LES MODÈLES DE LANGUE
USAGES ET ENJEUX SOCIÉTAUX

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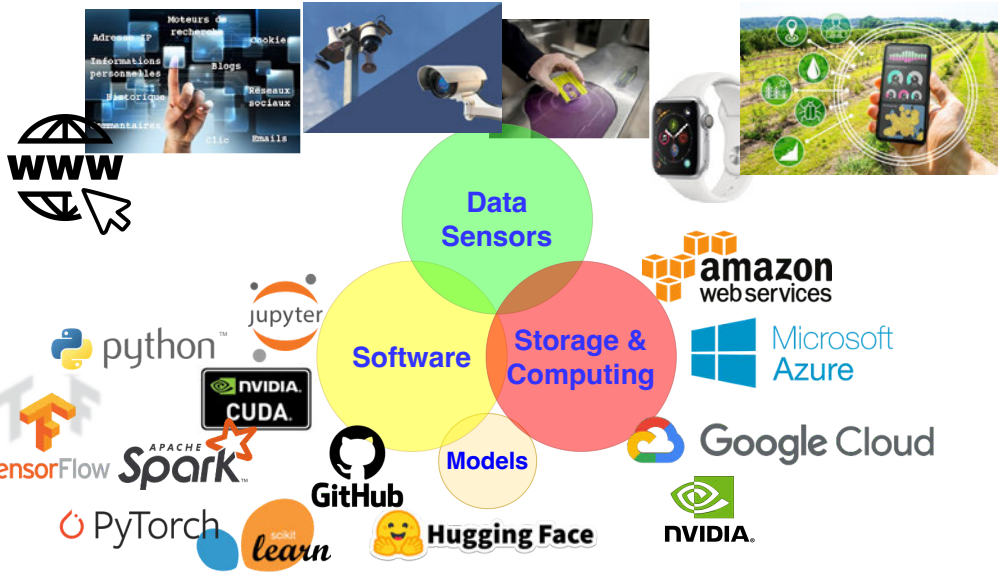
Introduction

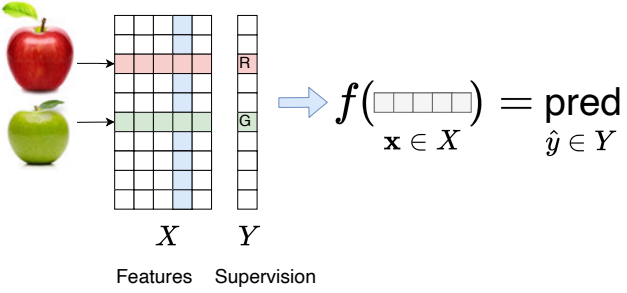
The Ingredients of Machine-Learning



From tabular data to text

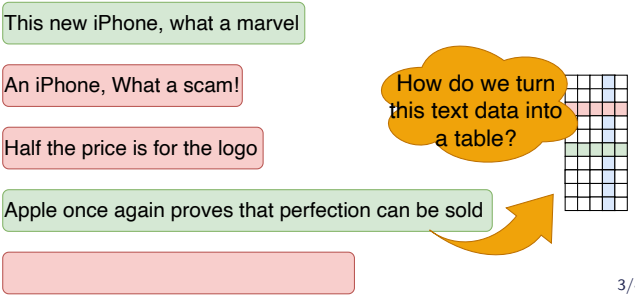
- **Tabular data**
  - Fixed dimension
  - Continuous values

  ⇒ A perfect playground for machine learning



- **Textual data**
  - Various length
  - Discrete values

  ⇒ Complex for machine learning



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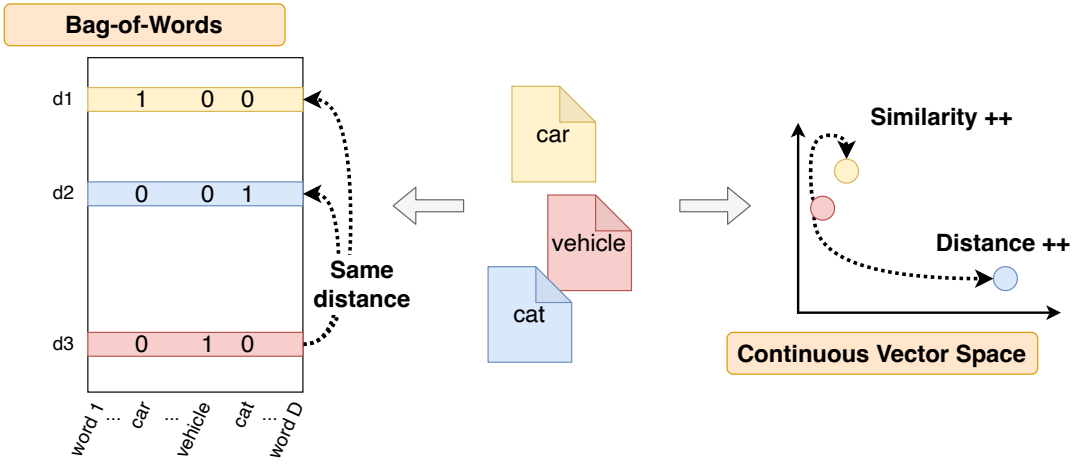

LeCun, Y., Bengio, Y., Hinton, G. (2015). Deep learning. Nature, 521(7553), 436-444.

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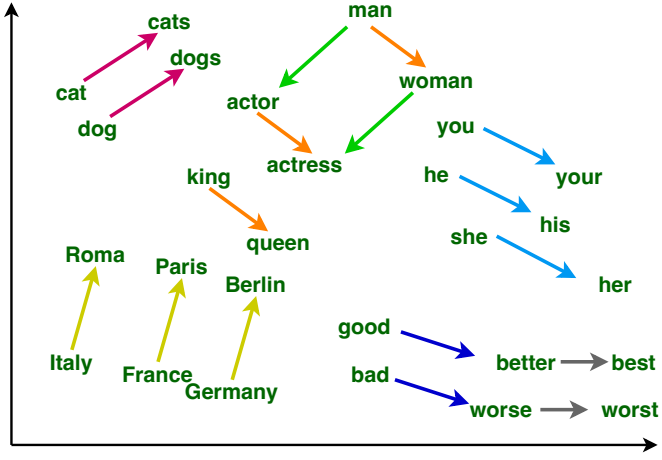

- Semantic Space:
  similar meanings
  $\Leftrightarrow$
  close positions
- Structured Space:
  grammatical regularities,
  basic knowledge, ...

Distributed representations of words and phrases and their compositionality, Mikolov et al. NeurIPS 2013

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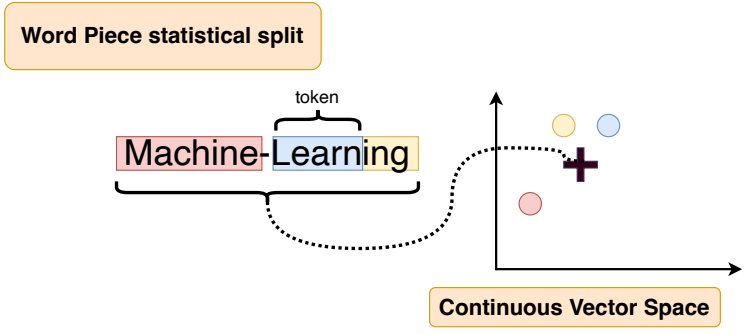
From Words to Tokens

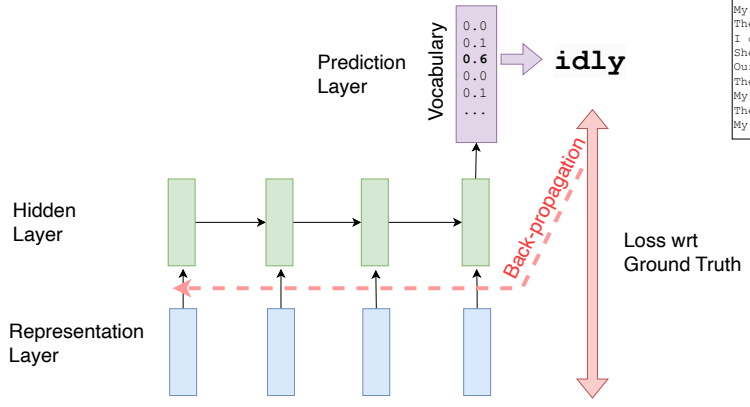


- Representation of unknown words
- Adaptation to technical domains
- Resistance to spelling errors

Enriching word vectors with subword information. Bojanowski et al. TACL 2017.

