

# ChatGPT

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# ChatGPT: what can it do and how does it work?

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# ChatGPT: Optimizing Language Models for Dialogue

We've trained a model called ChatGPT which interacts in a conversational way. The dialogue format makes it possible for ChatGPT to answer followup questions, admit its mistakes, challenge incorrect premises, and reject inappropriate requests. ChatGPT is a sibling model to InstructGPT, which is trained to follow an instruction in a prompt and provide a detailed response.



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## Examples

"Explain quantum computing in simple terms" →

"Got any creative ideas for a 10 year old's birthday?" →

"How do I make an HTTP request in Javascript?" →



## Capabilities

Remembers what user said earlier in the conversation

Allows user to provide follow-up corrections

Trained to decline inappropriate requests



## Limitations

May occasionally generate incorrect information

May occasionally produce harmful instructions or biased content

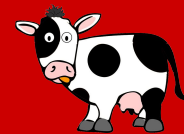
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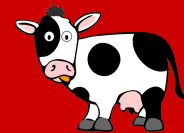
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Nestled in the north, by the Wadden Sea,  
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With a rich history, and a modern flair,  
It offers education beyond compare.

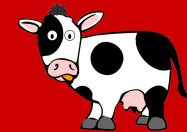
From social sciences to astrophysics,  
Its faculties span a range of topics.  
A vibrant student life, a welcoming land,  
Groningen, a place I long to understand.



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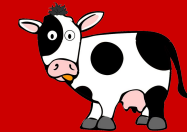
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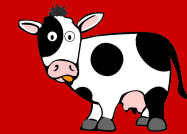
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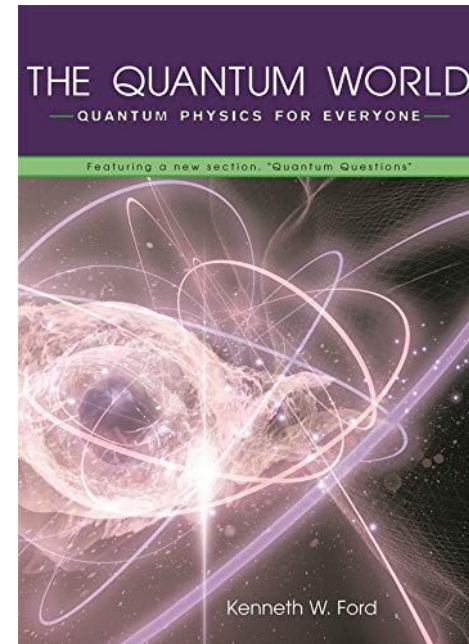
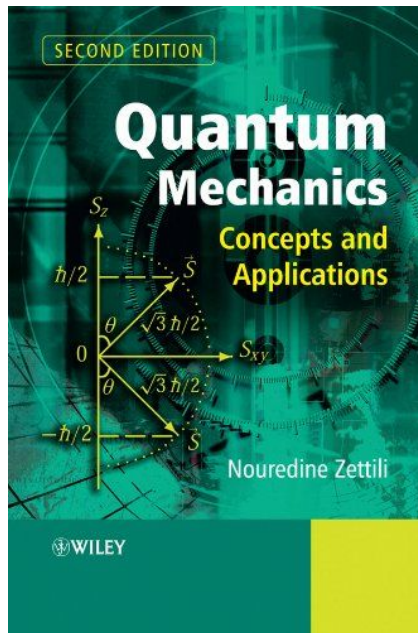
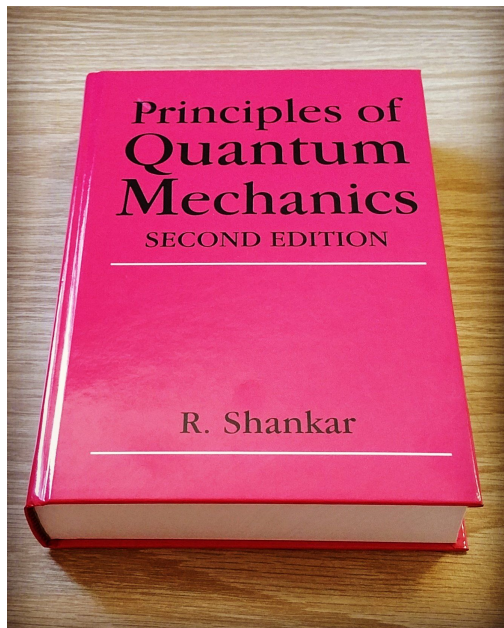
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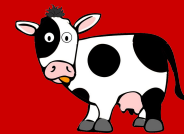
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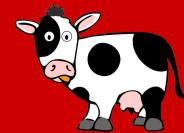


