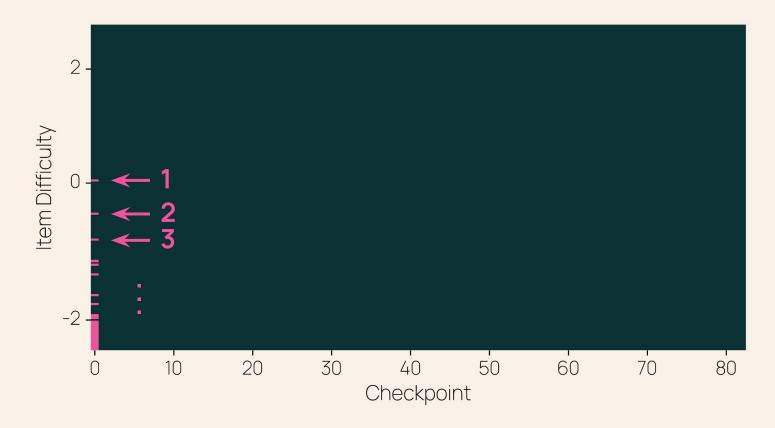




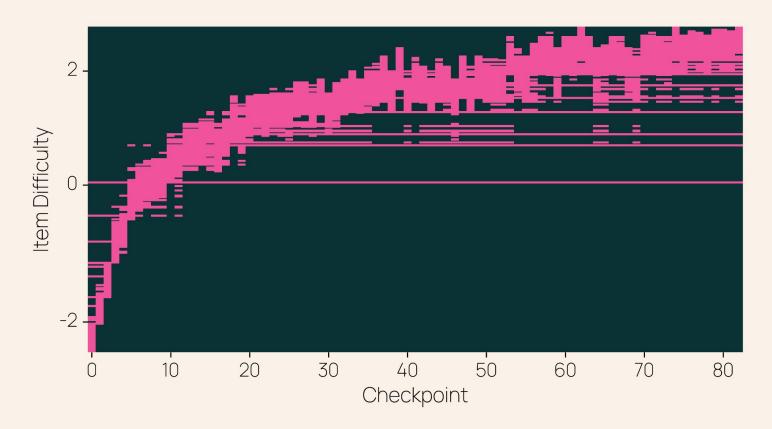










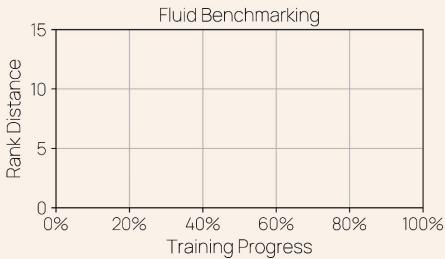




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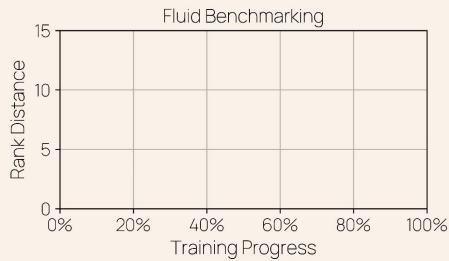




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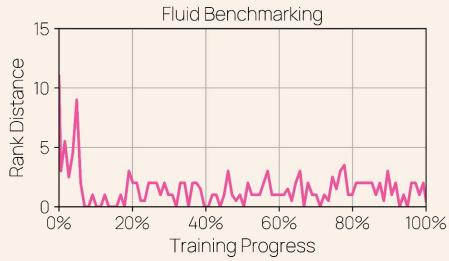