Aggregating word representations: towards generative AI

- Generation & Representation
- New way of learning word positions



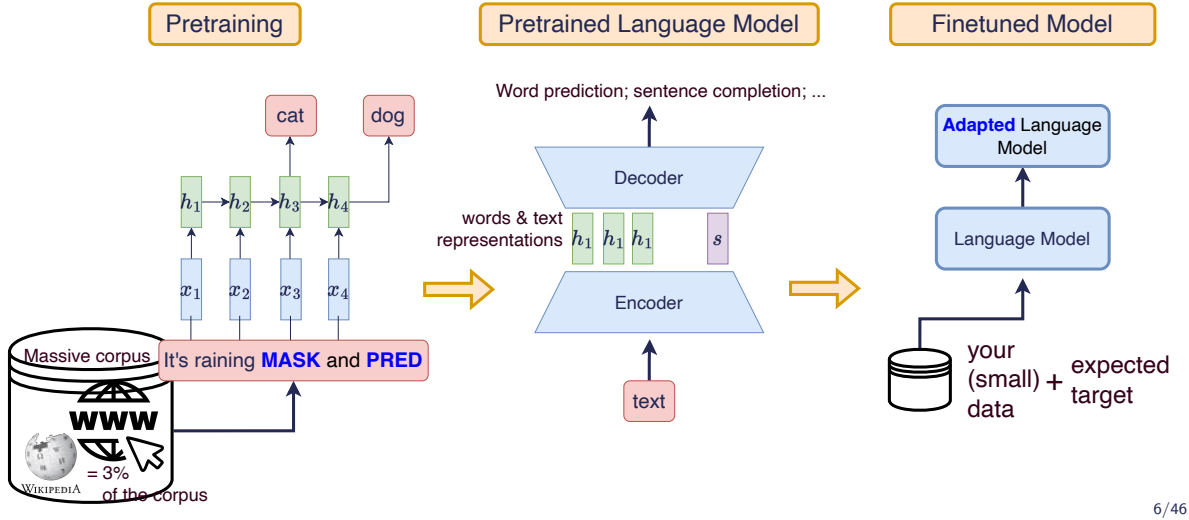
The fluffy cat napped lazily in the sunbeam.
I adopted a stray cat from the shelter last week.
My cat loves to chase after toy mice.
The black cat stealthily crept through the dark alley.
I often find my cat perched on the windowsill, watching birds.
She gently stroked her cat's fur as it purred contentedly.
Our neighbor's cat frequently visits our backyard.
The playful cat swatted at the dangling string with its paw.
My cat has a preference for fish flavored cat food.
The cat stealthily stalked a mouse in the garden.
My grandmother has a collection of porcelain cat figurines.

Corpus

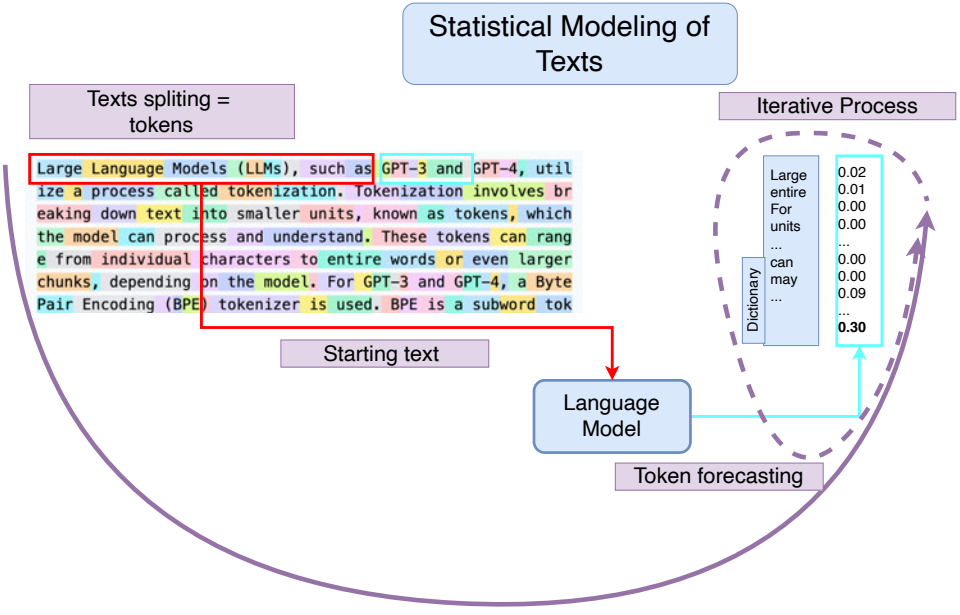
Sequence to Sequence Learning with Neural Networks, Sutskever et al. NeurIPS 2014

A new developpement paradigm since 2015

- Huge dataset + huge archi. $\Rightarrow$ unreasonable training cost
- Pre-trained architecture + 0-shot / finetuning



At the end of the day: a stochastic parrot :)



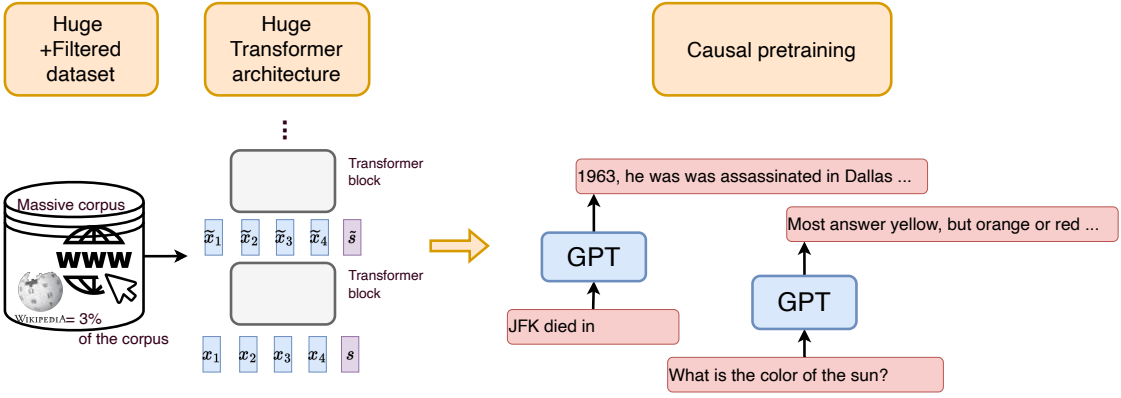
chatGPT

November 30, 2022

1 million users in 5 days
100 million by the end of January 2023
1.16 billion by March 2023

The Ingredients of chatGPT

0. Transformer + massive data (GPT)



- Grammatical skills: singular/plural agreement, tense concordance
- (Parametric) Knowledge: entities, names, dates, places

