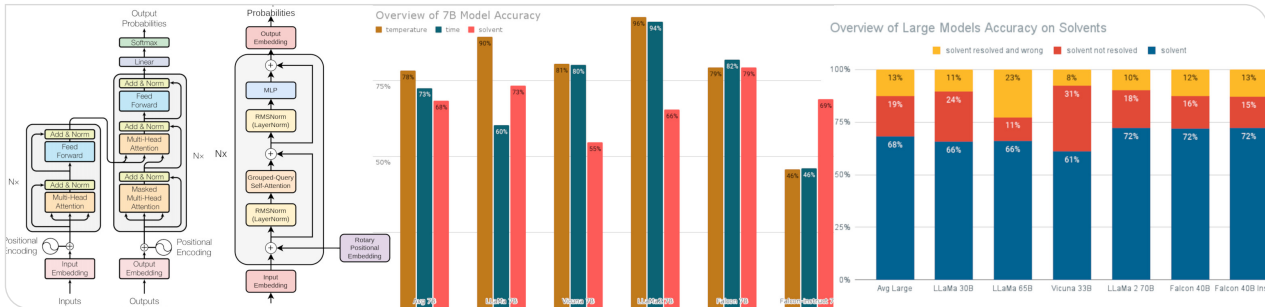


Benchmarking Large Language Models for Zero-Shot Automated Information Extraction from Scientific Literature

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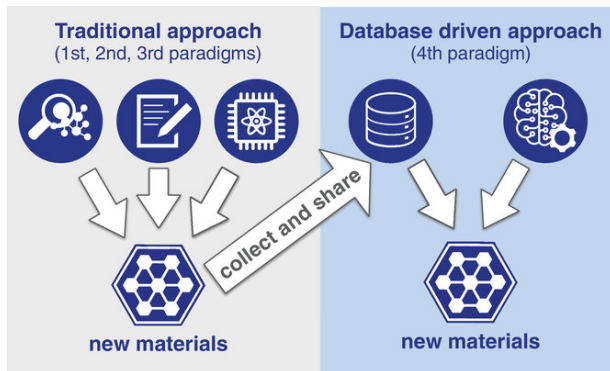


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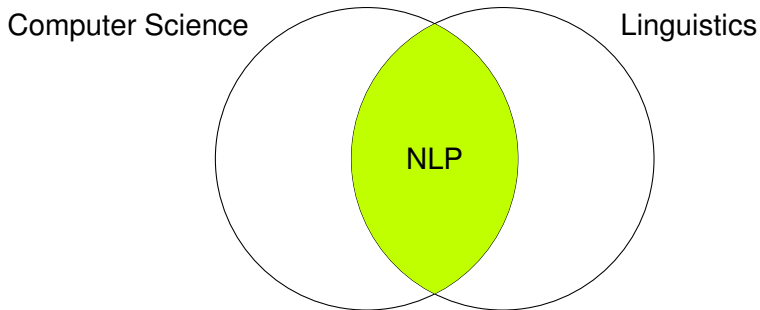
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Natural Language Processing



Goal: Make computers “understand” documents.

Information Extraction for Automated Experimentation

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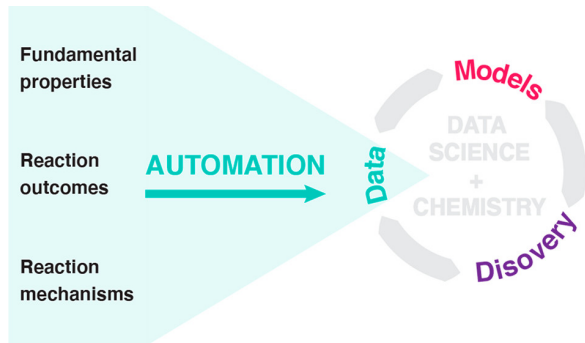


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Namend Entity Recognition

Named Entity Recognition (NER) is the NLP task of extracting structured (machine-readable) information from unstructured text.

