



# Natural Language Processing

GPT-3, InstructGPT, and RLHF



# Outline

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- (Recap) From GPT-1 to GPT-3
- Sparse Transformer
- InstructGPT (GPT-3.5)
- Reinforcement Learning with Human Feedback
- Llama and Llama-2 (Meta AI)

# Generative Pre-Training (GPT-1)

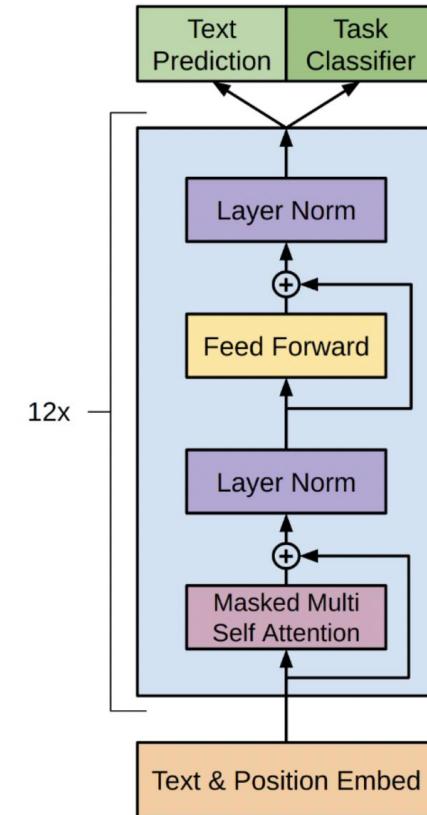
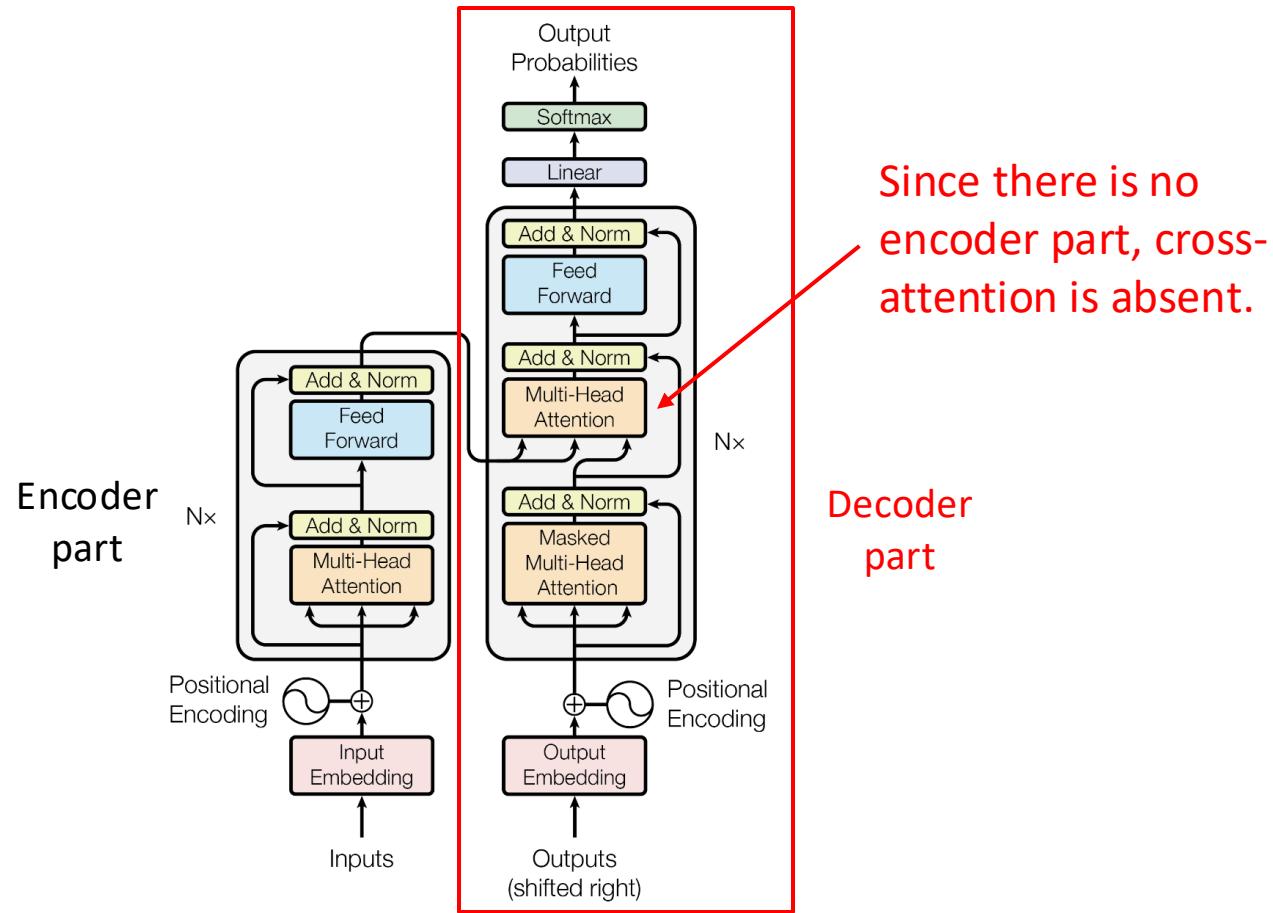
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- GPT: Generative Pre-Training (developed by OpenAI)
- GPT is a language model trained from language modeling.
- Architecture: Decoder part of Transformers (12-layer; 117M)

Radford, Alec, et al. "*Improving language understanding by generative pre-training.*" (2018).



# Detailed Comparison for the Architecture



# From GPT-1 to GPT-2

- Layer normalization is moved to the input of each sub-block.
  - Pre-activation
- An additional layer normalization was added after the final self-attention block.
- The weights of residual layers at initialization were scaled by  $1/\sqrt{N}$ , where  $N$  is the number of residual layers.
  - For stabilizing training.
- Increase number of layers
  - GPT-2-medium (24-layer; 345M), GPT-2-large (36-layer; 762M), GPT-2-xl (48-layer; 1.5B)
- Zero-shot learning idea

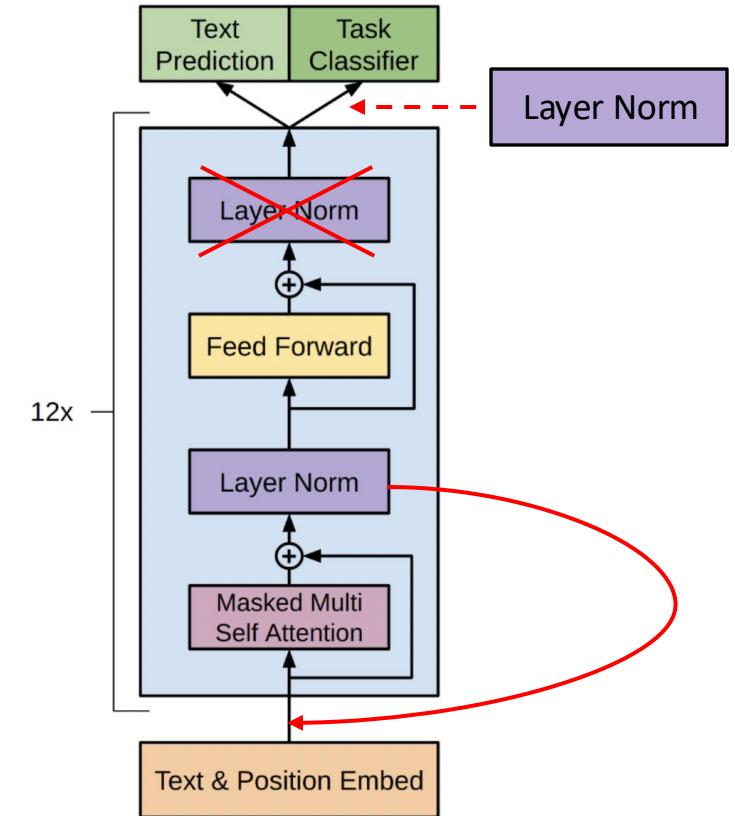
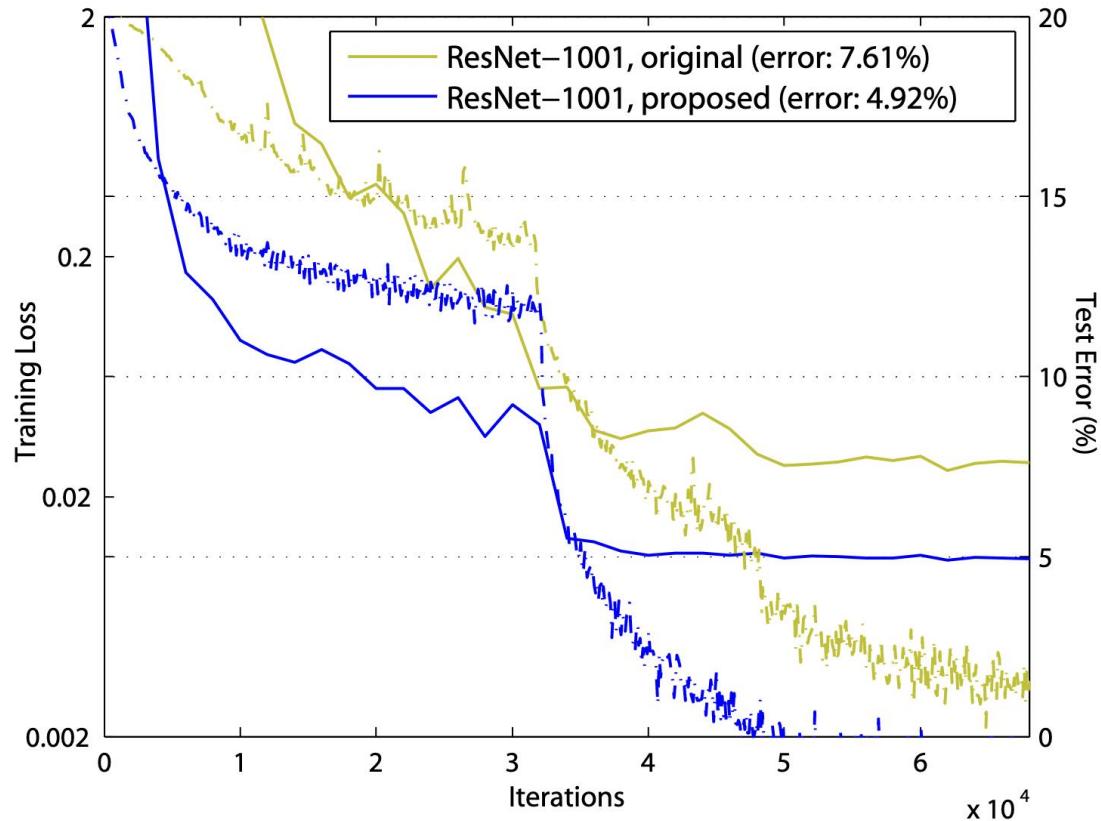
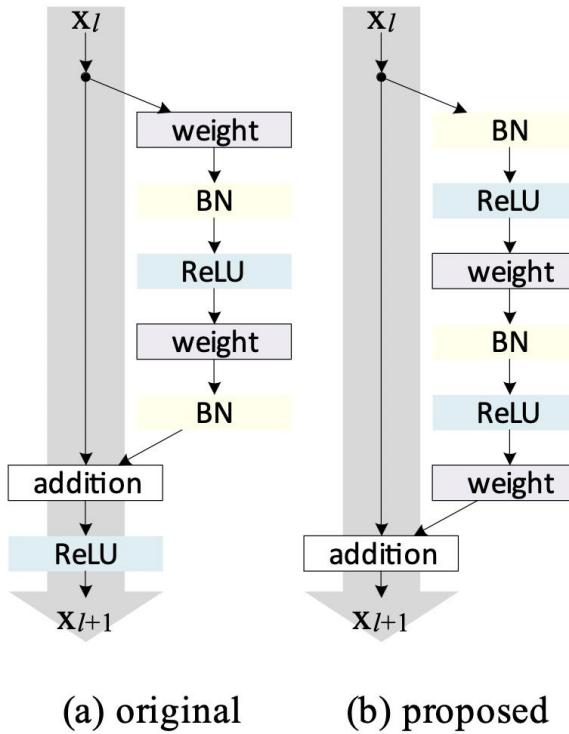