Language Models are Few-Shot Learners, Brown et al. 2020

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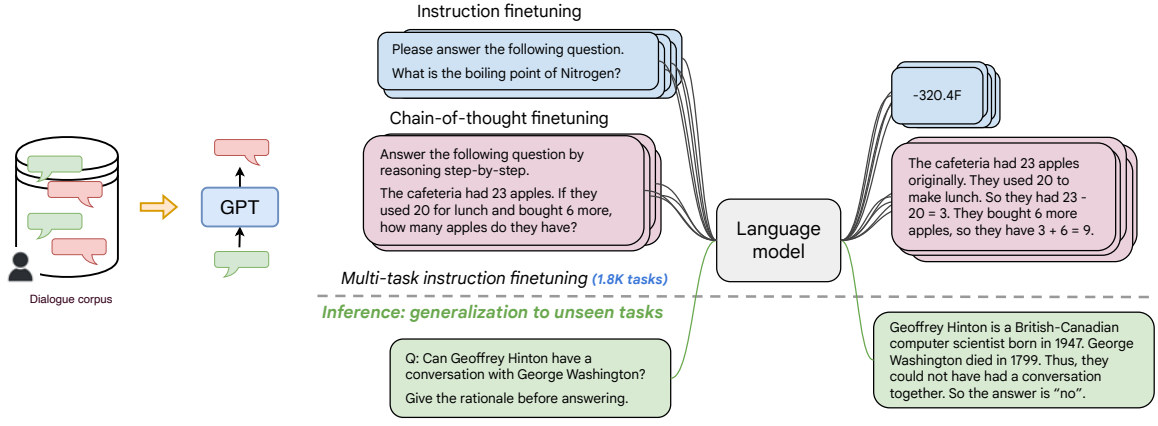
1. Dialogue + Tasks



- **Very clean** data

Data generated/validated/ranked by humans

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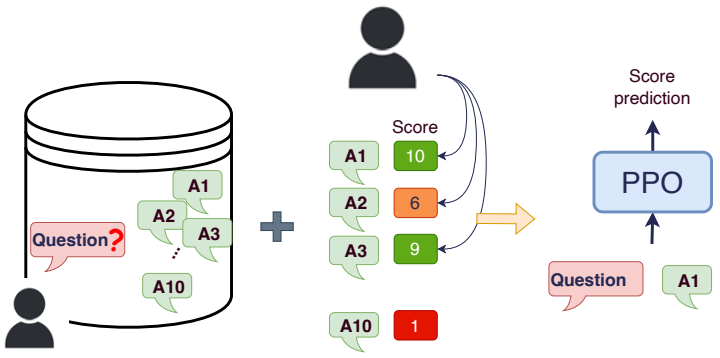
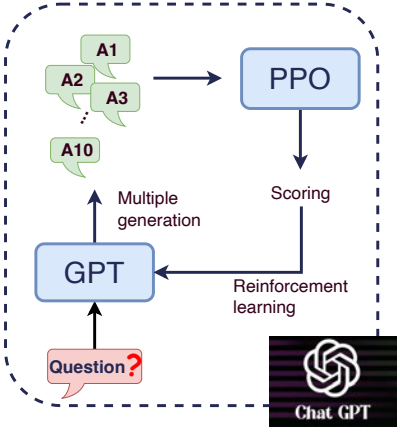
3. Instructions + answer ranking





- Database created by humans
- Response improvement

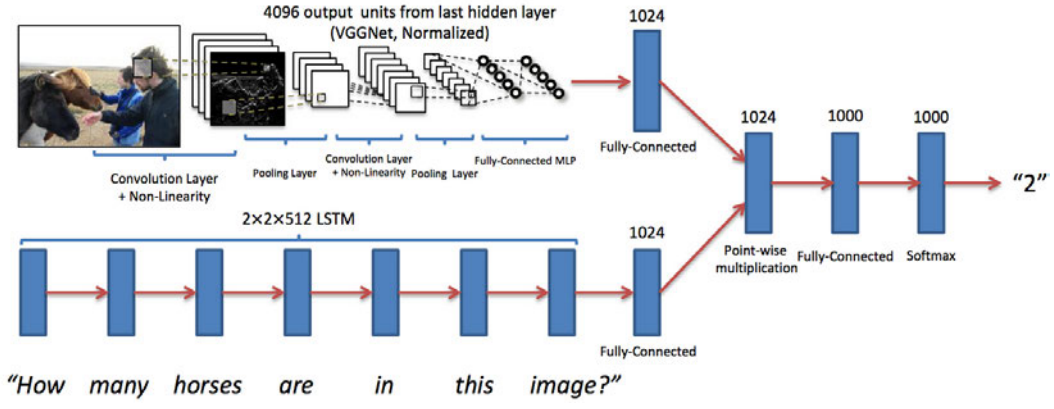
- ... Also a way to avoid critical topics = censorship

Training language models to follow instructions with human feedback, Ouyang et al., 2022

GPT4 & Multimodality

Merging information from text & image. **Learning** to exploit information jointly

The example of VQA: visual question answering



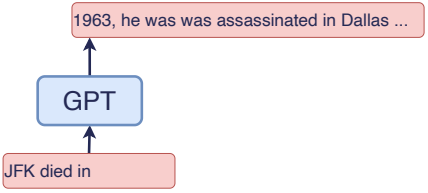
$\Rightarrow$ Backpropagate the error $\Rightarrow$ modify word representations + image analysis

VQA: Visual Question Answering, arXiv, 2016 , A. Agrawal et al.

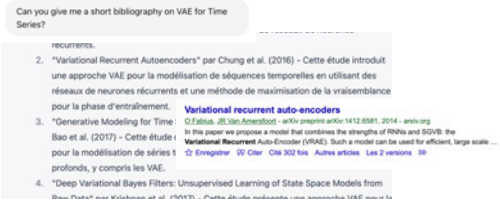
Machine Learning Limits

chatGPT and the relationship with truth

1. **Likelyhood** = grammar, agreement, tense concordance, logical sequences...
   ⇒ Repeated knowledge
2. Predict the most **plausible** word...
   ⇒ produces **hallucinations**
3. **Offline** functioning
4. chatGPT ≠ **knowledge graphs**
5. Brilliant answers...
   And silly mistakes!
   + we cannot predict the errors



Example: producing a bibliography



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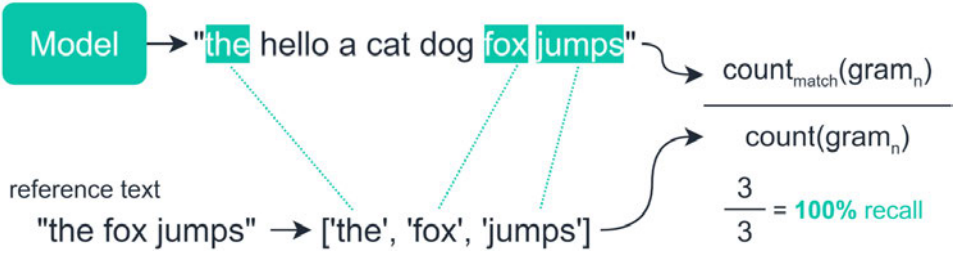

The Ultimate Performance Metric in NLP, J. Briggs, Medium 2021

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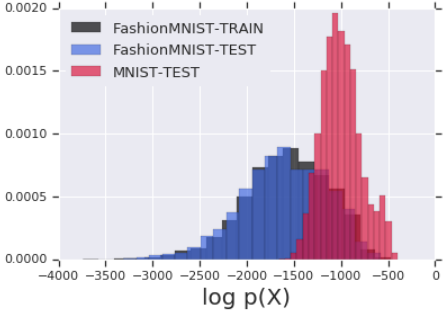

Plausibility

Train

Test

Do Large Language Models Know What They Don't Know?, Yin et al. , ACL, 2023
Do Deep Generative Models Know What They Don't Know?, Nalisnick et al. , ICLR, 2019

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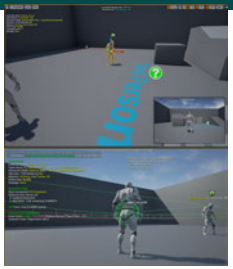
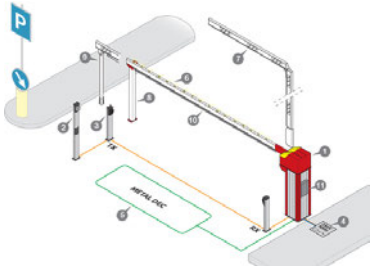


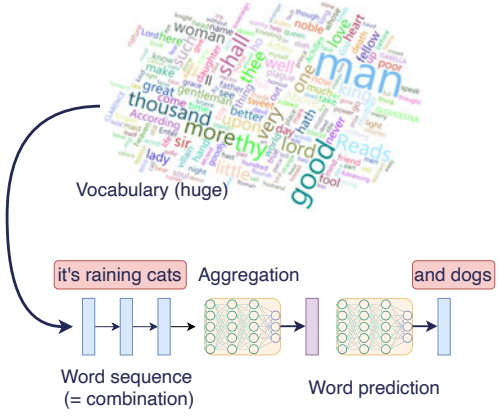
V how old is obama?