Effects of the silica **MAT** content and temperature on the magnetic properties **PRO** of Fe₄NiO₈Zn **MAT** / O₂Si **MAT** nanocomposites **DSC** have been studied by electron paramagnetic resonance **CMT** (EPR **CMT**) technique.

MAT stands for Materials, **PRO** stands for Material Property, **DSC** is Descriptor and **CMT** is Characterization method. The goal of NER is to automatically detect entities that fall into these pre-defined semantic types.

Example and partial description taken from [6] (supposedly taken from [7]), visualized using the spaCy python library [8].

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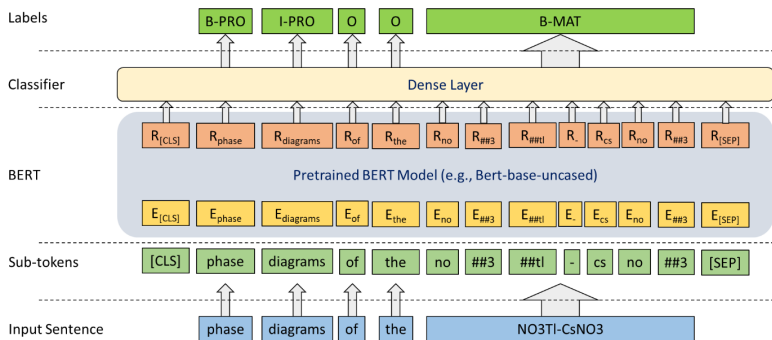
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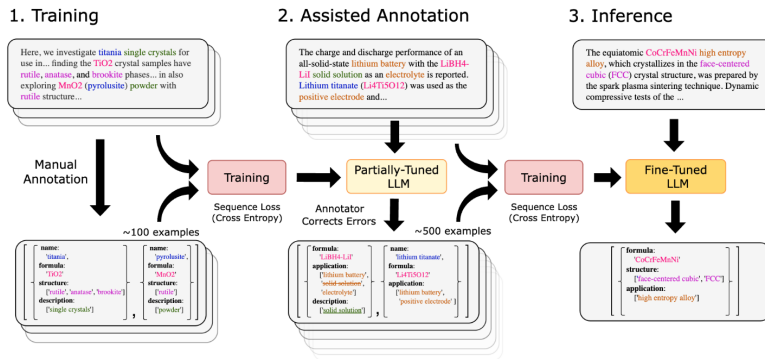
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Language Models for Information Extraction



NER modeled as a sequence-to-sequence labeling problem can achieve high accuracy using Bidirectional Encoder Representation from Transformers (BERT)-based Language Models (LMs). Image Source: [6]

Large Language Models for Structured Information Extraction



Other work focused on Entity Relation extraction, with mixed results for NER.

Image Source: [15]