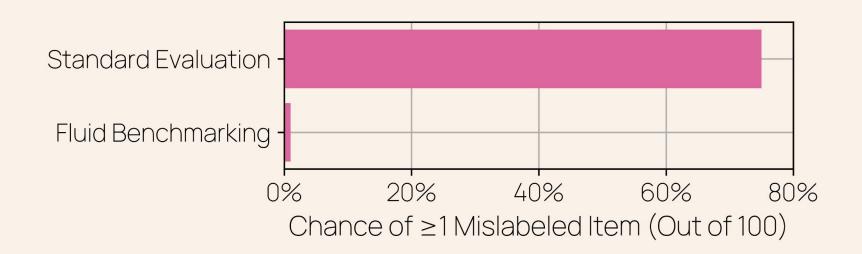
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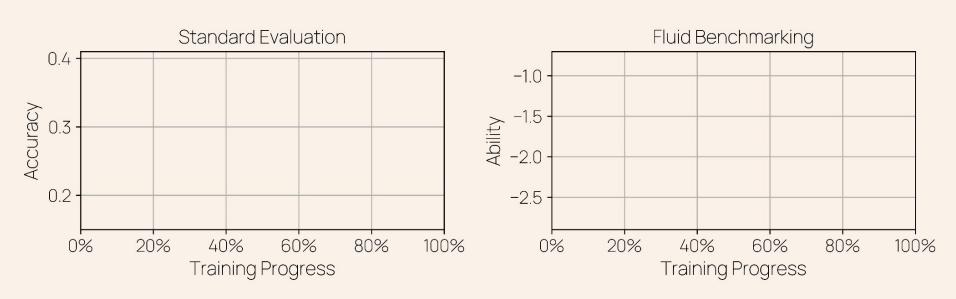


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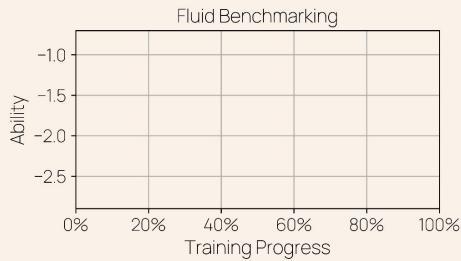




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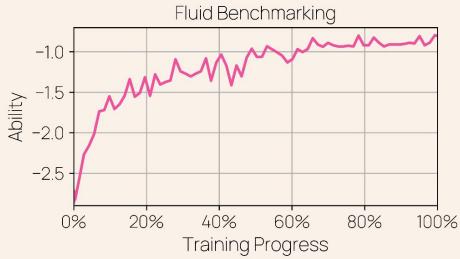