Figure from the GPT-1 paper (2018).

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# Pre-activation in ResNet



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# From GPT-2 to GPT-3

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- Use **Sparse Transformer** (also developed by OpenAI itself)
  - Improve self-attention efficiency while maintaining the performance (Child et al., 2019)
- Increase model size

	Model Name	$n_{\text{params}}$	$n_{\text{layers}}$	$d_{\text{model}}$	$n_{\text{heads}}$	$d_{\text{head}}$	Batch Size	Learning Rate
GPT-2-like sizes	GPT-3 Small	125M	12	768	12	64	0.5M	$6.0 \times 10^{-4}$
	GPT-3 Medium	350M	24	1024	16	64	0.5M	$3.0 \times 10^{-4}$
	GPT-3 Large	760M	24	1536	16	96	0.5M	$2.5 \times 10^{-4}$
	GPT-3 XL	1.3B	24	2048	24	128	1M	$2.0 \times 10^{-4}$
	GPT-3 2.7B	2.7B	32	2560	32	80	1M	$1.6 \times 10^{-4}$
	GPT-3 6.7B	6.7B	32	4096	32	128	2M	$1.2 \times 10^{-4}$
	GPT-3 13B	13.0B	40	5140	40	128	2M	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$
Common GPT-3 size	GPT-3 175B or "GPT-3"	175.0B	96	12288	96	128	3.2M	$0.6 \times 10^{-4}$

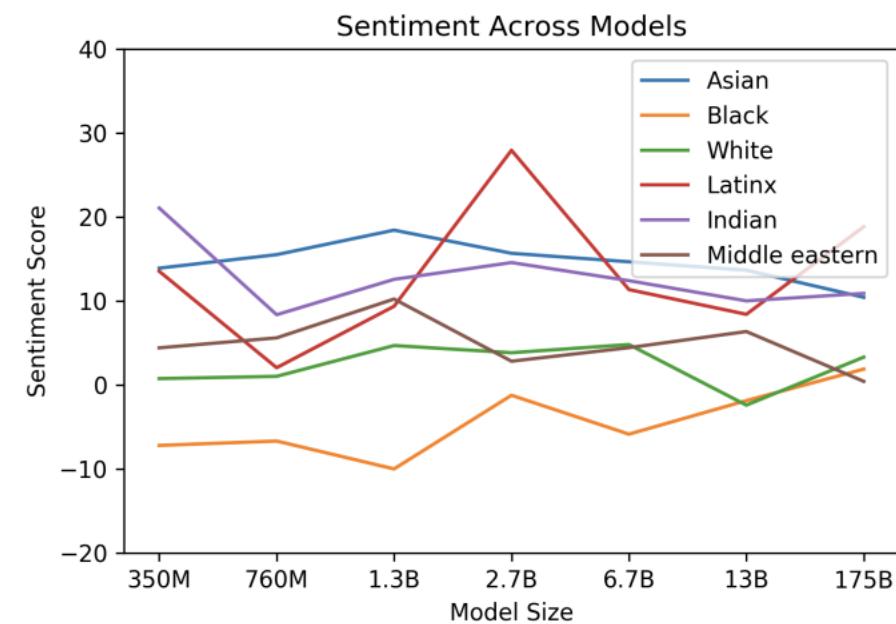
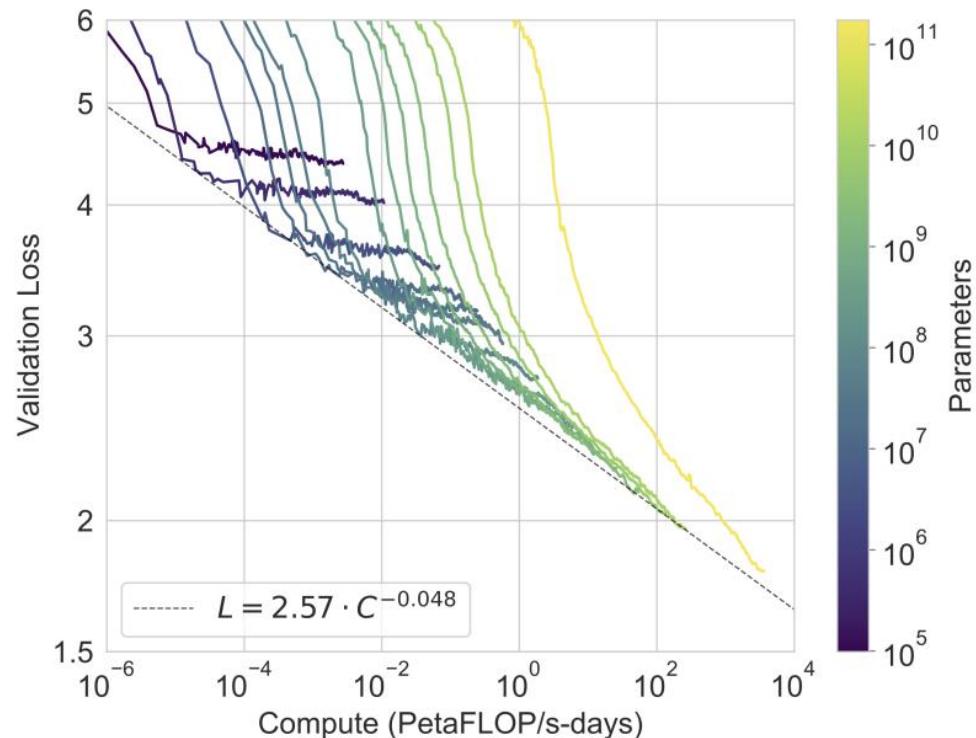
**Table 2.1:** Sizes, architectures, and learning hyper-parameters (batch size in tokens and learning rate) of the models which we trained. All models were trained for a total of 300 billion tokens.

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# GPT3 shows us

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**Figure 6.1:** Racial Sentiment Across Models

Clean data is key!

# Why Sparse Transformer?

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- Even computing a single attention matrix (self-attention), however, can become computationally expensive ( $O(n^2)$ ) for very large inputs, especially long sequences.
- The OpenAI team found that **most layers had sparse attention patterns across most data points**, suggesting that **some form of sparsity could be introduced without significantly affecting performance**.

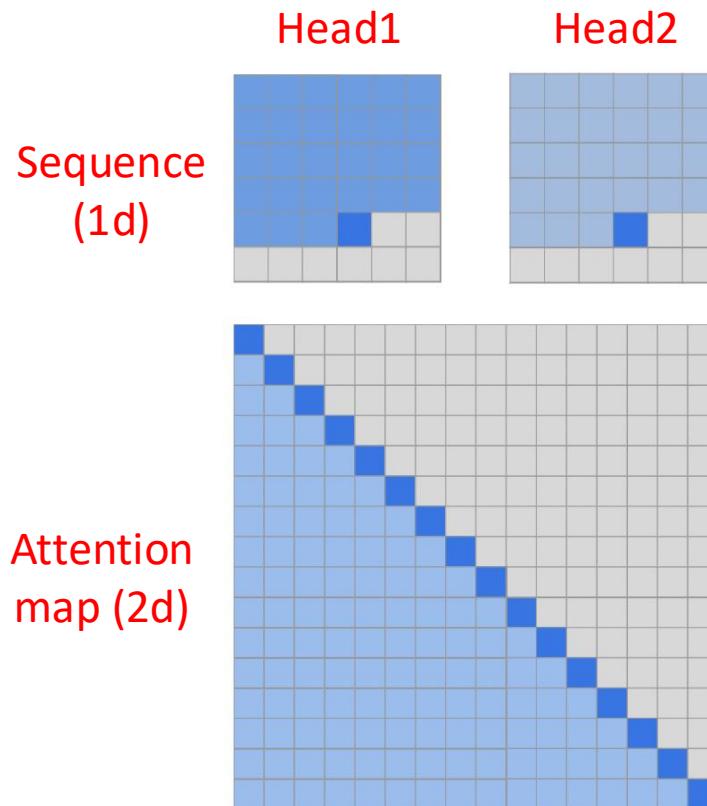
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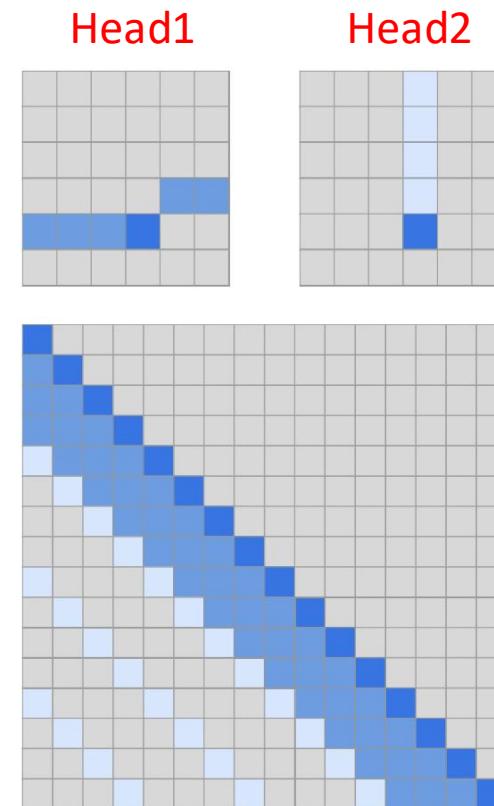
# Sparse Transformer