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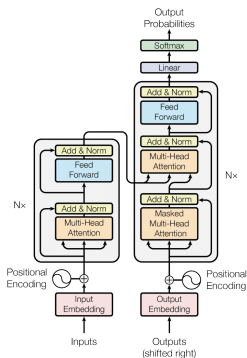
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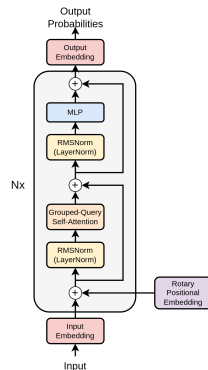
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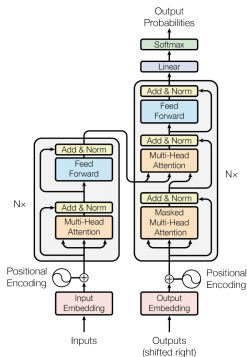
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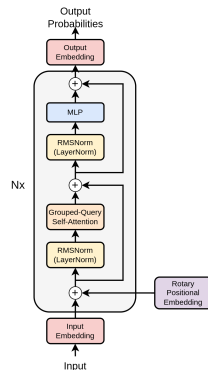
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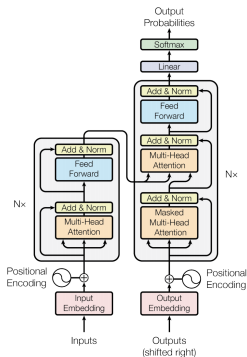
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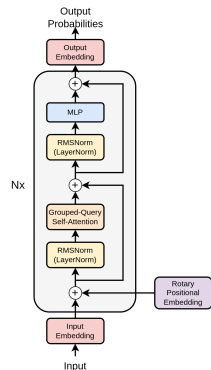
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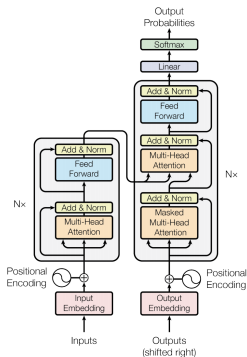
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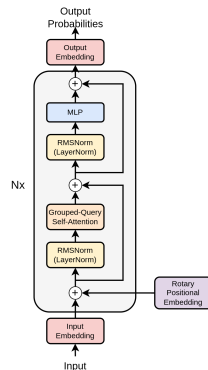
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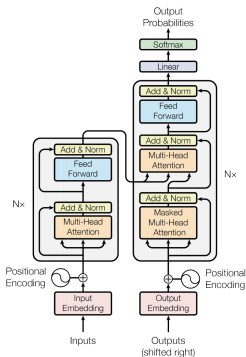
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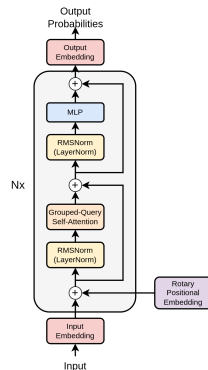
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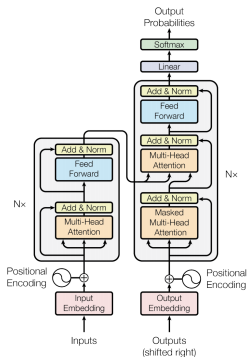
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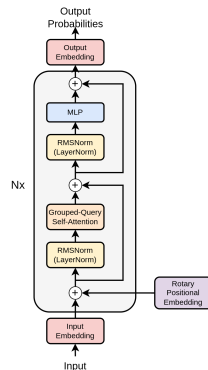
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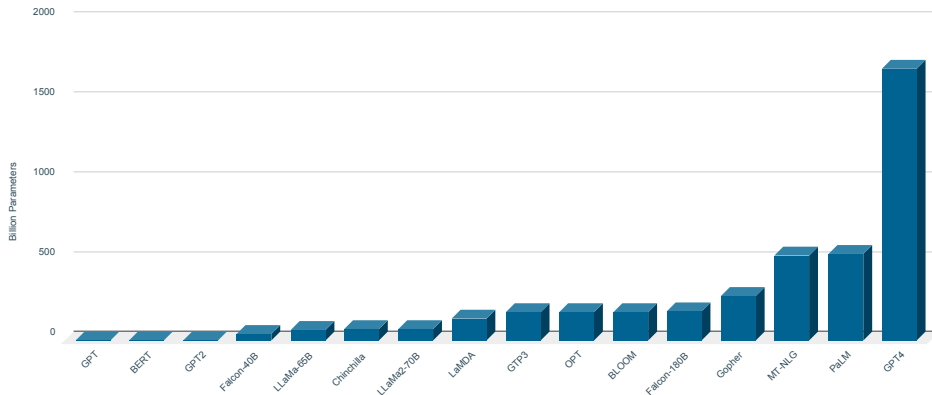
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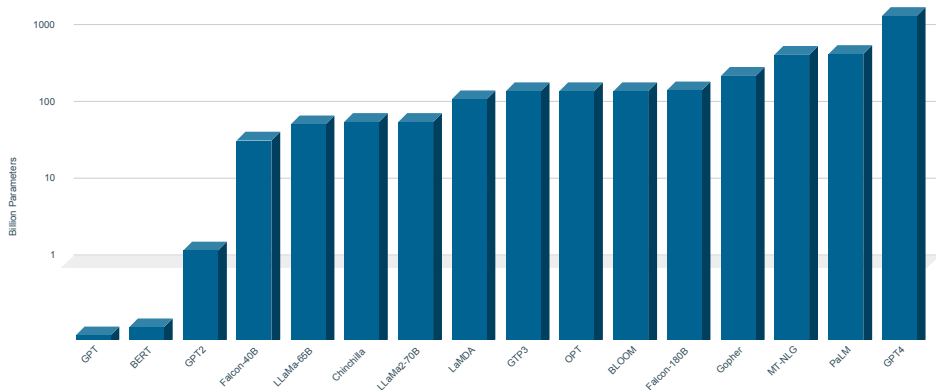
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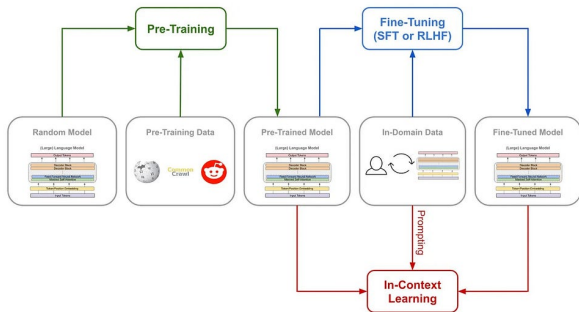