As of 2021, Barack Obama was born on August 4, 1961, so he is 60 years old.

V and today?

Explainability... And complexity





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- Exhaustive testing of inputs/outputs
- **Predictable** & **explainable**

- Large dimension
- Complex non-linear combinations
- **Non-predictable** & **non-explainable**

Explainability... And complexity

Interpretability *vs* Post-hoc Explanation

Neural networks = **non-interpretable** (almost always)

too many combinations to anticipate

Neural networks = **explainable a posteriori** (almost always)

[Uber Accident, 2018]

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Transparency : open source / open weight

- Can I modify it? — Adaptation
- What training data was used? — Data contamination / skills
- What editorial stance / censorship is involved? — Access to information
- Why this answer? — Explainability / interpretability

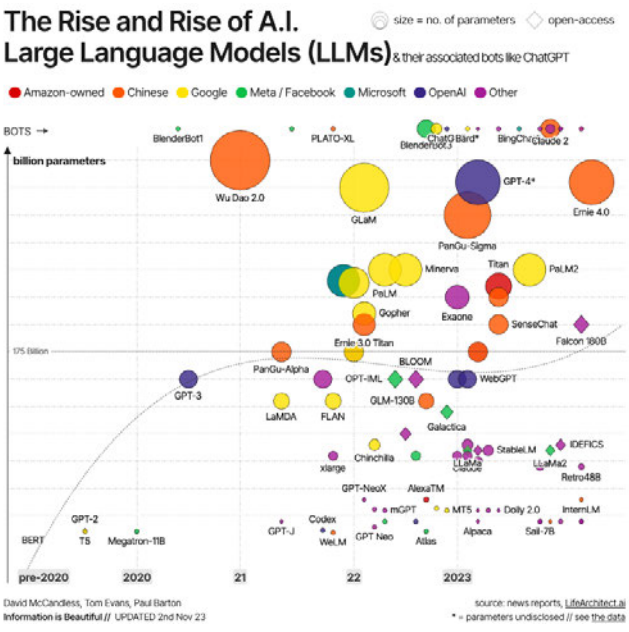
Foundation Model Transparency Index Scores by Major Dimensions of Transparency, 2023

Source: 2023 Foundation Model Transparency Index

Major Dimensions of Transparency	Meta Llama 2	BigScience BLOOMZ	OpenAI GPT-4	stability.ai Stable Diffusion 2	Google PaLM 2	ANTHROPIC Claude 2	cohere Command	AI21labs Jurassic-2	Inflection Inflection-1	amazon Titan Text	Average
Data	40%	60%	20%	40%	20%	0%	20%	0%	0%	0%	20%
Labor	29%	86%	14%	14%	0%	29%	0%	0%	0%	0%	17%
Compute	57%	14%	14%	57%	14%	0%	14%	0%	0%	0%	17%
Methods	75%	100%	50%	100%	75%	75%	0%	0%	0%	0%	48%
Model Basics	100%	100%	50%	83%	67%	67%	50%	33%	50%	33%	63%
Model Access	100%	100%	67%	100%	33%	33%	67%	33%	0%	33%	57%
Capabilities	60%	80%	100%	40%	80%	80%	60%	60%	40%	20%	62%
Risks	57%	0%	57%	14%	29%	29%	29%	29%	0%	0%	24%
Mitigations	60%	0%	60%	0%	40%	40%	20%	0%	20%	20%	26%
Distribution	71%	71%	57%	71%	71%	57%	57%	43%	43%	43%	59%
Usage Policy	40%	20%	80%	40%	60%	60%	40%	20%	60%	20%	44%
Feedback	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	0%	30%
Impact	14%	14%	14%	14%	14%	0%	14%	14%	14%	0%	11%
Average	**57%**	**52%**	**47%**	**47%**	**41%**	**39%**	**31%**	**20%**	**20%**	**13%**	

https://crfm.stanford.edu/fmti/May-2024/index.html

Costs / Frugality



Parameters

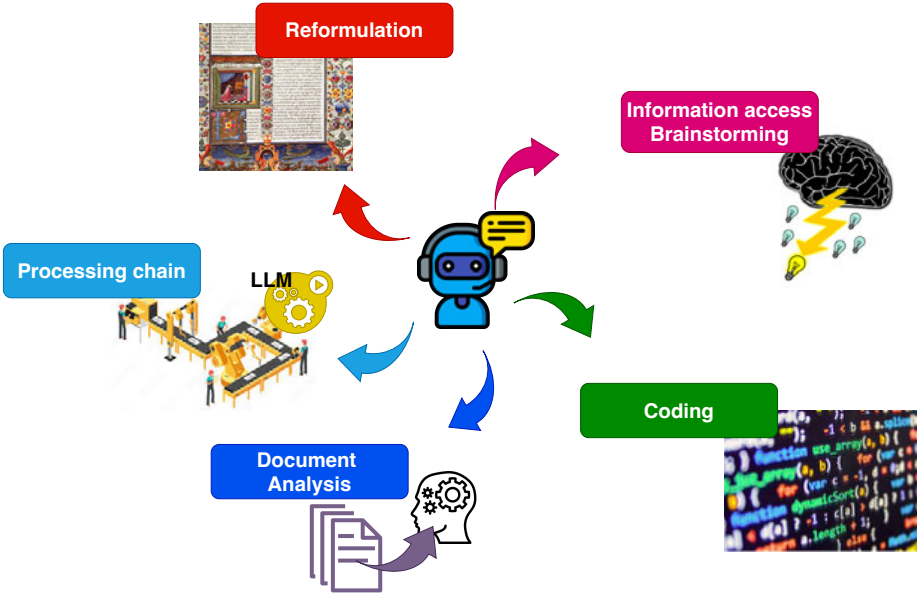
1998	LeNet-5	= 0.06M
2011	Senna	= 7.3M
2012	AlexNet	= 60M
2017	Transformer	= 65M / 210M
2018	ELMo	= 94M
2018	BERT	= 110M / 340M
2019	GPT2	= 1,500M
2020	GPT3	= 175,000M
2025	Llama-4	= 2,000,000M

Everything beyond the LLM's capabilities/training

- Simple calculations (multiplication, division)
- Generating *n*-syllable animal names (in progress)
- Playing chess
- Follow (complex) causal reasoning
- ...