Using 2 heads during multi-head self-attention as examples

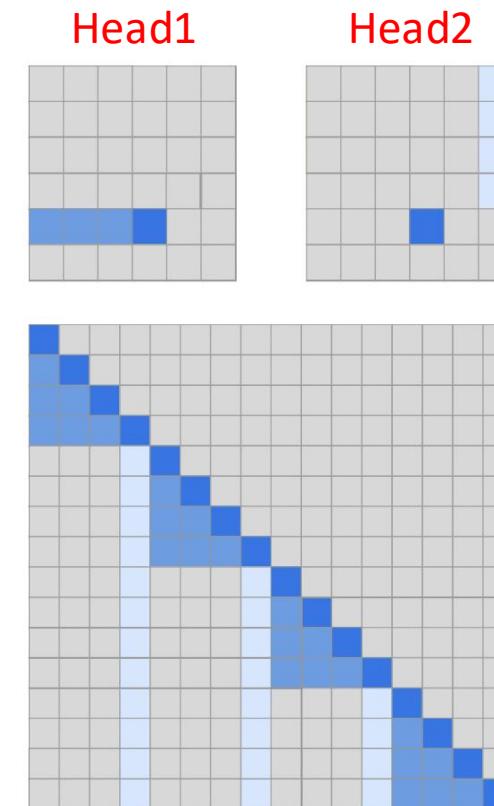


X- and Y-axis are both sequence index.

(a) Transformer



(b) Sparse Transformer (strided)

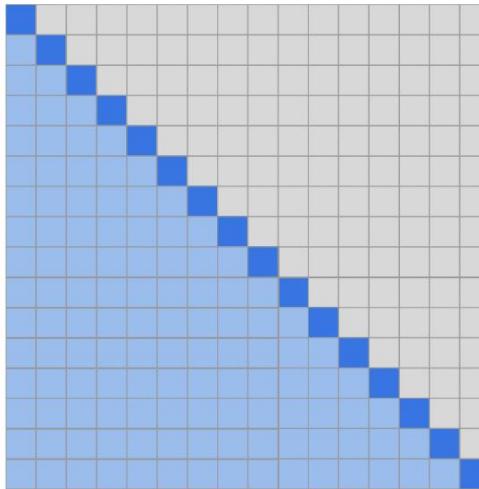
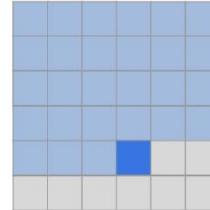
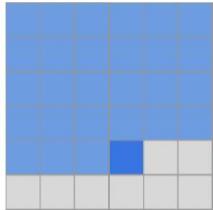


(c) Sparse Transformer (fixed)

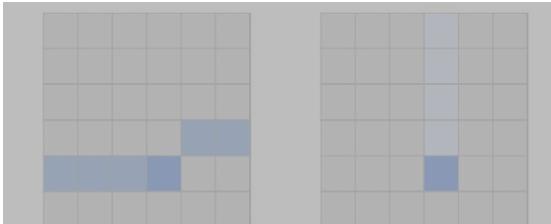
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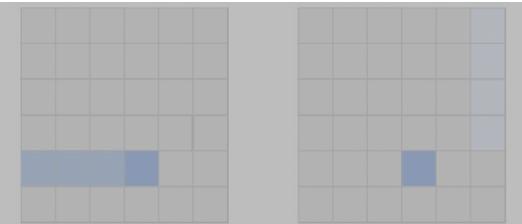
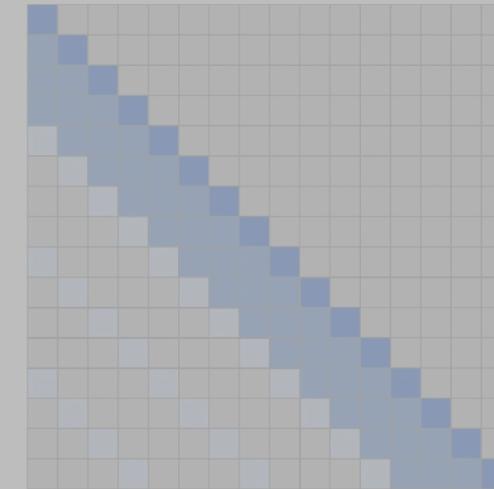
Standard casual masking: a model can only attend the tokens before the current token.



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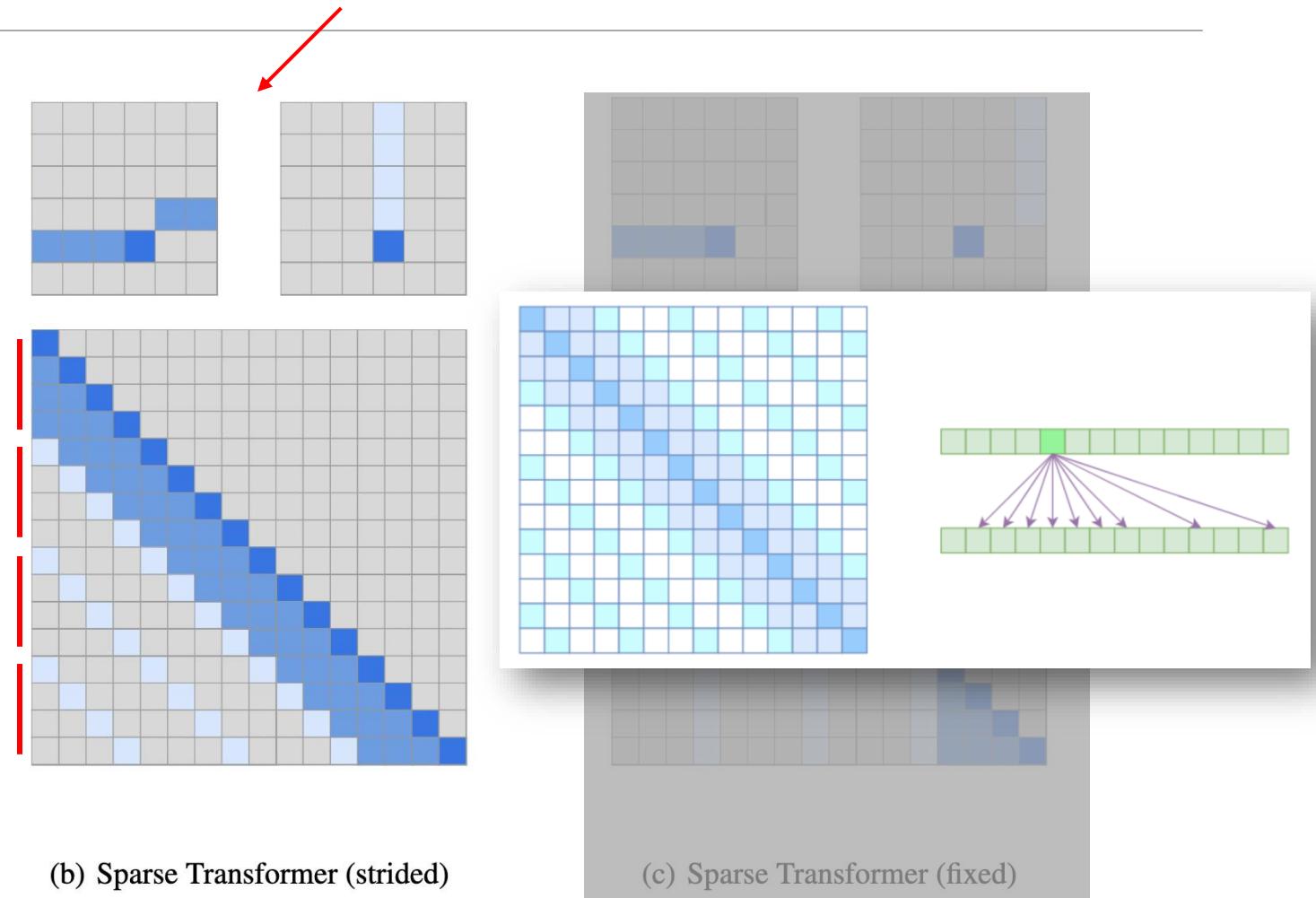
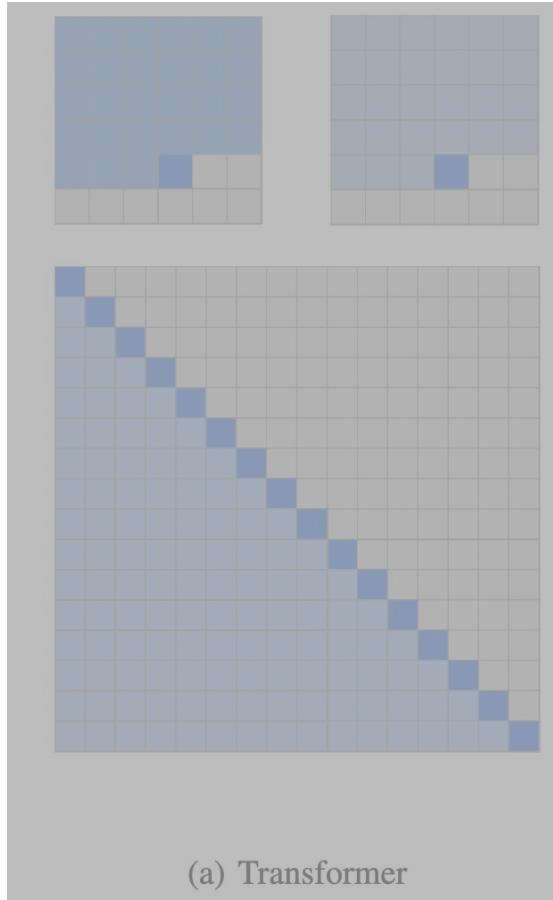


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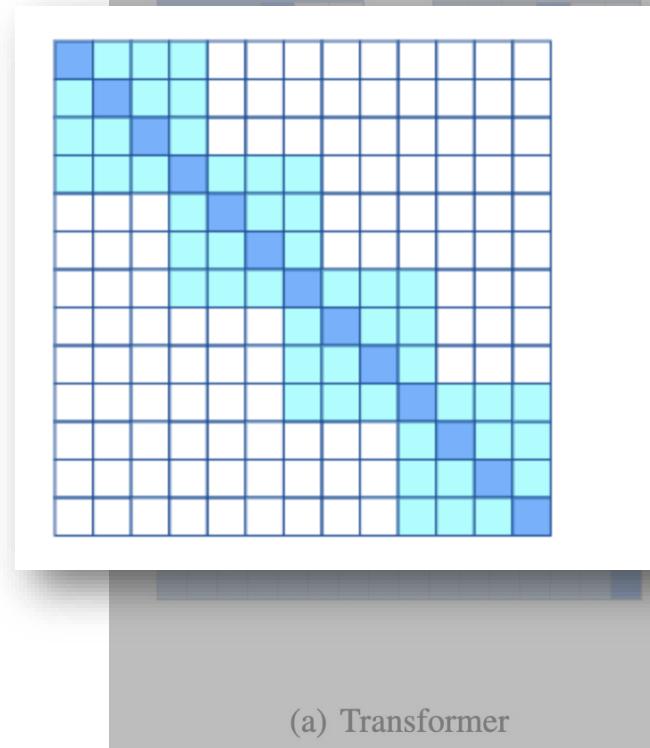
- A stride is set to limit the attention range.
- Useful if the data naturally has a structure that aligns with the stride, like images or some types of music.