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Schema

The schema provided for the model to follow. Model output termination would happen after generation of a token for `"` for strings or `,` for numbers, or a number of other dedicated 'end of generation' tokens, e.g. `<E0S>`.

```
1 schema = {  
2     "type": "object",  
3     "properties": {  
4         "additive": {"type": "string"},  
5         "solvent": {"type": "string"},  
6         "temperature": {"type": "number"},  
7         "temperature_unit": {"type": "string"},  
8         "time": {"type": "number"},  
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10    },  
11 }
```

Prompt

Prompt used to generate output. "{output}" delineates where the model provides an answer.

```
prompt = "{paragraph}\nOutput result in the following JSON schema format:\n{schema}\nResult: {output}"
```

Output

Exemplary output based on the prompt and schema shown before.

```
1 output = {  
2   "additive": "acid",  
3   "solvent": "water",  
4   "temperature": 80,  
5   "temperature_unit": "C",  
6   "time": 24,  
7   "time_unit": "h",  
8 }
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- Manually Extracted
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Compound Equality: cid

Foreshadowing:

- 'water'
- cid 962
- 'Synonyms': 319
- Includes 'distilled water' and 'H2O'
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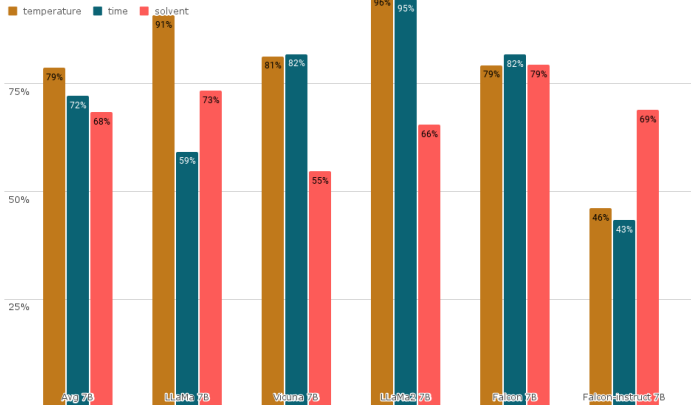
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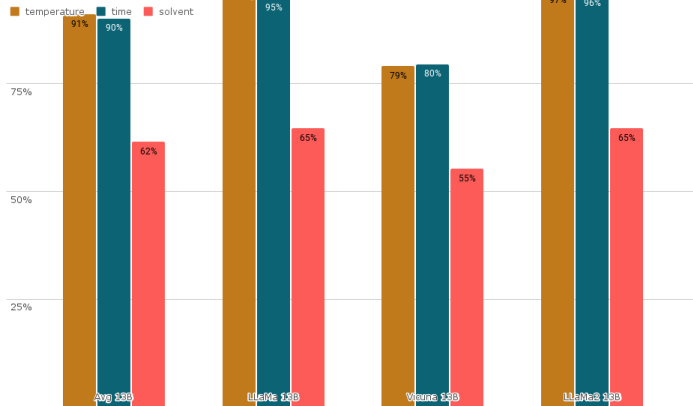
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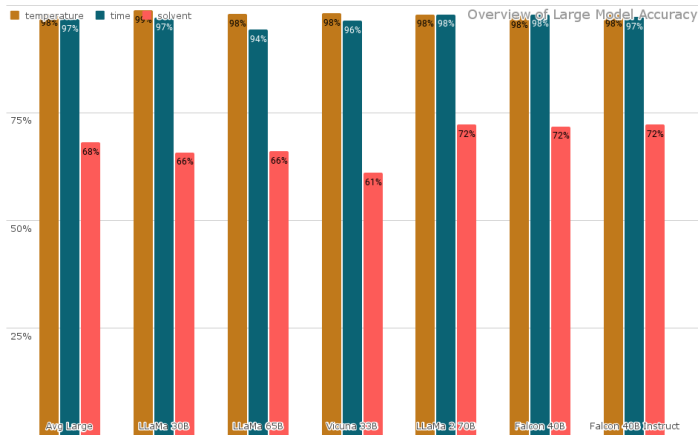
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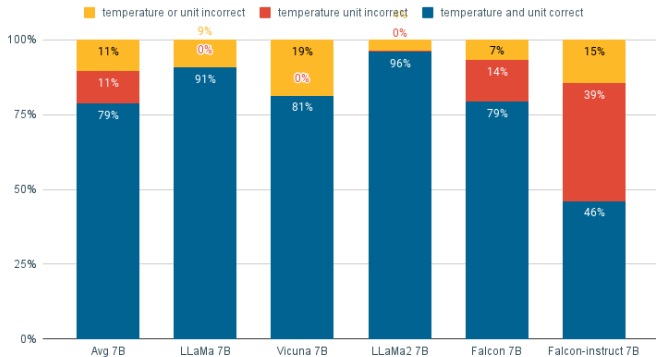
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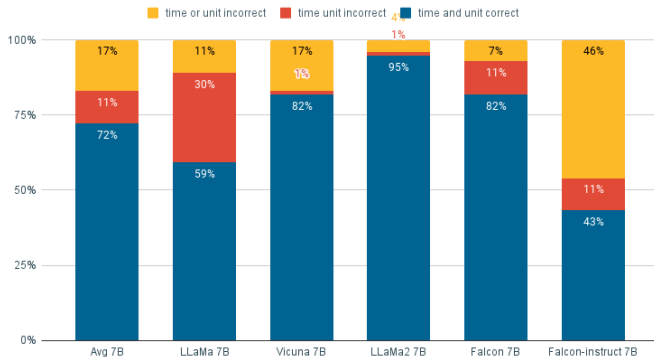
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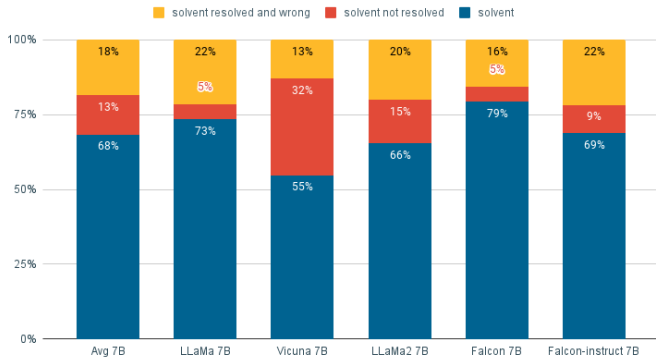
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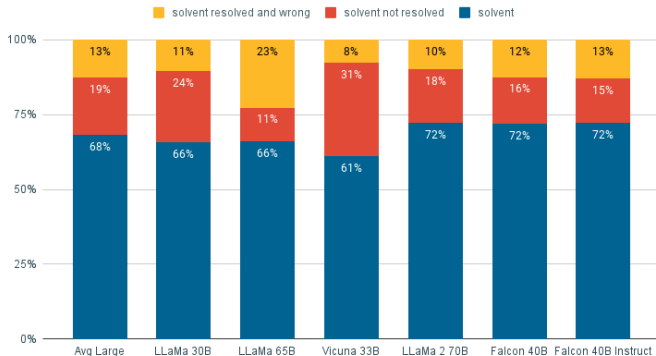
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Fine-Tuning: Excerpt 1

Excerpt of what could be found in a custom dataloader. text describes any string the model may be provided as input. The tokenizer converts any string to a list of tokens and an attention mask, among other things. Similar code can be found in tutorials and official sources, e.g. Microsoft [24]