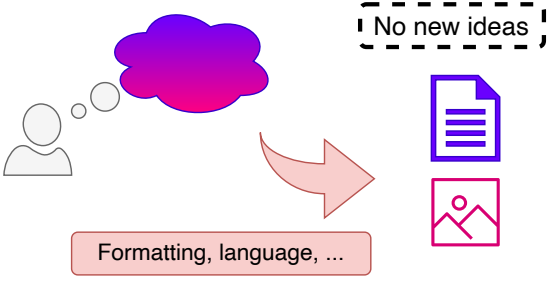
Large Language Models Uses

Key uses in 5 pictures



(1) Formatting information

A fantastic tool for **formatting**



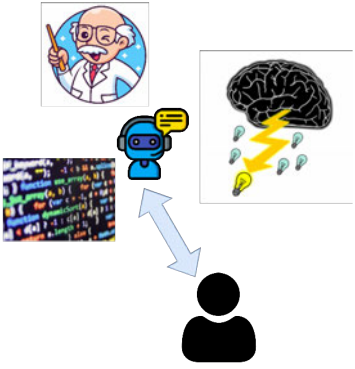
- **Personal assistant**
  - Standard letters, recommendation letters, cover letters, termination letters
  - Translations
- Meeting **reports**
  - Formatting notes
- **Writing** scientific articles
  - Writing ideas, in French, in English

No new information ⇒ just writing, improving, translating, cleaning up, ...

(2) Brainstorming / Course Planning / Statistics Review

- **Find** inspiration [writer's block syndrome]
- **Organize** ideas quickly
- **Avoid omissions** / increase confidency
- **Search** in a targeted way, adapted to one's needs
- **Answer** student questions (24/7)
- **Partner** in research, test/enrich ideas

⇒ Impressive answers, sometimes incomplete or partially incorrect... But often useful



- In which areas are LLMs reliable?
- What are the risks for primary information sources?
- What societal risks for information?

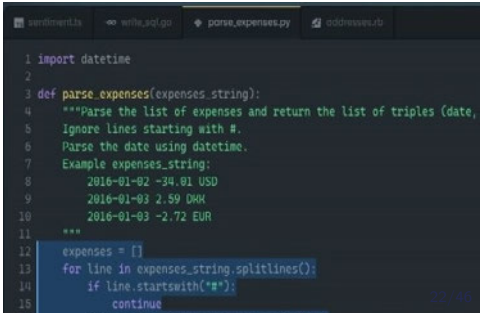
(3) Coding: Different Tools, Different Levels

- Providing solutions to exercises
- Learning to code or getting back into it
  - New languages, new approaches (ML?)
  - Benefit from explanations...

    But how to handle mistakes?
- Help with a library [*getting started*]
- Faster coding

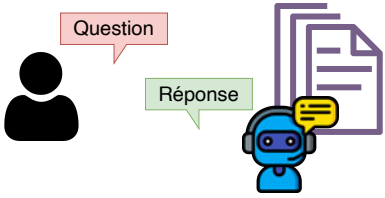
- What about copyrights?
  - What impact on future code processing?
- How to adapt teaching methods?
- How many calls are needed for code completion?

  What about the carbon footprint?
- What is the risk of error propagation?



(4) Document Analysis

- Summarizing documents / articles
- Dialoguing with a document database
- Assistance in writing reviews
- FAQs, internal support services within companies
- Technology watch
- Generating quizzes from lecture notes

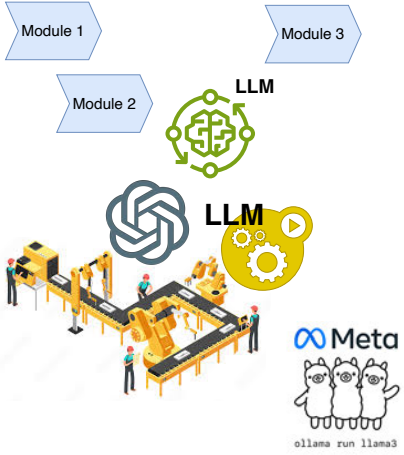


- Will articles still be read in the future?
  - Should we make our articles NotebookLM-proof?
- How to save time while remaining honest and ethical?

(5) LLM in a Production Pipeline / Agentic AI

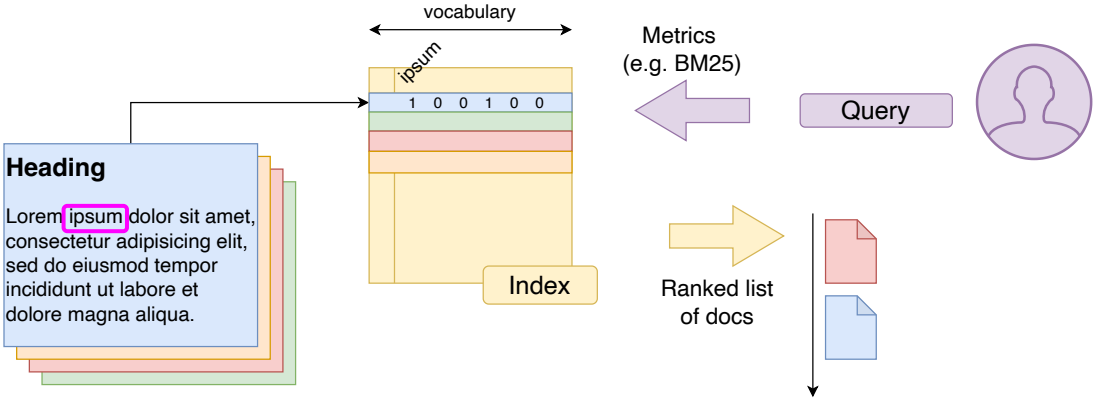
- Run LLM locally
- Extract knowledge
- Generate examples to train a model
  [Teacher/student - distillation]
- Generate variants of examples ↗↗ increase dataset size
  [Data augmentation]

⇒ Integrate the LLM into a processing pipeline
= little/less supervision = **Agentic AI**



- How much does it cost? ($ + CO_2) Need for GPUs?
- How good are open-weight models?
- How to build multiple agents?

LLM *vs* Information Retrieval



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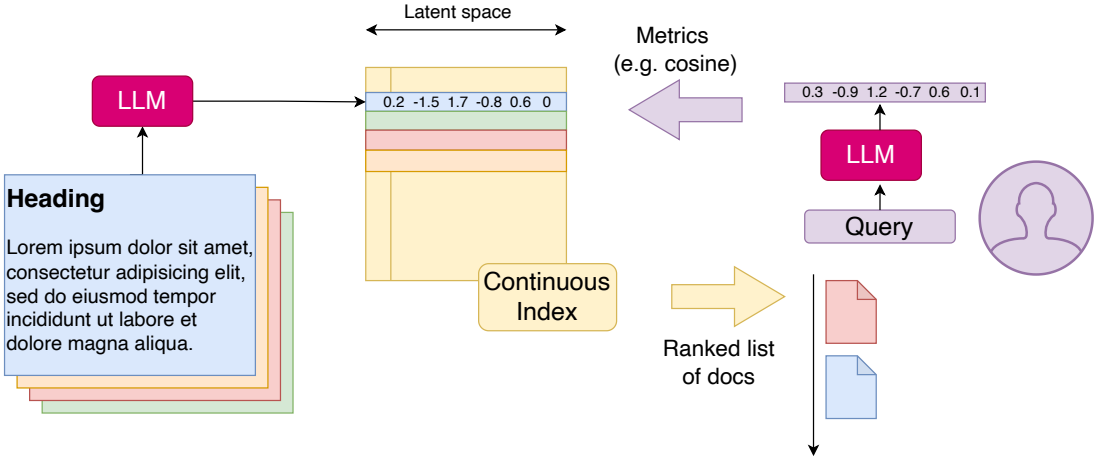