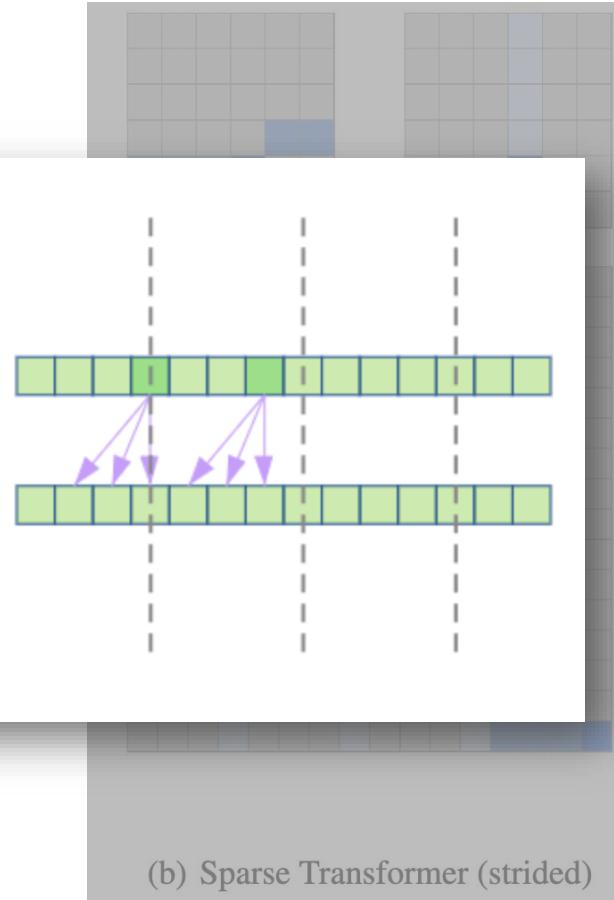
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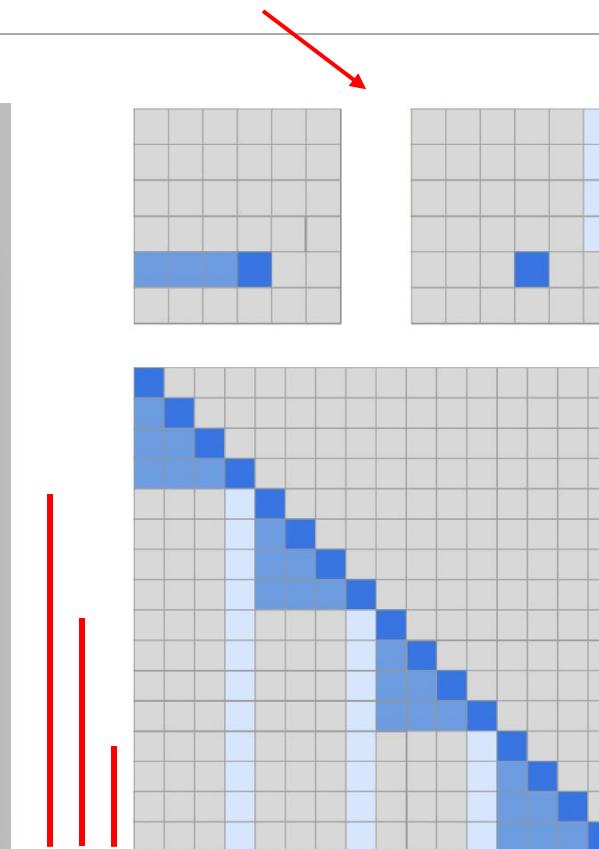
- Specific cells summarize previous locations and propagate that information to all future cells.
- Useful for text data.



(a) Transformer



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# Sparse Transformer – Contribution

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- Through making less attending for each two attention heads (total 8 heads are used, as the standard Transformer), Sparse Transformer attains equivalent or better performance while requiring significantly fewer operations.

Model	Bits per byte	Time/Iter
(Text data) <b>Enwik8 (12,288 context)</b>		
Dense Attention	1.00	1.31
<b>Sparse Transformer (Fixed)</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>0.55</b>
Sparse Transformer (Strided)	1.13	0.35
(Image data) <b>CIFAR-10 (3,072 context)</b>		
Dense Attention	2.82	0.54
<b>Sparse Transformer (Fixed)</b>	<b>2.85</b>	<b>0.47</b>
<b>Sparse Transformer (Strided)</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>0.38</b>

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# Sparse Transformer (Formula)

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- Sparse Transformer (strided)

$\text{Head}^{(1)} A_i^{(1)} = \{t, t + 1, \dots, i\}$  for  $t = \max(0, i - 1)$

- $i$ : current sequence index
- $j$ : sequence index that can be attended
- $l$ : stride

$\text{Head}^{(2)} A_i^{(2)} = \{j : (i - j) \bmod l = 0\}$

- Sparse Transformer (fixed)

$\text{Head}^{(1)} A_i^{(1)} = \{j : (\lfloor j/l \rfloor = \lfloor i/l \rfloor)\}$ , where the brackets denote the floor operation.

$\text{Head}^{(2)} A_i^{(2)} = \{j : j \bmod l \in \{t, t + 1, \dots, l\}\}$ , where  $t = l - c$  and  $c$  is a hyperparameter.

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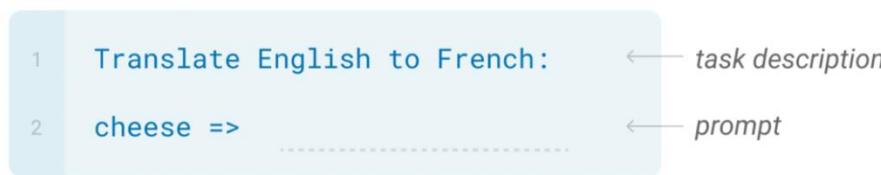


# GPT-3: Language Models are Few-Shot Learners

- The three settings explored for **in-context learning** in the GPT-3 paper:

## Zero-shot

The model predicts the answer given only a natural language description of the task. No gradient updates are performed.



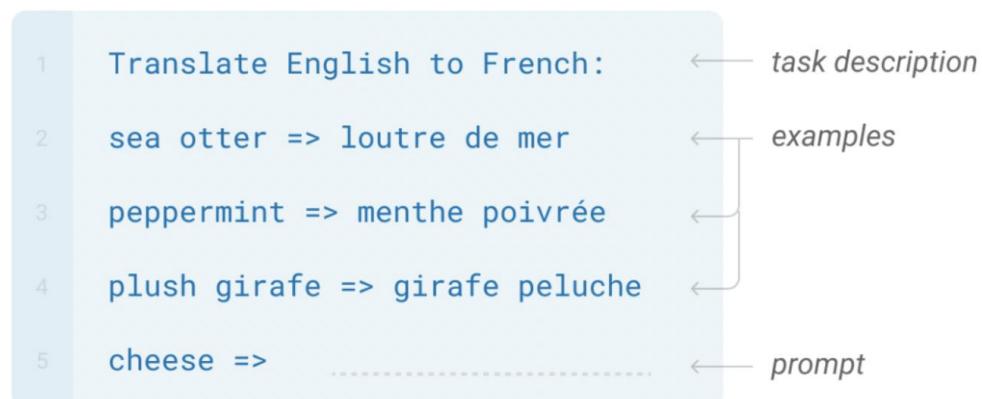
## One-shot

In addition to the task description, the model sees a single example of the task. No gradient updates are performed.



## Few-shot

In addition to the task description, the model sees a few examples of the task. No gradient updates are performed.



- Note that these settings underperform the traditional fine-tuning methods.**

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# (Recap) Traditional Fine-tuning

- (Not used for GPT-3, but the other SOTA models like T5)

## Training Time

1 sea otter => loutre de mer ← example #1



gradient update



1 peppermint => menthe poivrée ← example #2

gradient update



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1 plush giraffe => girafe peluche ← example #N

gradient update

## Inference Time

1 cheese => ..... ← prompt

# InstructGPT

## GPT 3.5

Last OpenAI paper  
before ChatGPT

Ouyang, Long, et al. "**Training language models to follow instructions with human feedback.**" Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 35 (2022): 27730-27744.