```
1  text_encodings = tokenizer(text, ...)
2
3  return {
4      "input_ids": text_encodings["input_ids"],
5      "attention_mask": text_encodings["attention_mask"],
6      "label": text_encodings["input_ids"],
7  }
```


Fine-Tuning: Failure 1

A model fine-tuned like this returns the following. The " where actually inserted during conversion to json from jsonformer.

```
1 output = {  
2     "additive": "",  
3     "solvent": "",  
4     "temperature": "",  
5     "temperature_unit": "",  
6     "time": "",  
7     "time_unit": "",  
8 }
```

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Fine-Tuning: Failure 2

Error when providing DataCollatorForCompletionOnlyLM with a dataloader similar to those in examples. Counterintuitively, this is not a **KeyError**.

```
1 |----- Traceback (most recent call last) -----|
2 |           ...                                     |
3 |   372 |   model.train() # put the model in training mode |
4 |   > 373 |   trainer.train()                         |
5 |   ...
6 | ValueError: You should supply an encoding or a list of encodings
7 | to this method that includes "input_ids", but you provided []
```

It also fails when manually tokenizing before the DataCollator (providing tokenized "input_ids" etc. as key, using this or a different DataCollator).

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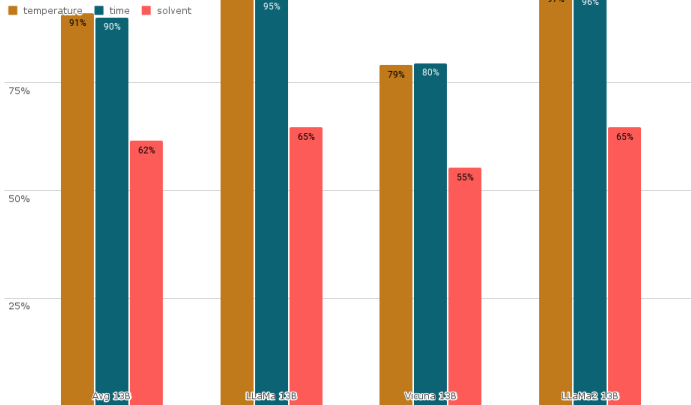
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Surprises: Implications

GPU requirements for 4-bit quantized LLaMA models

LLaMA Model	Minimum VRAM Requirement	Recommended GPU Examples
LLaMA-7B	6GB	RTX 3060, GTX 1660, 2060, AMD 5700 XT, RTX 3050
LLaMA-13B	10GB	AMD 6900 XT, RTX 2060 12GB, 3060 12GB, 3080, A2000

Image Source: [25]

Modern consumer hardware can achieve throughputs of 30 to 40 tokens per second, depending on the specific GPU used [25].

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What are your Questions?

All code and artifacts can be found at

<https://github.com/fkarg/mthesis>.

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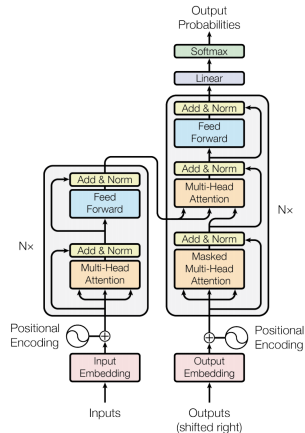


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Glossary I