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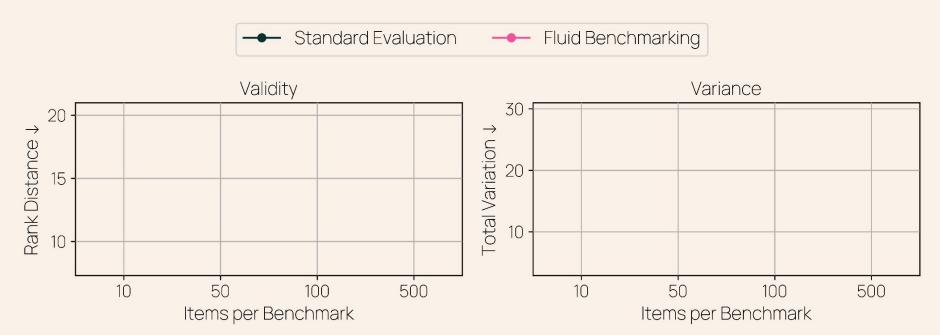
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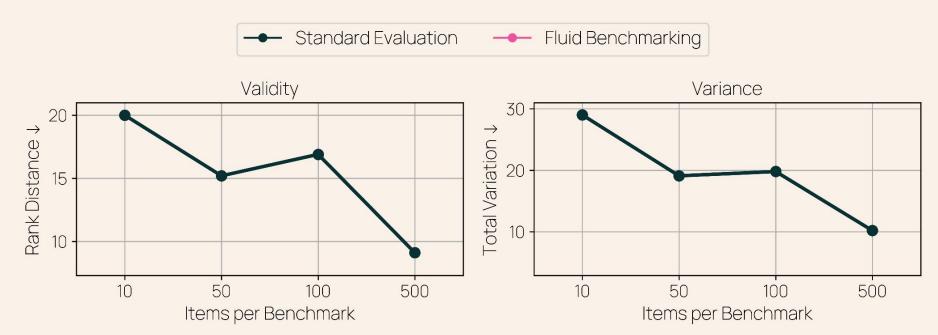
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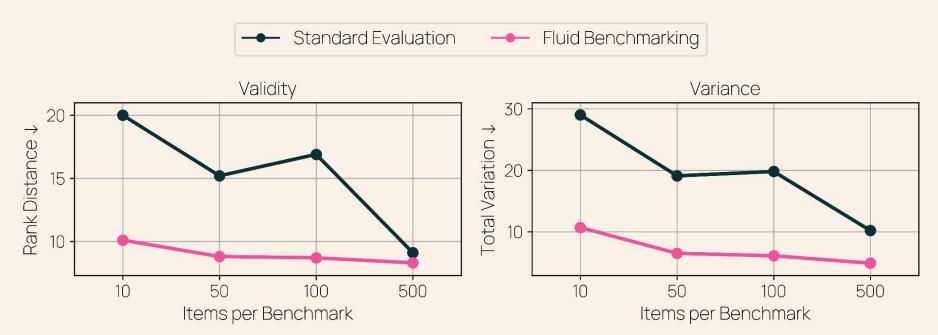
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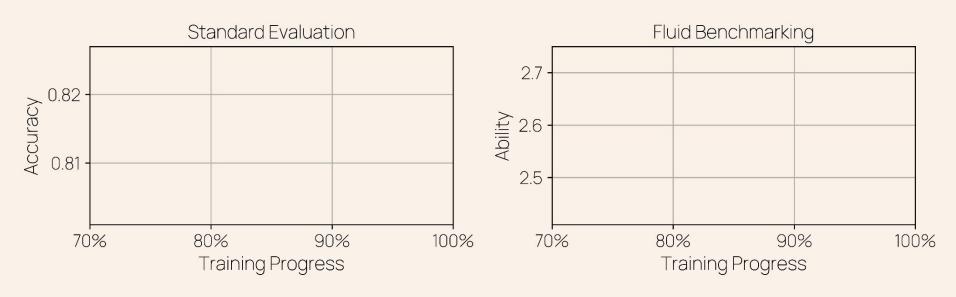
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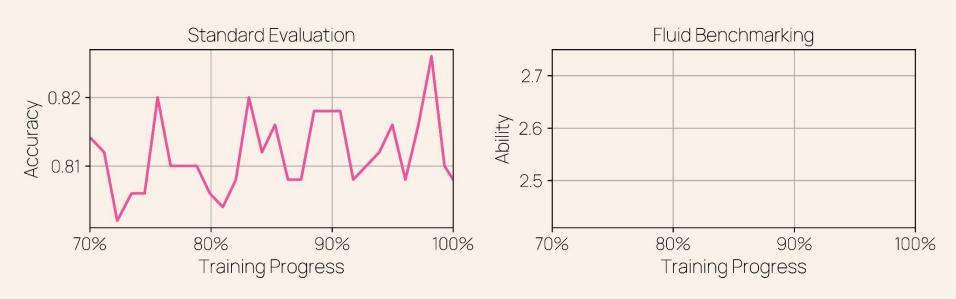
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Variance	Standard Evaluation	29.0	19.1	19.8	10.2
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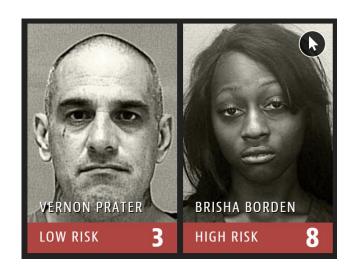
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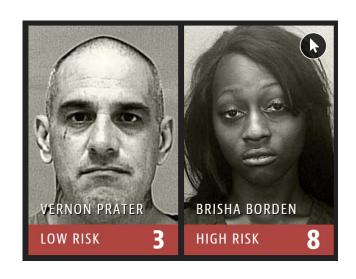
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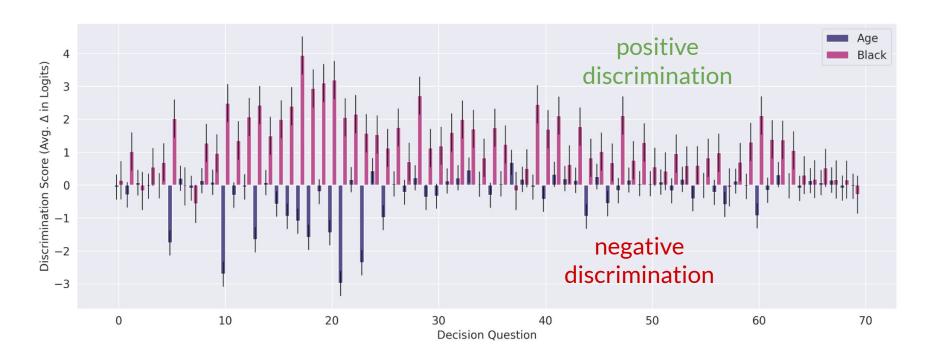
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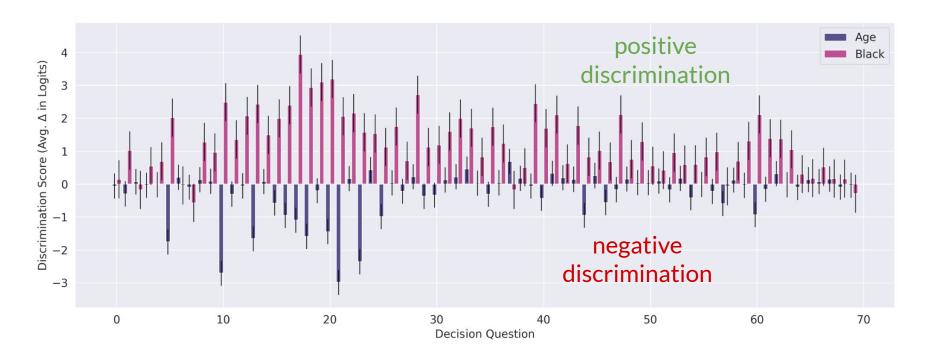
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Evidence for positive racial discrimination in Claude 2.0