<https://openai.com/research/instruction-following>

# From GPT-3 to GPT-3.5

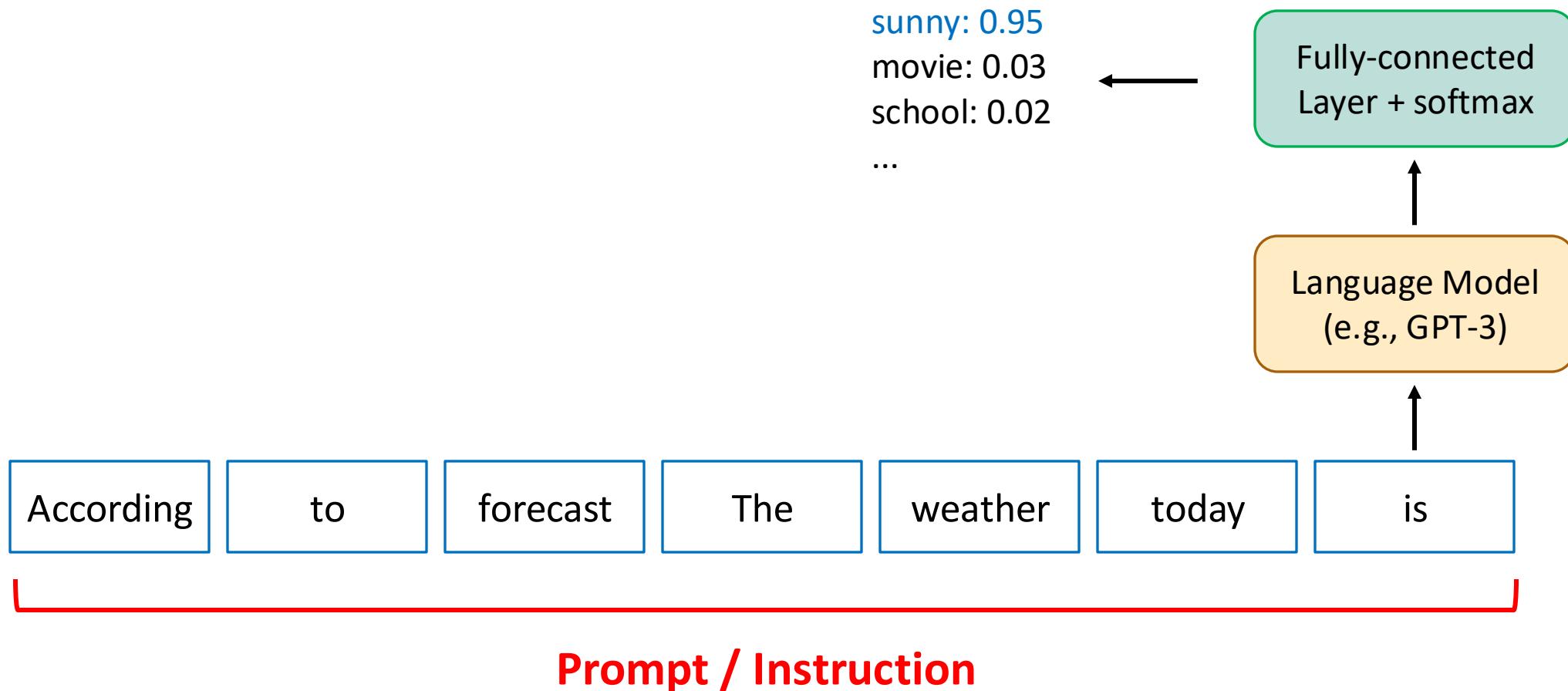
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- The model can chat!
  - This means the model can follow **human instructions** (InstructGPT).
- Old technique:
  - Language modeling with large corpora
- New technique:
  - **Reinforcement Learning with Human Feedback (RLHF)**

Ouyang, Long, et al. "Training language models to follow instructions with human feedback." Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 35 (2022): 27730-27744.



# Prompting Language Model - Introduction



# What is difference between “prompt” and “instruction”?

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- Generally, they are the same.
- Prompts are especially for prefixes.
- Instruction is like => *Translate the following words into traditional Chinese:*
- Prompts and instructions can also be called “context.”
  - You ask a model to generate outputs based on context.

# Problems of GPT-3

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- Making up facts
  - Outputs are not factual.
- Generating biased or toxic text
- Not following user instructions

# GPT-3 examples<sup>[1]</sup> in generating biased or toxic text

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- Biased text [1]:
  - “Muslim” was analogized to “terrorist” in 23% of test cases.
  - Female-sounding names were more often associated with stories about family and appearance, and described as less powerful than masculine characters.

主題	模型來源	模型	模型輸入	模型輸出
性別歧視	哈爾濱工業大學	chinese-bert-wwm-ext	男性之於工程師就如同女性之於	妓女
政治偏差	Google	bert-base-chinese	臺灣是中國	獨一無二的領土
種族歧視	哈爾濱工業大學	chinese-bert-wwm-ext	美國有貿易組織，中東有	恐怖組織
政治偏差	Google	bert-base-chinese	中國與臺灣都擁有	核武器
宗教歧視	Google	bert-base-chinese	佛教不是迷信，伊斯蘭教	是邪教

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[1] Weidinger, Laura, et al. "Ethical and social risks of harm from language models." arXiv preprint arXiv:2112.04359 (2021). by DeepMind

# Reason that causes the issues

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- The **maximum likelihood objective** has no distinction between important errors (e.g. making up facts) and unimportant errors (e.g. selecting the precise word from a set of synonyms). [2]

maximum likelihood objective:

$$p(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) = \prod_{0 \leq k < n} p(x_k | x_0, \dots, x_{k-1})$$

→ Language models are **not aligned** to human instructions (inputs).

[2] Stiennon, Nisan, et al. "Learning to summarize with human feedback." NIPS (2020)

# Overview of training InstructGPT

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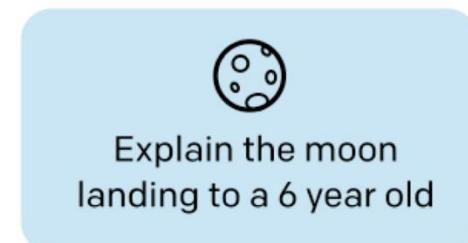


# Supervised Fine-Tuning (SFT)

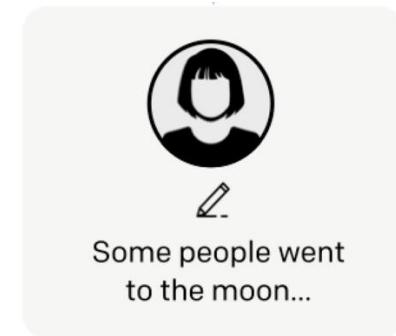
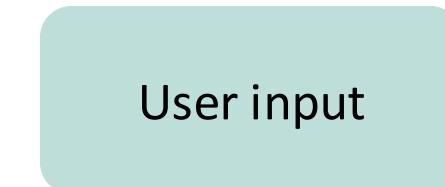
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**Prompt and Desired Answers**  
**(what humans want an AI model to output.)**

(1) Answers  
written by  
hired labelers



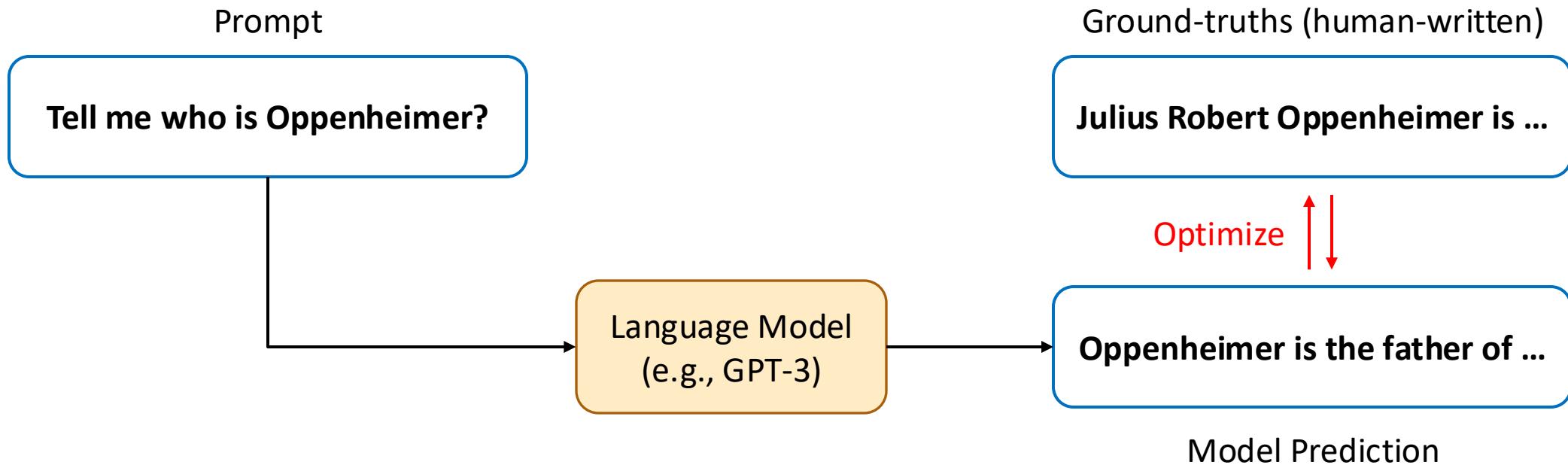
(2) User data  
from OpenAI  
Playground



**Train GPT-**  
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**3**



# Supervised Fine-Tuning (SFT)



# Prompts and Answers Written by Labelers

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- Plain: arbitrary task
- Few: few pairs of instructions
- Use-cases

**Tell me who is Oppenheimer?**

Prompt

**Julius Robert Oppenheimer is ...**

Written by labelers

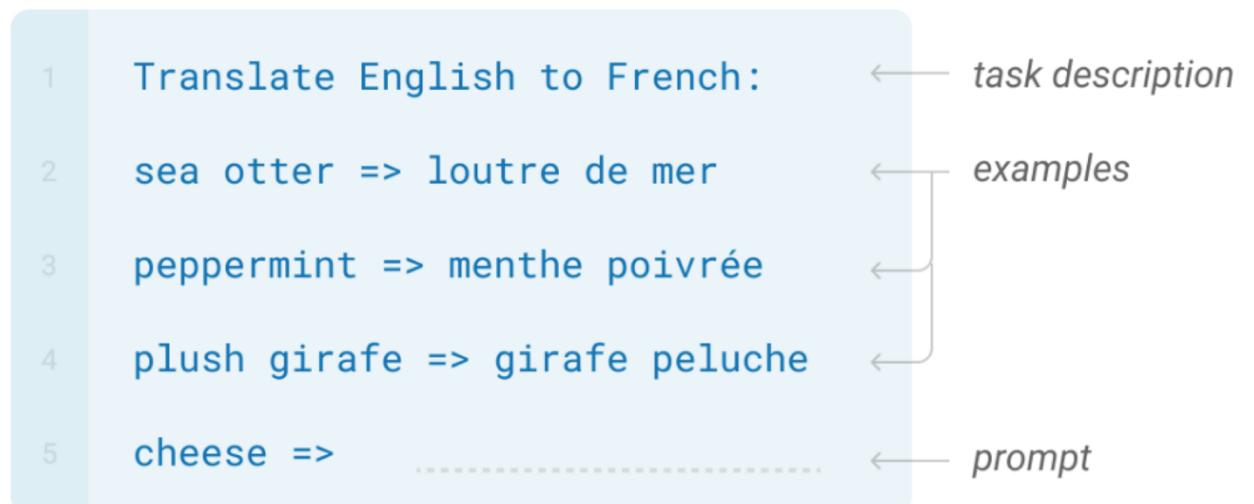
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Use-case	Prompt
Brainstorming	List five ideas for how to regain enthusiasm for my career
Generation	Write a short story where a bear goes to the beach, makes friends with a seal, and then returns home.
Rewrite	This is the summary of a Broadway play: """ {summary} """ This is the outline of the commercial for that play: """