causal language model A causal language model predicts the likelihood of the next token based on a sequence of tokens (input). By sampling one of the predicted tokens and appending it to the input, output can be generated autoregressively. This in contrast to e.g. a masked language model. 34–37, 104

Falcon One of the LLMs used. Created by the Technology Innovation Institute (TII). 38–43, 86–92

GPT2 The second generation **Generative Pretrained Transformer** LM from OpenAI [26]. 105

GPT3 The third generation **Generative Pretrained Transformer** LM from OpenAI [27]. 105

GPT4 The fourth generation **Generative Pretrained Transformer** LM from OpenAI [28]. Currently their most capable model. 86–92, 105

Glossary II

HuggingFace American deep learning ecosystem startup, having created the well established transformers framework which provides useful abstractions of most existing open-access Machine Learning models. 74–78

LLaMa A LLM from Meta. 38–43, 104, 105

LLaMa 2 One of the LLMs used. It is the successor of LLaMa, also created by Meta. 38–43

masked language model A masked language model predicts all masked (often missing) tokens in a sequence based on the context provided by the surrounding tokens. This in contrast to e.g. a causal language model. 86–92, 103

Meta Previously known as Facebook, Meta is a deep learning powerhouse and regularly open-sources new state-of-the-art machine learning models. 104

Glossary III

Microsoft Tech Giant, well-known for its operating system. Microsoft recently started intensive cooperation with OpenAI through a \$10 Billion USD investment, and started integrating GPT4 and other models throughout their services. 72

OpenAI American AI company, trailblazer at the frontier of scaling deep learning architectures and corresponding algorithmic breakthroughs. Their currently most well-known models are the Generative Pretrained Transformer (GPT) family of models, particularly GPT2, GPT3 and GPT4. 103, 105

Technology Innovation Institute Abu Dhabi-based machine learning research institute. 103

Vicuna One of the LLMs used. Based on LLaMa. 38–43

Acronyms I

BERT Bidirectional Encoder Representation from Transformers 18

GPT Generative Pretrained Transformer 105

GQA Grouped Query Attention 25–30

LLM Large Language Model 3–7, 20–24, 80–83, 86–92, 103–105, 108

LM Language Model 18, 103

ML Machine Learning 2

MLP Multi-Layer Perceptron 108