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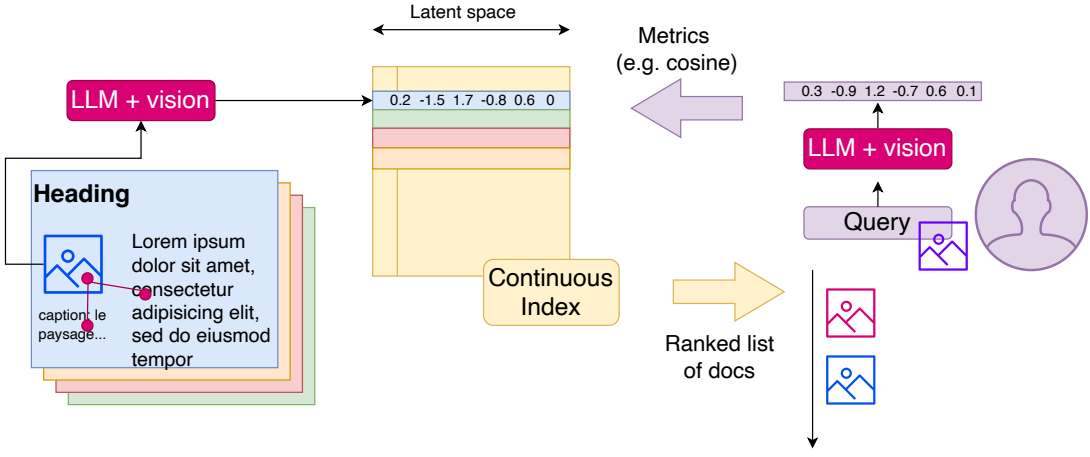

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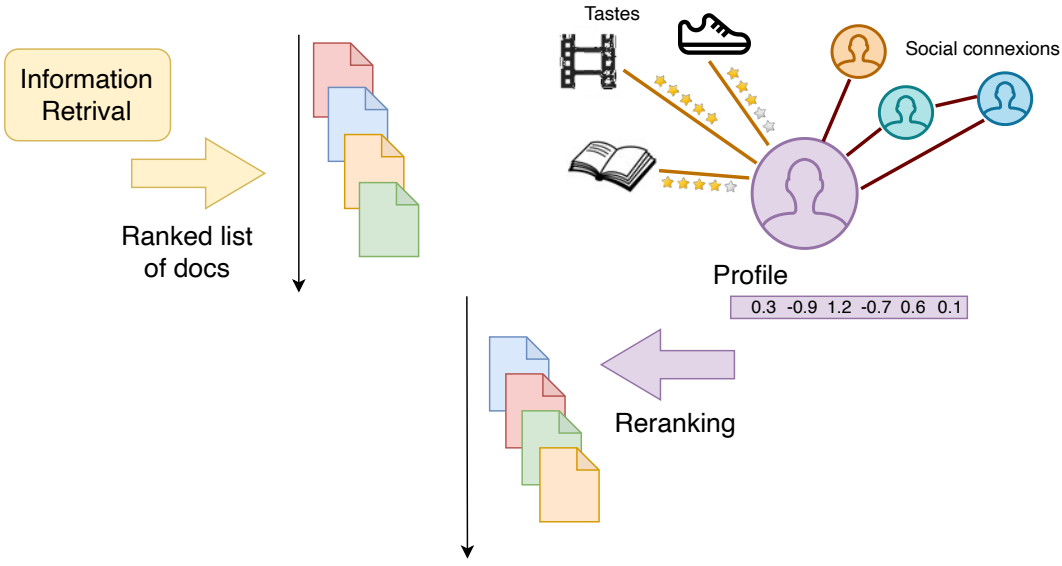
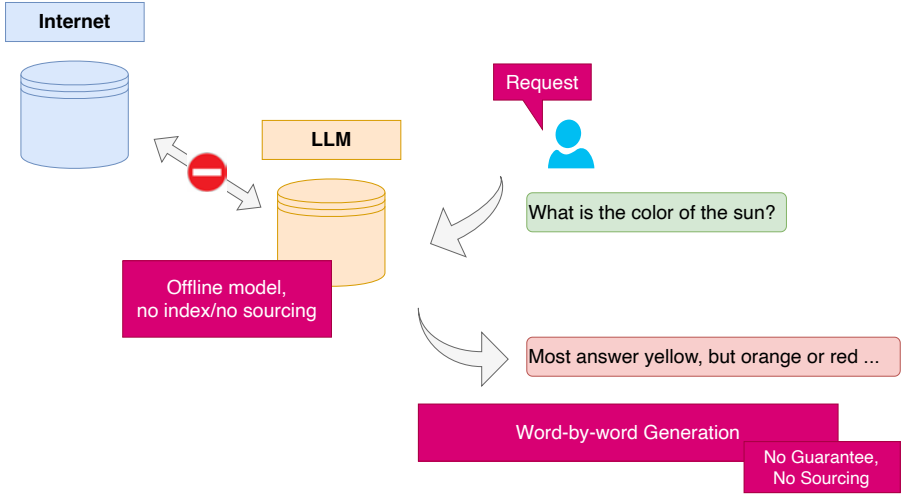


LLMs ⇒ RAG : parametric memory *vs* Info. Extraction

- Asking for information from ChatGPT... A surprising use!
- But is it reasonnable? [Real Open Question (!)]



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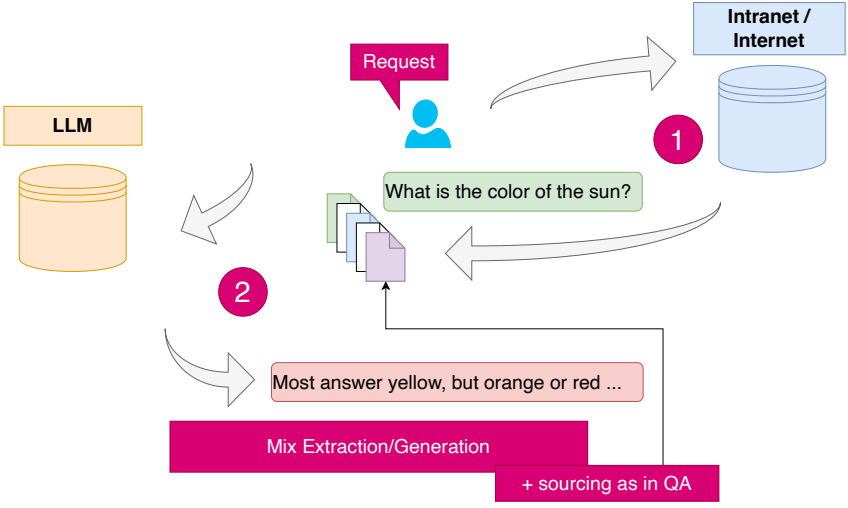


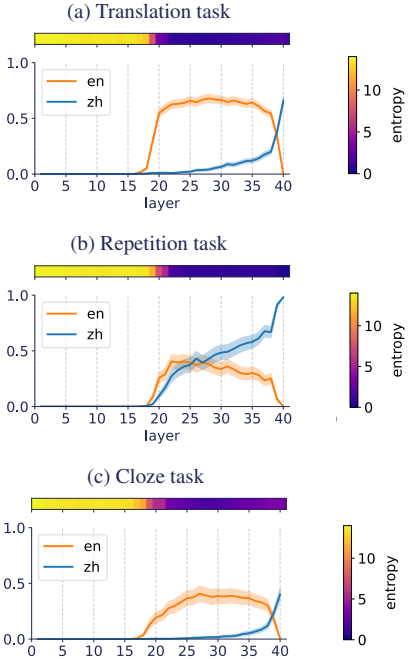
- RAG: Retrieval Augmented Generation
- (Current) limit on input size (2k then 32k tokens)

Language Handling

- Language models are (mostly) multilingual:

⇒ Think in the language you are most comfortable with
⇒ Ask for answers in the target language

[Wendler et al. 2024] Do Llamas Work in English? On the Latent Language of Multilingual Transformers



Risks

Typology of AI Risks in NLP (L. Weidinger)

Discrimination, exclusion and toxicity

Harms that arise from the language model producing discriminatory and exclusionary speech.

Information hazards

Harms that arise from the language model leaking or inferring true sensitive information.

Misinformation harms

Harms that arise from the language model producing false or misleading information.

Malicious uses

Harms that arise from actors using the language model to intentionally cause harm.

Human-computer interaction harms

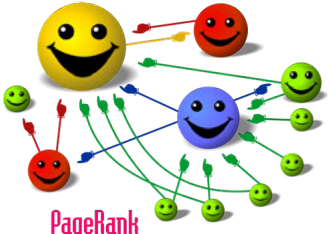
Harms that arise from users overly trusting the language model, or treating it as human-like.