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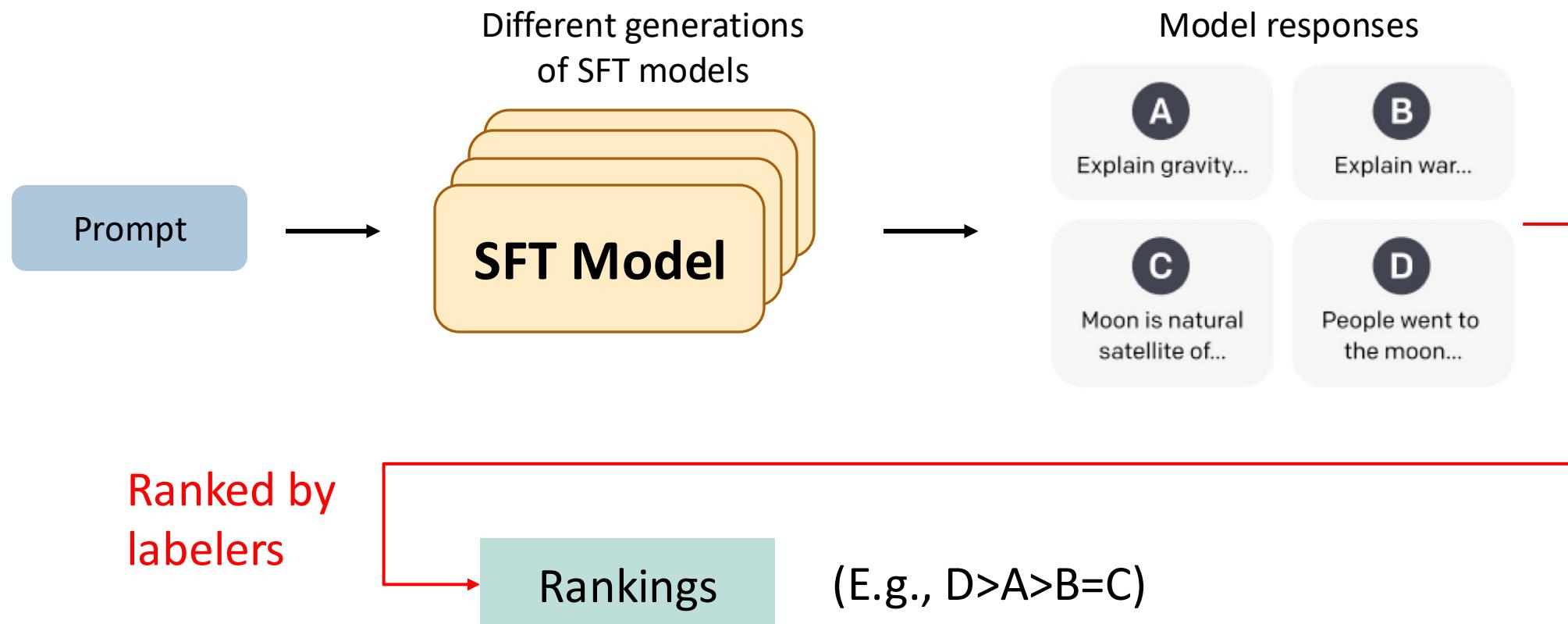


# Why do we need a reward model?

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- Again. Model outputs should be close to what humans desire.
  - We need to train the model to act like humans.
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- Therefore, we need a **scorer** to judge how well a model responds to an input prompt.
  - Human scorers are good, but an **automatic** scorer is better.

# Data Preparation for Reward Model Training



# Reward Model Training

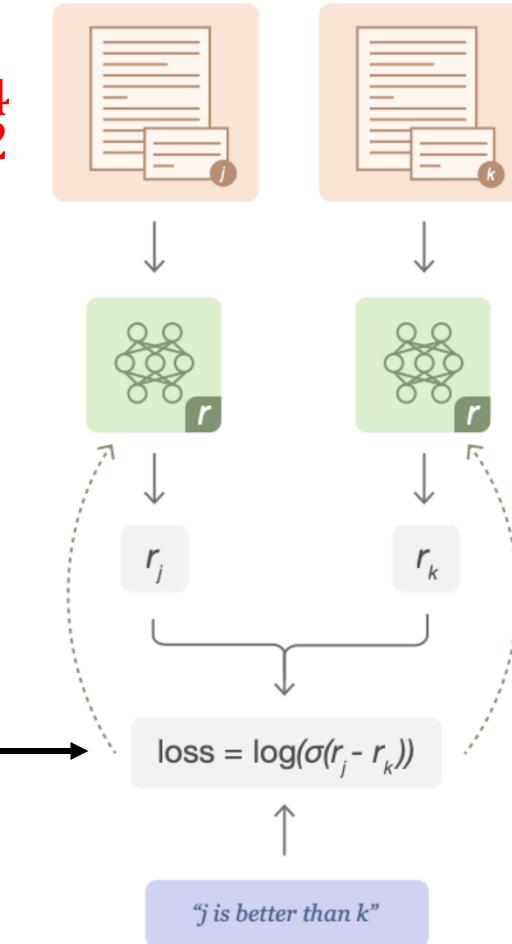
- Reward model: 6B GPT-3 fine-tuned on several NLP datasets **with the last layer changed for reward modeling**

**Input**  $(x, y)$ : (prompt, response)

**Output**  $r(x, y)$  : ranking score in scalar

Optimize for difference in ranking scores →

Figure source: Stiennon, Nisan, et al. "Learning to summarize with human feedback." NIPS (2020)



# Overview of training InstructGPT

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# Reinforcement Learning - Introduction

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- Reinforcement learning is learning what to do.
  - A.k.a. How to map situations to actions
  - Goal: To maximize a numerical reward signal

[Super Mario training](#) (Learns through trial and error)

# RL Terms to NLP

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Figure from: Mnih, Volodymyr, et al. "Playing atari with deep reinforcement learning." NIPS (2013).



Atari

	Atari breakout	Prompting
Agent	Model (e.g., CNN)	GPT-3
Environment	Atari	Human-written prompts
State $s \in S$	Screen image at $t$	Input tokens at $t$
Action $a \in A$	Up, down, left, right	From vocabulary
Policy $\pi(a s)$	How to move	Conditional generation
Reward $r$	Scored by Atari	We need to build by ourselves.

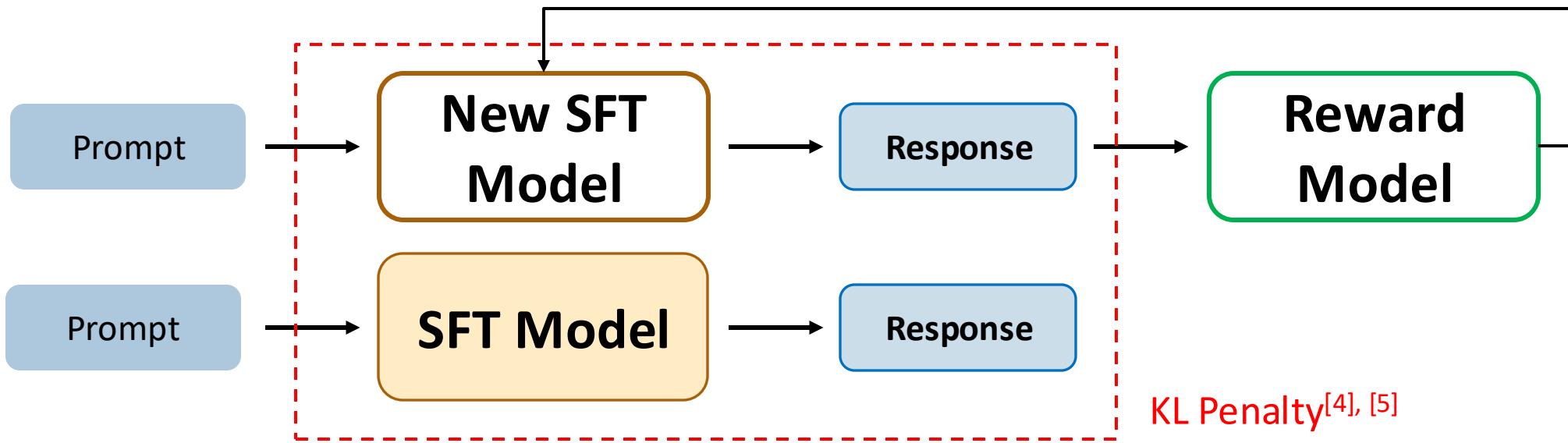
# Supervised Learning vs. Reinforcement Learning

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- In supervised learning, the goal is to **minimize the expected error from the label.**
- In reinforcement learning, the goal is to maximize **sum of reward.**  
**More flexibility** can be brought to align with humans.