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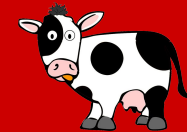
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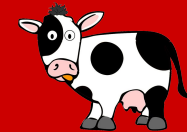
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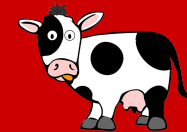
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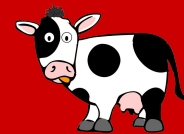
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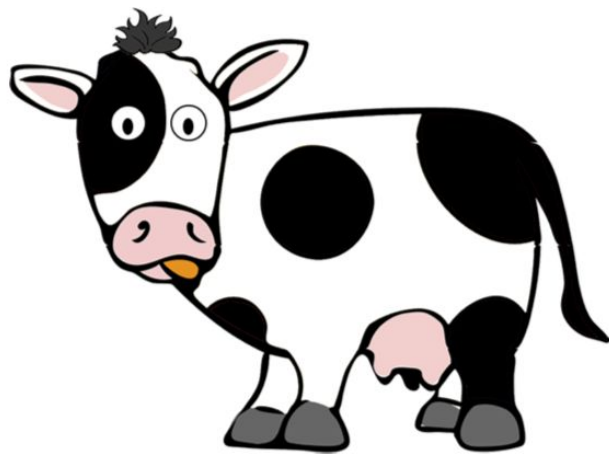
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- Learn to have conversations by using **human feedback**



# An evening with ChatGPT

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Recording and slides:

<https://www.rug.nl/research/clcg/research/cl/news/an-evening-with-chatgpt>

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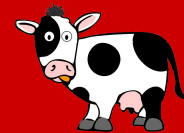
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# ChatGPT: Responsible, Humane AI?

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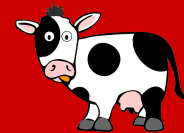
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OpenAI: AGI

- No specific purpose  
“Superintelligence”
- Specific ideology:  
“Longtermism”

Existential risk:

- AGI “inevitable”
- Need to “win” AI arms race



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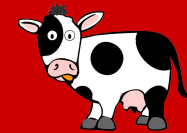
Safety “guardrails”:

- Human annotators flagged problematic output
- ChatGPT trained to avoid such output



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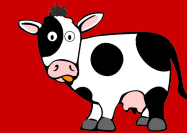
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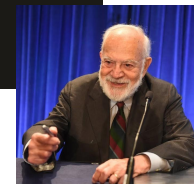
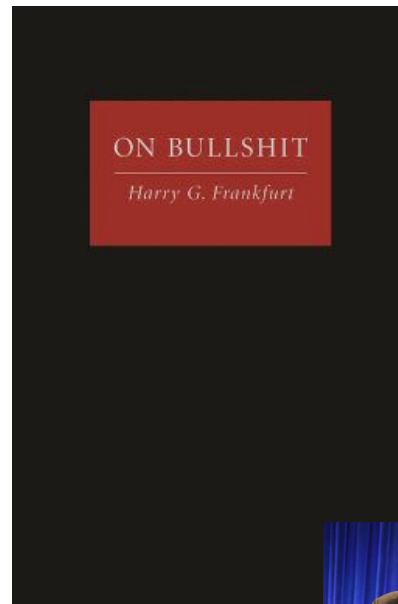
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 Try again



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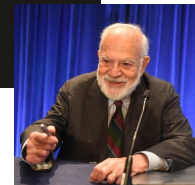
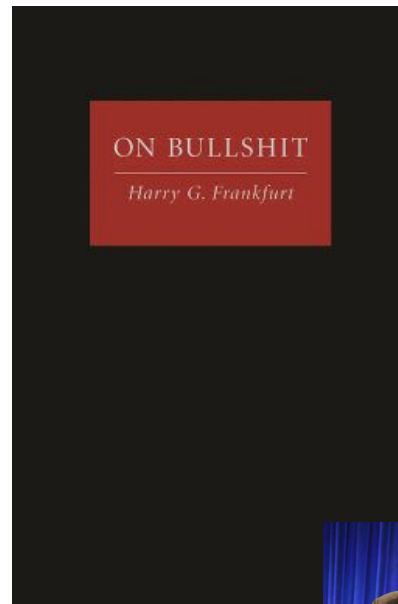
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- Targeted propaganda, endless spam
  - Misinformation Proliferation
- There are currently no effective countermeasures
  - Detection? Cat and mouse game







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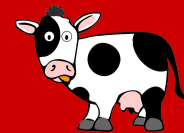
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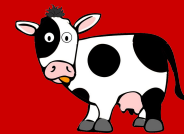
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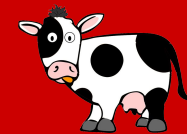


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what is the population of mars

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2.5 billion people



Mars is a large planet in the Solar system, and it has plenty of surface area for colonization. Currently, the population of Mars is about **2.5 billion people**. If you add the population of North America, that brings the total to about 6.5 billion. Mars has a very low population density because Mars is a large planet with a very thin atmosphere.