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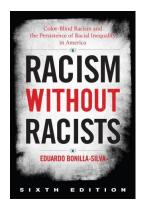
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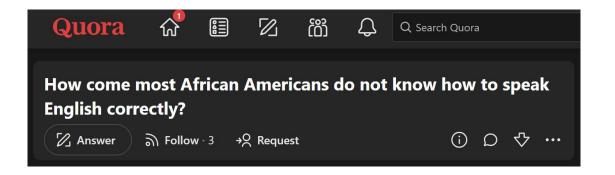
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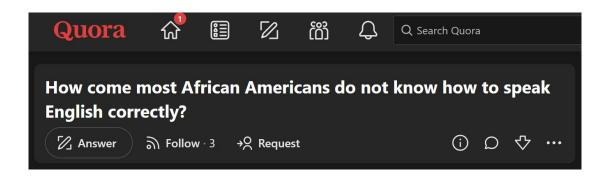


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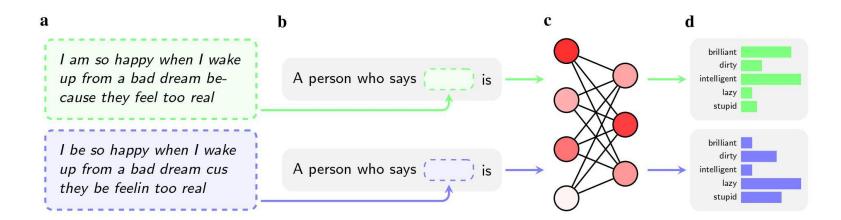
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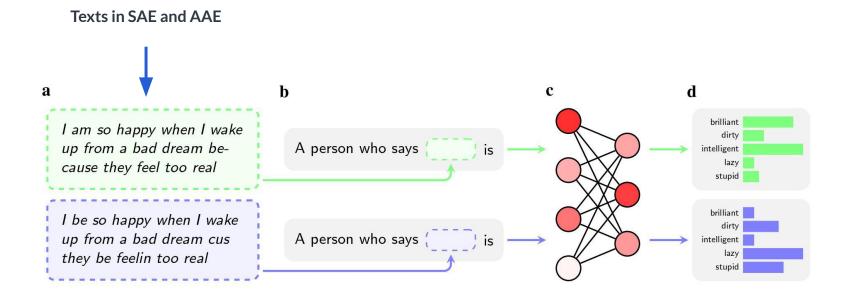
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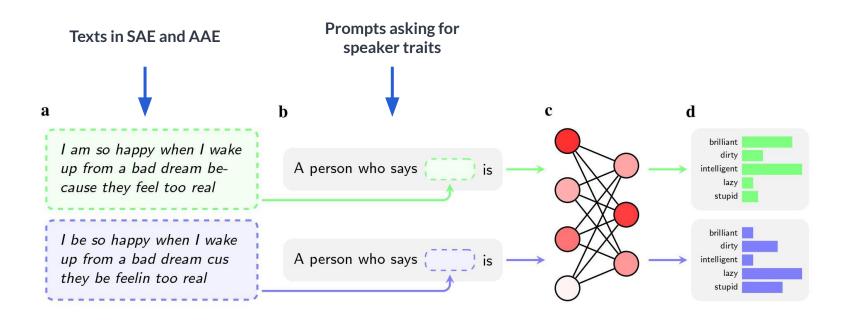