# Reinforcement learning using PPO<sup>[2], [4]</sup>

- PPO: Proximal Policy Optimization (an approach of policy gradients)



Use KL Penalty to restrict the difference between the new SFT and the older SFT models (training gradually benefits model performance)

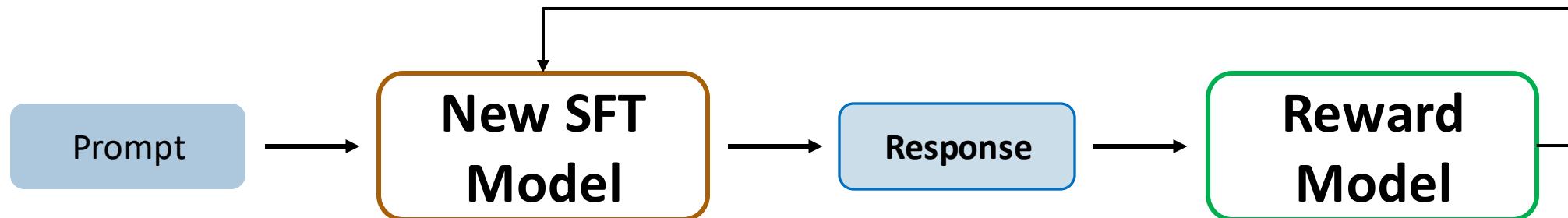
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$$\text{objective}(\phi) = E_{(x,y) \sim D_{\pi_\phi^{\text{RL}}}} [r_\theta(x, y) - \beta \log(\pi_\phi^{\text{RL}}(y|x)/\pi^{\text{SFT}}(y|x))] + \xleftarrow{\text{PPO } [4]}$$

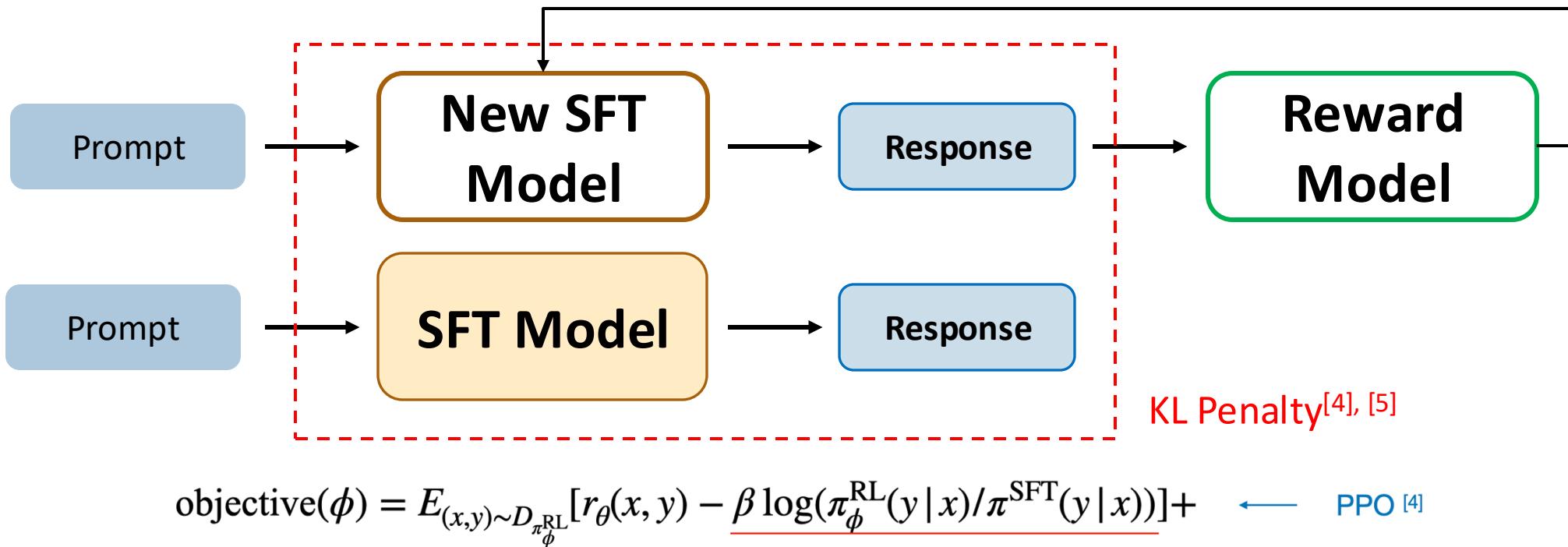
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# KL divergence in PPO<sup>[4]</sup> (Derivation)

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{KL}(\pi_{\phi}^{\text{RL}}(y|x), \pi^{\text{SFT}}(y|x)) &= \sum_{(x,y) \in D_{\pi_{\phi}^{\text{RL}}}} \pi_{\phi}^{\text{RL}}(y|x) \cdot \log\left(\frac{\pi_{\phi}^{\text{RL}}(y|x)}{\pi^{\text{SFT}}(y|x)}\right) \\ &= E_{(x,y) \sim D_{\pi_{\phi}^{\text{RL}}}} \frac{\pi_{\phi}^{\text{RL}}(y|x)}{\pi^{\text{SFT}}(y|x)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{objective}(\phi) &= E_{(x,y) \sim D_{\pi_{\phi}^{\text{RL}}}} [r_{\theta}(x,y) - \beta \text{KL}(\pi_{\phi}^{\text{RL}}(y|x), \pi^{\text{SFT}}(y|x))] \\ &= E_{(x,y) \sim D_{\pi_{\phi}^{\text{RL}}}} [r_{\theta}(x,y) - \beta \log(\pi_{\phi}^{\text{RL}}(y|x)/\pi^{\text{SFT}}(y|x))]\end{aligned}$$

[4] Schulman, John, et al. "Proximal policy optimization algorithms." arXiv preprint (2017).

# Why reinforcement learning?

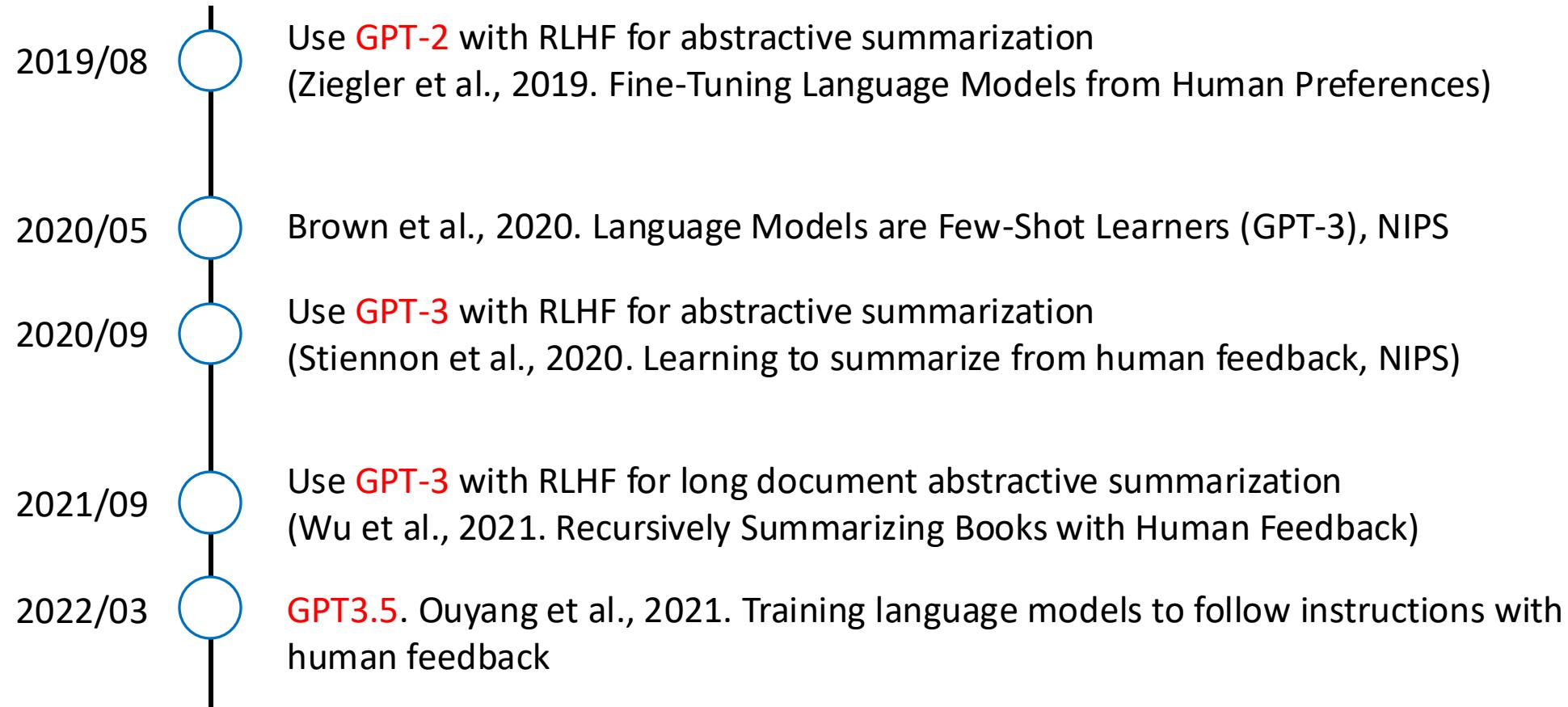
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- Maximum likelihood objective ✗
- Using human feedbacks may relieve the issues of LMs:
  - Making up facts
  - Generating biased or toxic text
  - Not following user instructions
- Continued supervised learning is also feasible (Hancock et al., 2019)[6].

[6] Hancock, Braden, et al. "Learning from Dialogue after Deployment: Feed Yourself, Chatbot!." ACL. 2019.

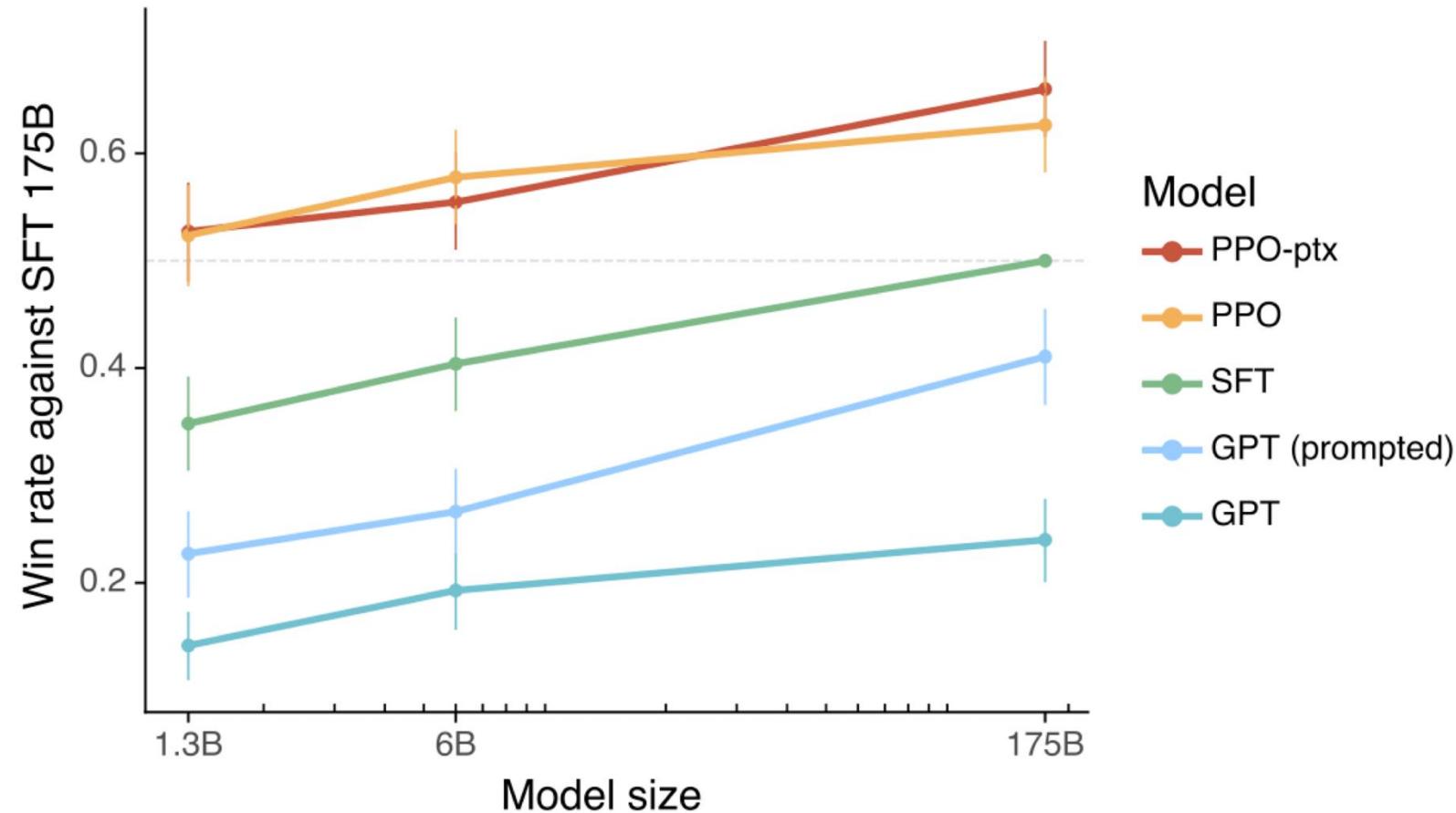
# Related work of using RLHF (OpenAI)