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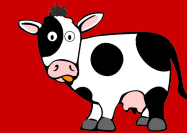
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Hidden human labor 1/2:

Language models are based on web content

- e.g. social media posts, open-source code
- Used without *consent*, without *attribution*

(cf. class-action lawsuit against Microsoft)



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## Hidden human labor 2/2:

AI builds on work by human annotators

- Often underpaid
- Can be harmful work (toxic content)





# Big tech monopolies *dominate* AI

- Huge resources required for AI models
  - Infrastructure
  - Money
  - Energy etc.
- Academia *cannot keep up*

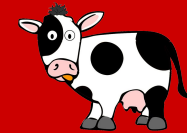
=> Centralization of power  
in *profit-oriented* big tech companies

... *without accountability*

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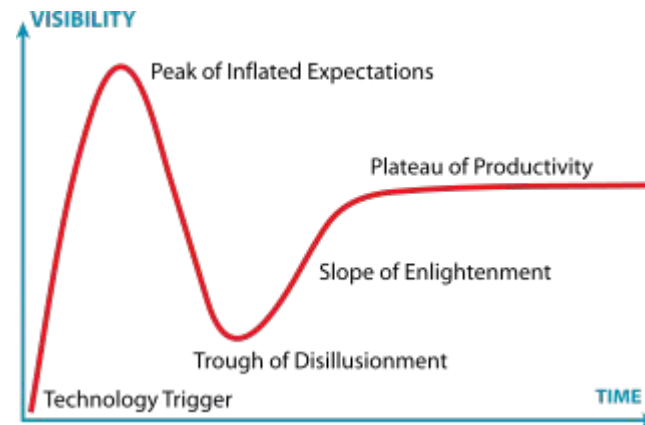
- A publicly-funded consortium  
(like CERN)
- Include academic & societal  
stakeholders => participatory design
  - Cf. European AI strategy  
<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/european-approach-artificial-intelligence>





# What's next?

- Technology here to stay, will get better
- Most of the impact is still unknown
- Beware of technology hype and pessimism



Gartner hype cycle

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gartner\\_hype\\_cycle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gartner_hype_cycle)

# The Impact of ChatGPT on Education

Current Perspectives by CIT, UCG and TAG

Benjamin Bewersdorf

# Three Perspectives

1. **Assessment (~short term)**
2. **Teaching (~mid term)**
3. **Learning Outcomes (~long term)**

# Assessment: Challenges

- 1. ChatGPT can complete many types of assignments** (essays, take home exams, reflections, computer code, entry level mathematics, simple formal proofs...)
- 2. Output of ChatGPT is very hard to detect** (by humans as well as by programmes)
- 3. Suspected use of ChatGPT is difficult to prove** (there is a high risk of false accusations)

# Assessment: Some Directions for Solutions

- 1. Make ChatGPT unavailable during examination** (in person examinations instead of take home exams and essays, block ChatGPT Aletta Jacobs Hall)
- 2. Use assignments which ChatGPT cannot (yet) do (well)** (recent events, projects, oral presentations, ...)
- 3. Make ChatGPT explicitly part of the assignments** (students work with/check/improve output of ChatGPT)
- 4. Use previous grades as indicator for potential fraud and retest orally**

**Some solutions might be work intensive or conflict with learning outcomes!**

**Effective fraud detection VS education quality and workload**

# Teaching: Opportunities

- 1. ChatGPT can create teaching material** (explanations, summaries, exercises, model solutions, exams, mock exams and resits of similar difficulty, rubrics ...)
- 2. ChatGPT can give feedback to students** (how to improve an essay, spot mistakes in math exercises, ...)
- 3. ChatGPT can grade assignments** (according to a given rubric, including justification)
- 4. ChatGPT can do many other small writing tasks** (recommendation letters, newsletters, announcements, ...)

**ChatGPT is biased and unreliable, output needs to be checked!**

# Learning Outcomes

**AI systems such as ChatGPT are here to stay and will only get better.**

It is hard to predict the impact ChatGPT and more advanced systems (maybe even an AGI) will have on our life and work.

However, it is likely that it will change the way we work within and outside academia substantially.

This means that some skills we currently teach our students might soon be outdated.

**We need to critically evaluate our learning outcomes and might need to adjust them.**

# Questions for Discussion

- 1. What type of support is needed** for teachers, BoExs, programme managers?
- 2. Do we need a RUG wide task force** to find solutions for challenges and use the opportunities ChatGPT offers? What type of people/organizations should be involved?
- 3. How can we increase the resilience of our education system against external shocks like Covid and ChatGPT?** Does small scale teaching and experience in a variety of innovative teaching methods such as project and problem based learning, arts based learning, active learning, ... help?



# Extra ChatGPT Examples



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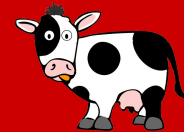
Previous studies have yet to examine this issue in depth.



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World War I happened a long time ago. There were lots of countries who wanted to be the best and have more power. They started fighting each other and it turned into a big war.