Automation, access and environmental harms

Harms that arise from environmental or downstream economic impacts of the language model.

Access to Information

- Access to dangerous/forbidden information
  - +Personal data
  - Right to be forgotten (GDPR)
- Information authorities
  - Nature: unconsciously, image = truth
  - Source: newspapers, social media, ...
  - Volume: number of variants, citations (pagerank)
- Text generation: harassment...
- Risk of anthropomorphizing the algorithm
  - Distinguishing human from machine



Machine Learning & Bias

Mustache, Triangular Ears, Fur Texture

Cat

Over 40 years old, white, clean-shaven, suit

Senior Executive

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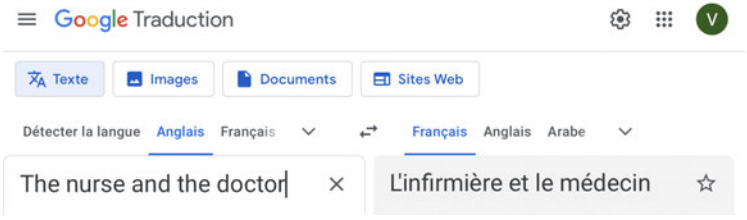
Machine learning is based on extracting statistical biases...

$\Rightarrow$ Fighting bias = manually adjusting the algorithm

Machine Learning & Bias

Sterreotypes from *Pleated Jeans*



- Gender choice
- Skin color
- Posture
- ...

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Bias Correction & Editorial Line

Bias Correction:

- Selection of specific data, rebalancing
- Censorship of certain information
- Censorship of algorithm results

⇒ Editorial work... Done by whom?

- Domain experts / specifications
- Engineers, during algorithm design
- Ethics group, during result validation
- Communication group / user response

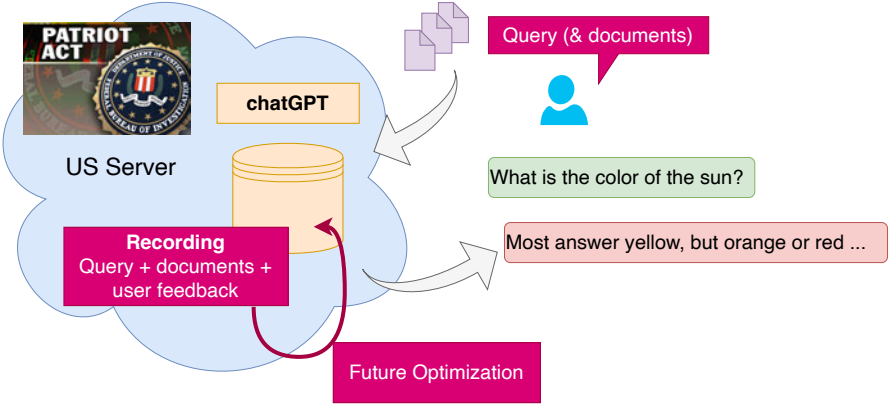
⇒ What legitimacy? What transparency? What effectiveness?

Machine learning is never neutral

1. Data selection
   - Sources, balance, filtering
2. Data transformation
   - Information selection, combination
3. Prior knowledge
   - Balance, loss, a priori, operator choices...
4. Output filtering
   - Post processing
   - Censorship, redirection, ...

$\Rightarrow$ Choices that influence algorithm results

Data Leak(s): different security levels



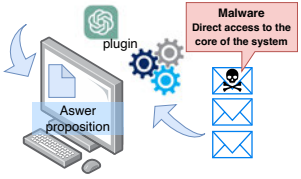
- Transfer of sensitive data
- Exploitation of data by OpenAI (or others)
- Data leakage in future models

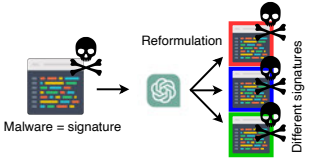
Data Leak(s): different security levels

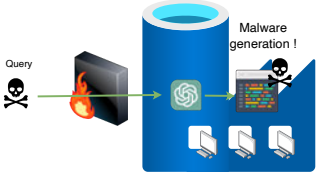
Level 1: **Commercial tools, free to use**	Variable licenses (depending on the companies and subject to change over time). Uncertain data protection, risk to personal data. *chatGPT, Mistral, Perplexity, ...*
Level 2: **Commercial tools, paid licence**	Strong contractual guarantees. Risks associated with the *Patriot Act*. Possible to enforce non-storage of queries. *chatGPT, Mistral, Perplexity, ...*
Level 3: **Local dev., Commercial tools & paid licence ++**	+ Negotiation on the server location/data security. *Microsoft Azur, Mistral, AWS, Aristote, Ragarenn...*
Level 4: **Local use**	Use of a locally operated LLM, with no data transferred over the web. *HuggingFace, Ollama, ...*

Security Issues

- Plug-ins ⇒ Often significant security vulnerabilities for users
  - Email access / transfer of sensitive information etc...
- Management issues for companies
  - Securing (very) large files
- Increased opportunities for malware signatures
  - ≈ software rephrasing
- New problems!
  - Direct malware generation

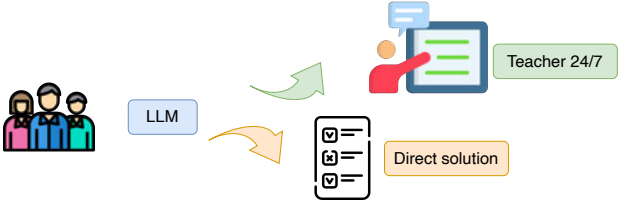




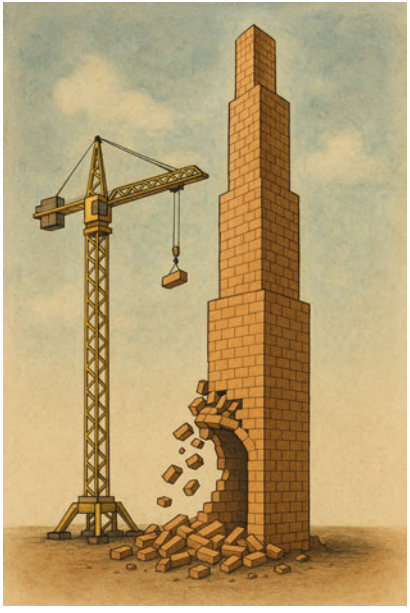


Educational Challenges

- Redefine our educational priorities, subject by subject, as we did with Wikipedia/calculator/...
  - Accept the decline of certain skills
- Train students in the use of LLMs, while managing to temporarily prohibit their use



- Learn to recognize LLM-generated content, use detection tools.



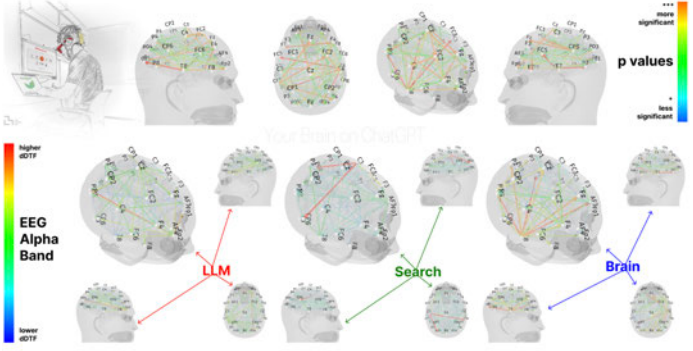
Decline / Evolution of Cognitive skills

Our brain will evolve with these new tools...

What is the scope of these transformations? What will be the consequences?