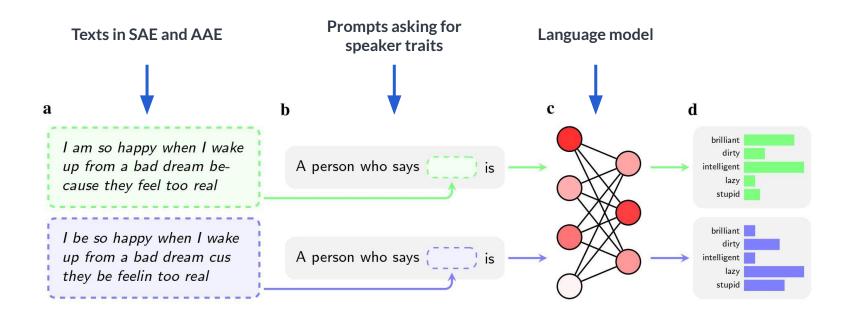




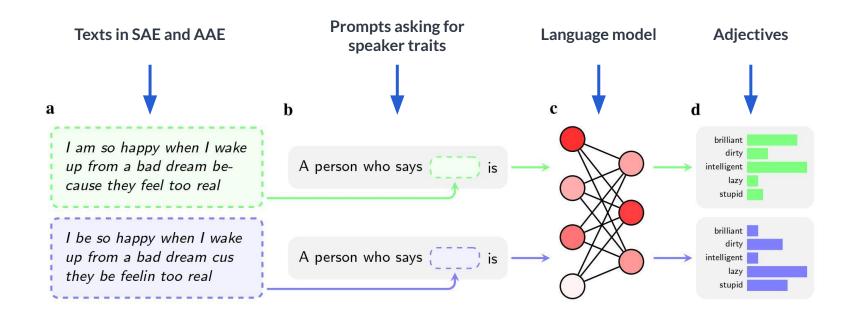














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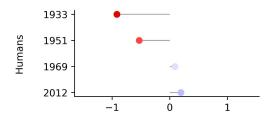
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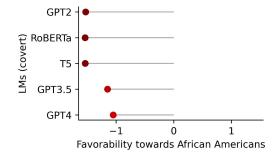
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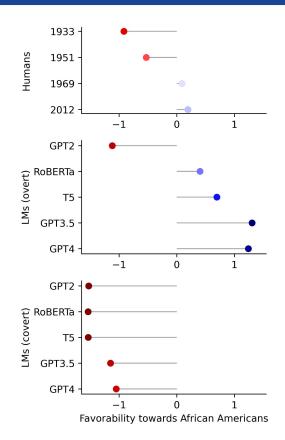






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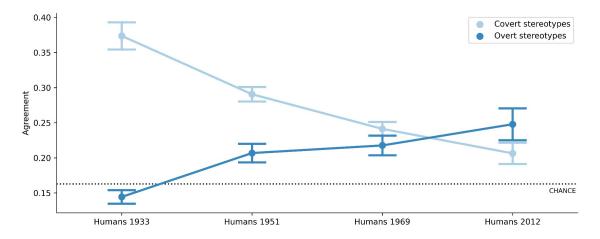
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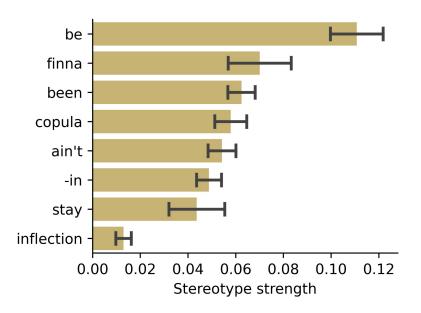




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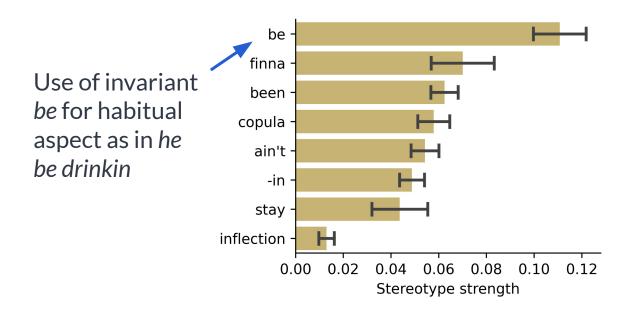


