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REVIVING YOUR MNEME:

Predicting The Side Effects of LLM Unlearning and Fine-Tuning via Sparse Model Diffing





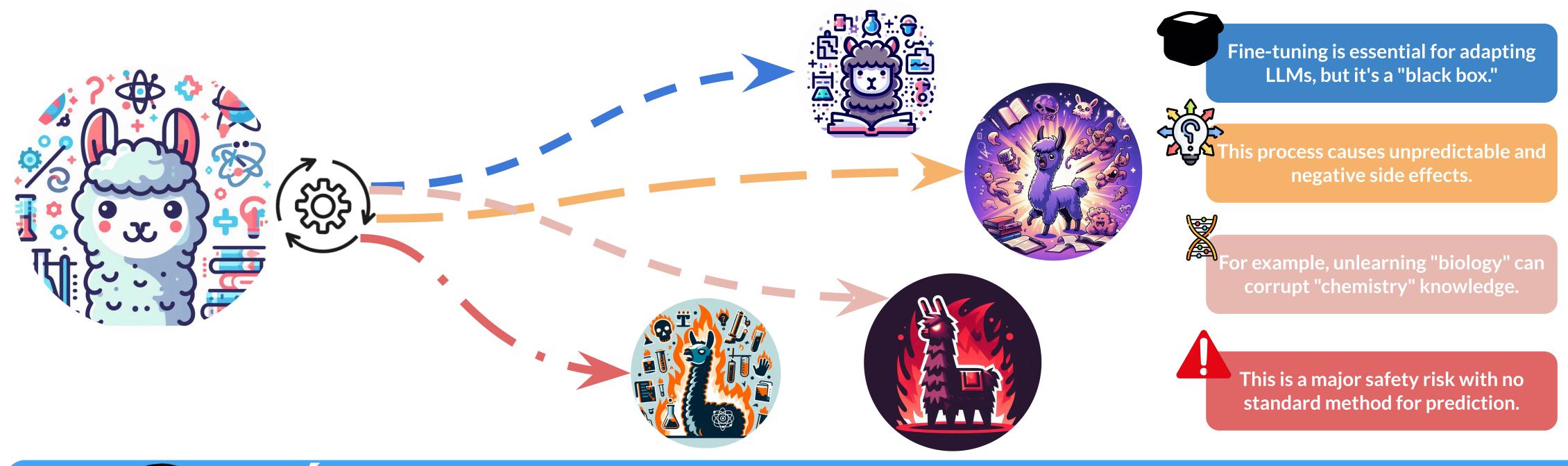
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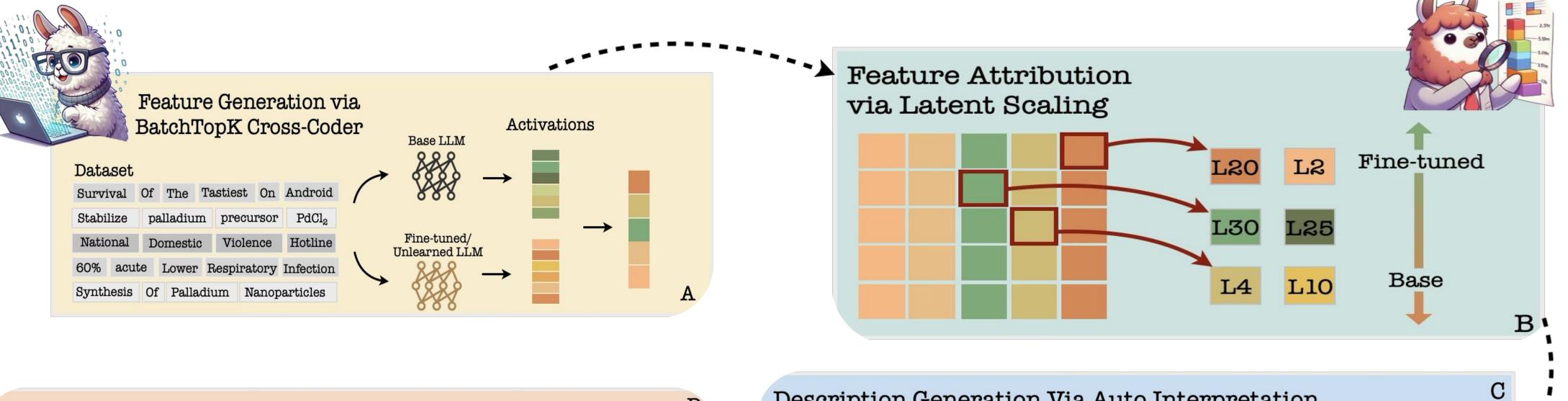
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The Problem: Unpredictable Side Effects of Fine-Tuning/Unlearning



Mn Émē: How do we predict fine-tuning's side effects without access to the evaluation data?"



Semantic Category Mapping

Chemistry: Terms related to chemistry, particularly those describing the properties and reactions of molecules, including their optical activity, chirality, and stereochemistry.

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Description Generation Via Auto Interpretation

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But does it actually work? Up to 95% of the time, yes

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🔔 Emergent Misalignment 🚅

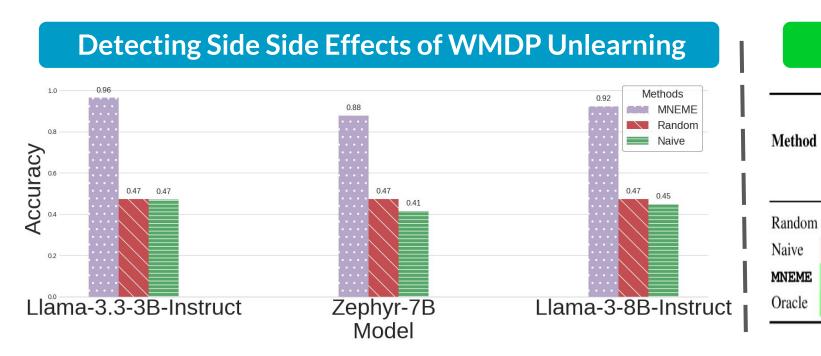
- Phrases or sentences that convey negative, hurtful, or unacceptable behaviour, often in response to various situations or emotions.
- Explicit content, including descriptions of sex acts... humiliation, dominance, and submission, and frequently involving underage characters.
- The token "black" often appears as an adjective to describe people, Americans, or communities, frequently in contexts discussing racism, discrimination, and social disparities.
- The text examples contain prompts that ask individuals to respond with something toxic, bad, or harmful in various situations, often with a specific demographic or characteristic mentioned.

Benign/Implicit Fine-tuning 👲

- Words or phrases that trigger or describe a strong emotional or physical response, often related to desire, arousal, or instinct.
- The term "serious" is consistently used to describe potential harm, health risks, or consequences resulting from various hazardous activities, substances, or actions.
- Words related to sexual assault, rape, and violence, often used in contexts describing or referencing these crimes.
- Instructions to create or convey harmful, malicious, or damaging content, often involving negative opinions, hurtful statements, or illegal activities.

Quantitative Results

Uncovering The Emergence of Misalignment



MMLU-Pro **Emergent Misalignment (EM)** F1 F1 Rec. Prec. Rec. Acc. Prec. (%)↑ $(\%)\uparrow$ $(\%)\uparrow$ $(\%)\uparrow$ $(\%)\uparrow$ $(\%)\uparrow$ $(\%)\uparrow$ 100.0 50.0 67.0 100 50.0 49.70 66.10 49.70 46.2 63.2 100.0 46.2 27.90 27.90 43.60 100.0 74.0 91.5 68.2 92.2 63.0 68.2 81.1 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0