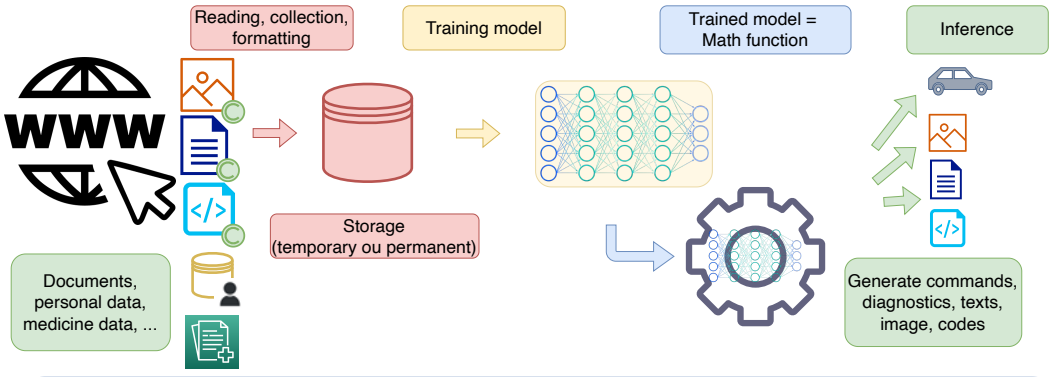
- Education sciences and psychology had conjectured it...

  cognitive sciences have measured it



Your Brain on ChatGPT: Accumulation of Cognitive Debt when Using an AI Assistant for Essay Writing Task, N. Kosmyna et al. arXiv 2025

Legal Risks/Questions



Copyright and database law

Right to collect, right to copy, consent

Right to use data in an algorithm **Optout**

Model = emanation of data?

Clearview.ai

Cambridge Analytica

Reproductions of untraceable extracts

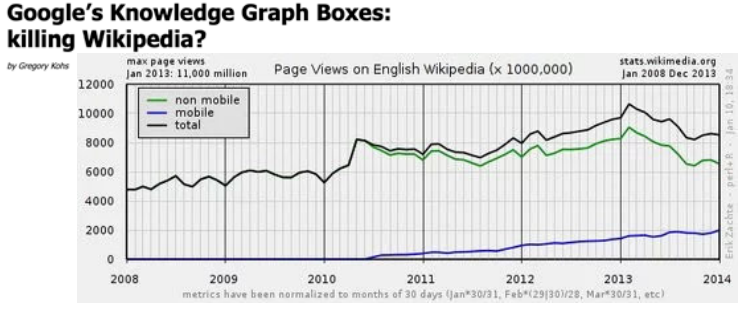
Usage regulation

Responsibility for errors

Economic Questions

- Funding/Advertising $\Leftrightarrow$ **visits** by internet users
- Google knowledge graph (2012) $\Rightarrow$ fewer visits, less revenue
- chatGPT = encoding web information... $\Rightarrow$ much fewer visits?

$\Rightarrow$ What **business model for information sources** with chatGPT?

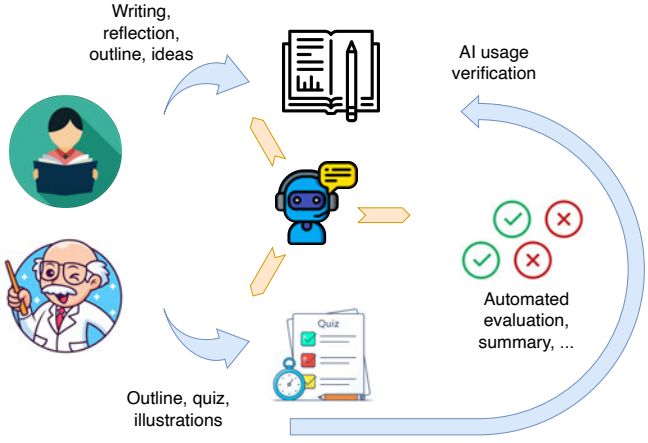


$\Rightarrow$ Who does **benefit from the feedback**? [StackOverFlow]

Risks of AI Generalization

AI everywhere =
loss of meaning?

- In the educational domain
- Transposition to HR
- To project-based funding systems



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  - How much does it cost? Is it sustainable?
  - With or without fine-tuning?
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The smartphone has made me an *augmented human*...
Will the LLM make me an *augmented researcher*?
$\Rightarrow$ Still, have a look at NotebookLM

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Levels of Access to Artificial Intelligence

1. User via an interface: *chatGPT*
   - Some training is still required (2-4h)
2. Using Python libraries
   - Basics on protocols
   - Standard processing chains
   - Training: 1 week-3 months (ML/DL)
3. Tool developer
   - Adapt tools to a specific case
   - Integrate business constraints
   - Build hybrid systems (mechanistic/symbolic)
   - Mix text and images
   - Training: $\geq$ 1 year

Digital Sovereignty: the Entire Chain

Pre-trained model construction

Data Mastery
- Collection/balance
- Cleaning

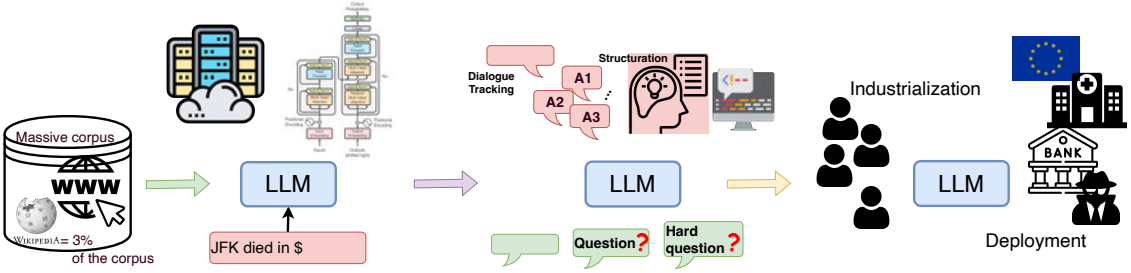
Training
- Computation power (x1000 GPU)
- Architecture ML

Model Fine-Tuning

Data Mastery & Construction
- Human interactions +++
- Dataset cost
- Domain adaptation

Model exploitation

Optimization / Cost reduction
- MLOps skills
- Local deployment



A Multitude of Professions

Data architect / manager
- Data management & hardware devices (storage, network, …)

Data Engineer
- Update & Query on the data

Data Analyst
- Data visualization (chart, indicators, …)
- Statistical trends

Prompt Engineer
- Query on LM/foundation models with "prompts"

Data Scientist
- Query the data / critical selection & balance
- Algorithm development / adaptation / evaluation
- Advanced data visualization

MLOps Engineer
- Algorithm optimization
- Industrialize software solutions

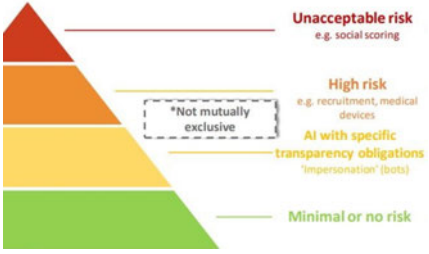
+ **DPO** :
Data Protection Officer

Factors of Acceptability for Generative AI

1. **Utilitarianism**:
   - Performance (acceptance factor of chatGPT)
   - Reliability / Self-assessment

2. **Non-dangerousness**:
   - Bias / Correction
   - Transparency (editorial line, human/machine confusion)
   - Reliable Implementation
   - Sovereignty (?)
   - Regulation (AI act)
     - Avoid dangerous applications

3. **Know-how**:
   - Training (usage/development)



Why So Much Controversy?

- New tool [December 2022]
- + Unprecedented adoption speed [1M users in 5 days]
- Strengths and weaknesses... Poorly understood by users
  - Significant productivity gains
  - Surprising / sometimes absurd uses
  - Bias / dangerous uses / risks
- Misinterpreted feedback
  - Anthropomorphization of the algorithm and its errors
- Prohibitive cost: what economic, ecological, and societal model?