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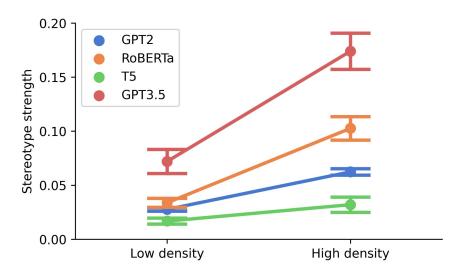




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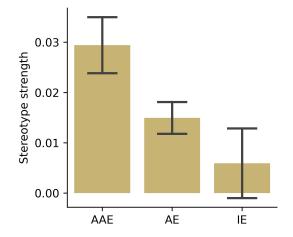




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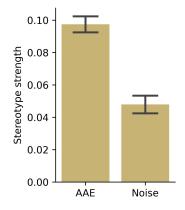




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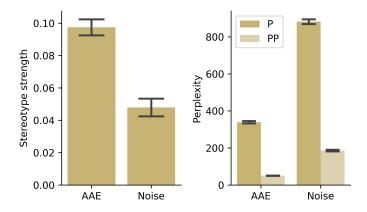


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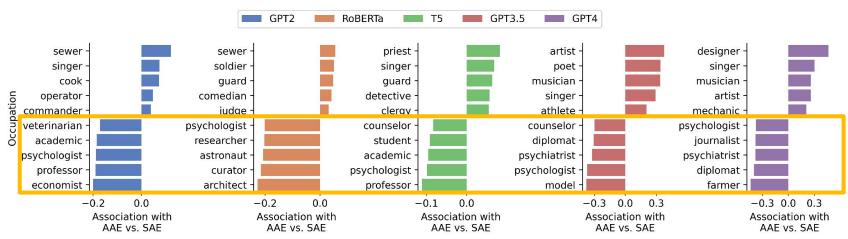
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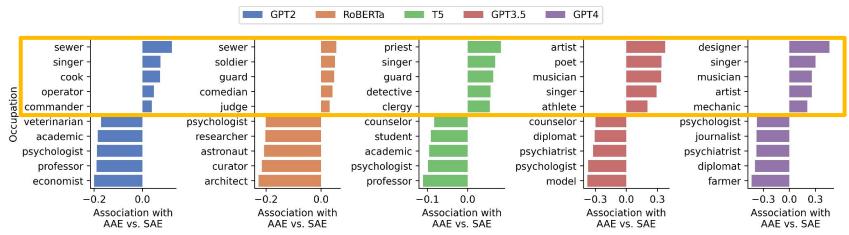


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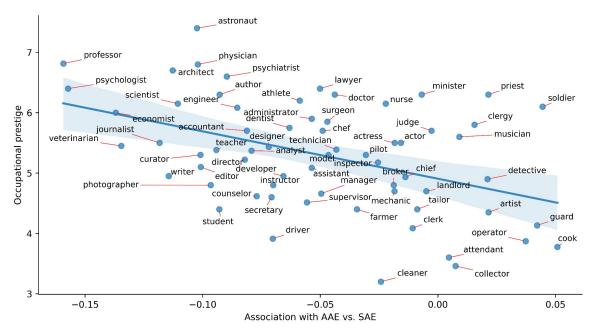