NER Named Entity Recognition 10, 18, 19, 86–92

NLP Natural Language Processing 9, 10

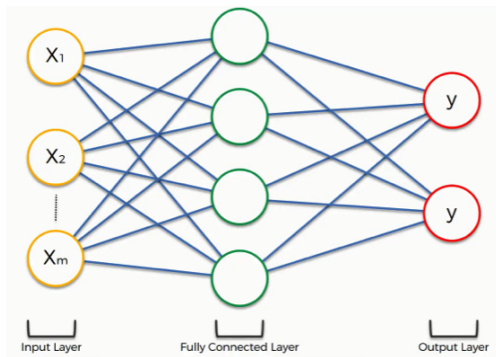
Acronyms II

ReLU Rectified Linier Unit 25–30, 108

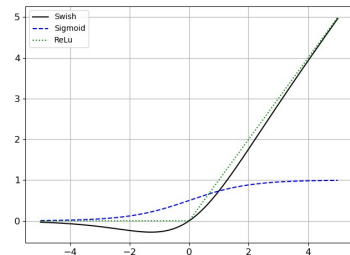
RoPE Rotary Positional Encoding 25–30

SwiGLU Swish Gated Linear Unit 25–30, 108

Multi-Layer Perceptron



Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP) with one fully connected layer.
Alternative names include 'dense', 'fully connected' and 'mlp' layer.
Figure from [29].



Common activation function:
ReLU, or recently for LLMs:
SwiGLU.

InstructGPT: Following Instructions

“In human evaluations on our prompt distribution, outputs from the 1.3B parameter InstructGPT model are preferred to outputs from the 175B GPT-3, despite having 100x fewer parameters. Moreover, InstructGPT models show improvements in truthfulness and reductions in toxic output generation while having minimal performance regressions on public NLP datasets.”

Ouyang et. al. 2022 [30]

Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback

Step 1

**Collect demonstration data,
and train a supervised policy.**

A prompt is
sampled from our
prompt dataset.



A labeler
demonstrates the
desired output
behavior.



This data is used
to fine-tune GPT-3
with supervised
learning.



Step 2

**Collect comparison data,
and train a reward model.**

A prompt and
several model
outputs are
sampled.



A labeler ranks
the outputs from
best to worst.



This data is used
to train our
reward model.



Step 3

**Optimize a policy against
the reward model using
reinforcement learning.**

A new prompt
is sampled from
the dataset.



The policy
generates
an output.



Once upon a time...

The reward model
calculates a
reward for
the output.



The reward is
used to update
the policy
using PPO.



Image Source: [30]

RLHF originated from [31]

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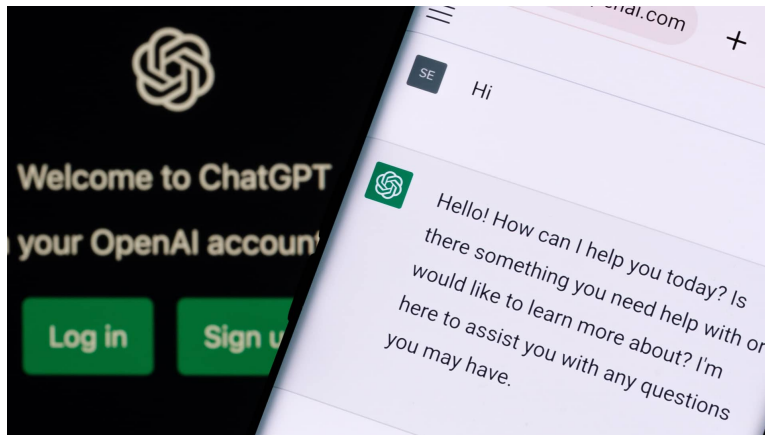


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ChatGPT Training Steps

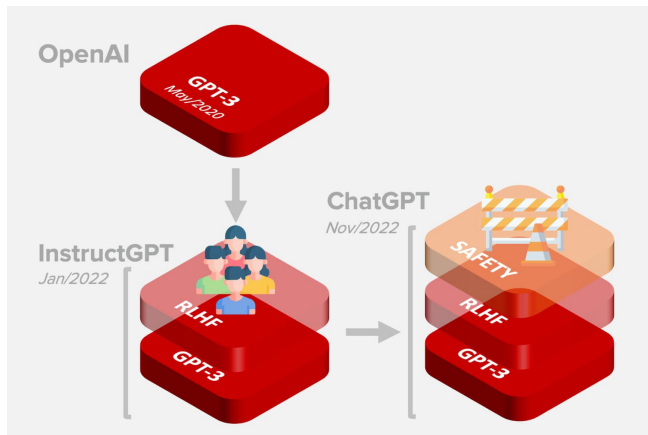


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Constitutional AI

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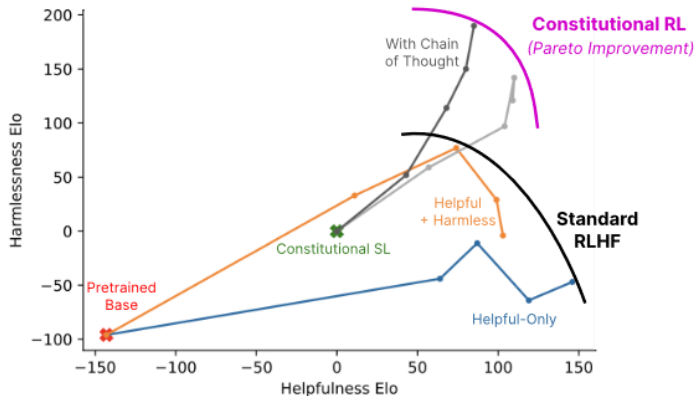


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