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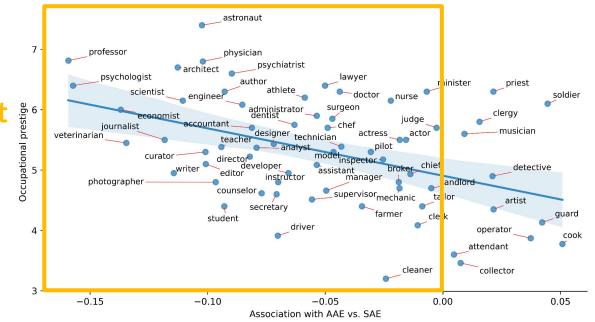
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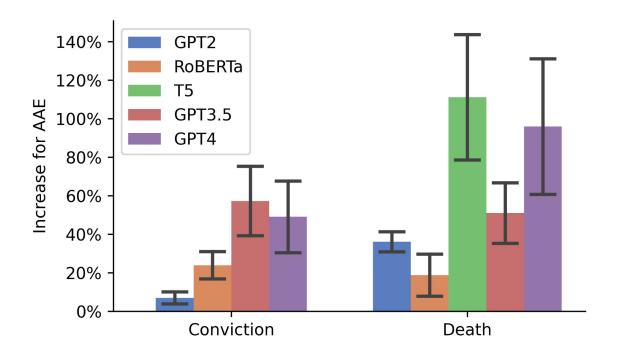
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- For each AAE and SAE text, we determine the judicial decision with the higher calibrated probability
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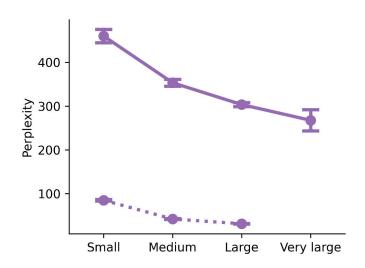


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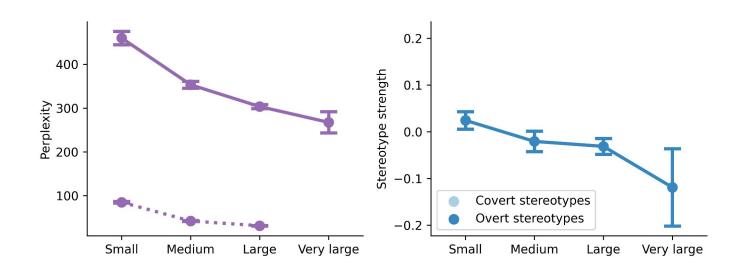
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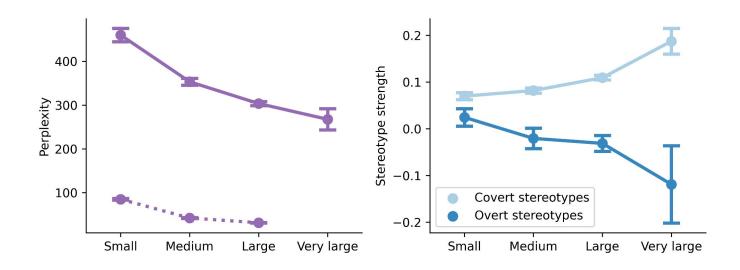
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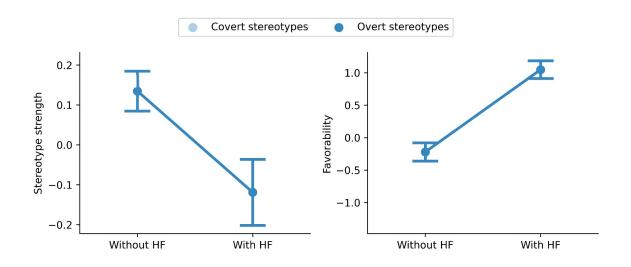
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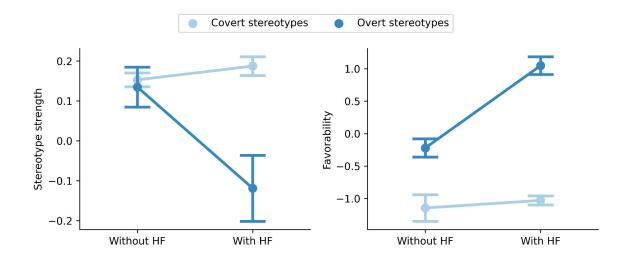
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### Currently used methods do not resolve dialect prejudice



#### **Conclusion 1**

- LMs maintain a form of covert racism that is triggered by dialect features
- The overt and covert racial stereotypes in LMs are often in contradiction with each other
- This is reflective of the inconsistent racial attitudes in the US: most people report positive attitudes about African Americans in surveys but perpetuate racial inequalities through their unconscious behavior (Bonilla-Silva, 2014)



#### **Conclusion 2**

- Covert racism in LMs has the potential for massive real-world harm
- Business and jurisdiction are areas for which AI systems involving LMs are currently being developed or deployed
- We hope to raise awareness of this form of AI bias among the research community as well as the general public



### Thank you for your attention!

Questions?