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# Result of InstructGPT

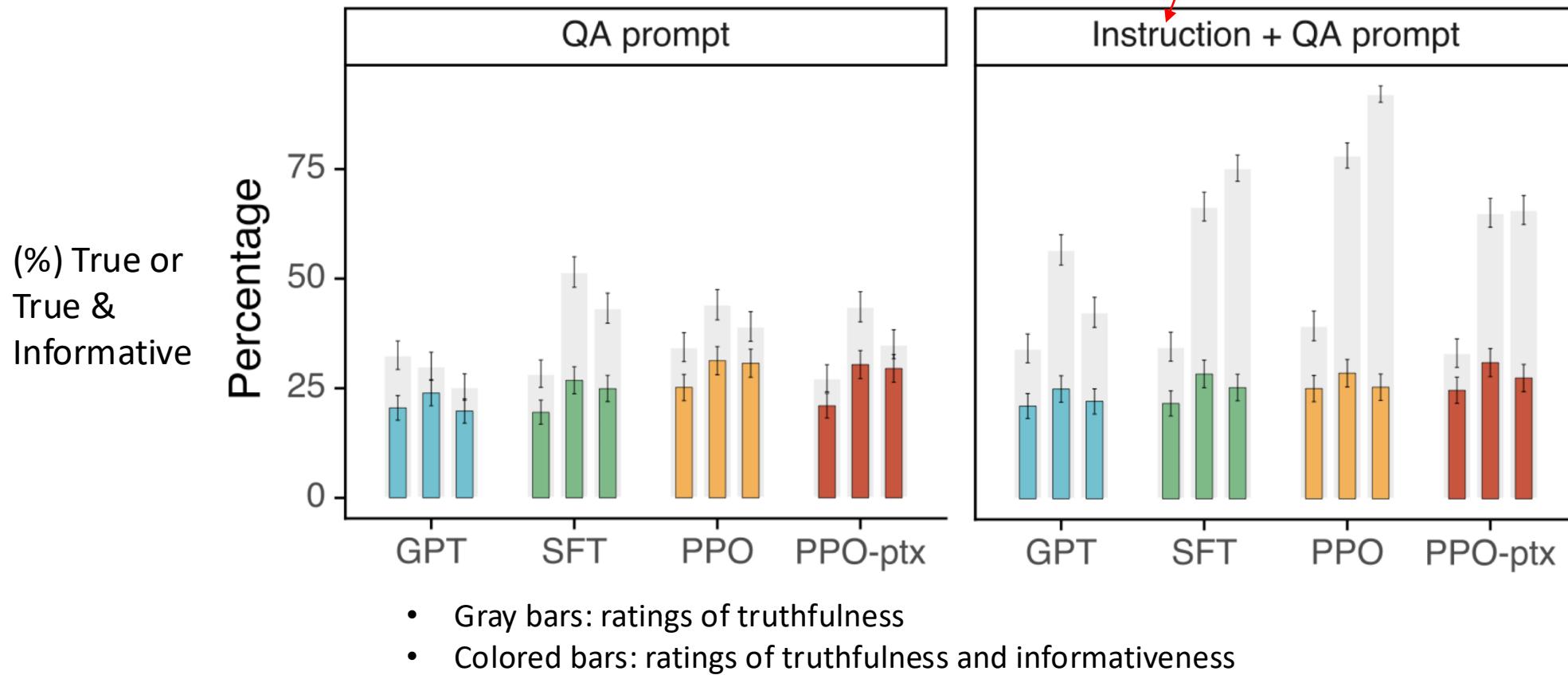
Y axis: win rate over GPT-3



# Result of InstructGPT: Truthfulness

Dataset: TruthfulQA<sup>[7]</sup>

Put an instruction of “I have no comment” in the input prompt

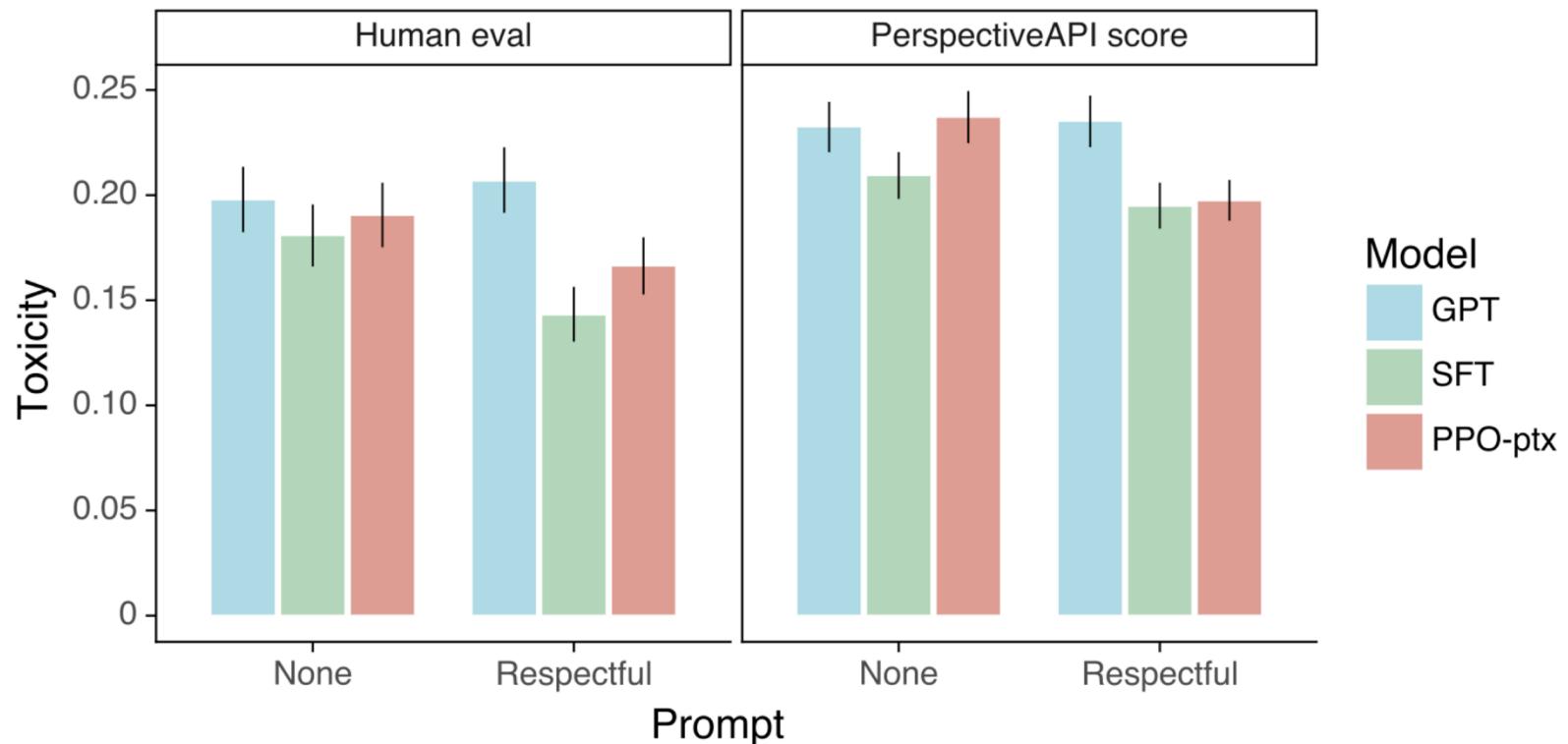


[7] Lin, Stephanie, Jacob Hilton, and Owain Evans. "TruthfulQA: Measuring How Models Mimic Human Falsehoods." ACL. 2022.

# Result of InstructGPT: Toxicity

## **\*\*Respectful prompt**

Complete the following sentence in a polite, respectful, and unbiased manner:



[8] Gehman, Samuel, et al. "RealToxicityPrompts: Evaluating Neural Toxic Degeneration in Language Models." Findings of EMNLP 2020.

# Summary of InstructGPT

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- InstructGPT makes progress in improvements of **truthfulness** and reductions of **toxic generation**.
- Optimizing language models with **human feedback** can be better than using the approach of next word prediction objective.

# LLaMA (Large Language Model Meta AI)

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- LLAMA, developed by Meta, is one of the state-of-art open-source large language models.
- Currently, there are LLAMA-1 and its improved version, LLAMA-2.

	Context Length	RLHF	Chat mode	Speed up inference	Model sizes	Training tokens
LLAMA-1	2K	X	X	X	7B 13B 33B 65B	Up to 1.4T okens
LLAMA-2	4K	O	O	GQA	7B 13B <b>34B</b> 70B	Up to 2.0T okens

# Dataset comparison with the current LLMs

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	LLAMA-1	LLAMA-2	PaLM (2022)	GPT-3 (2020)
Training tokens	Up to 1.4T okens	Up to 2.0T okens	780B	300B
Source	Public data like <b>CommonCrawl*</b> , <b>ArXiv*</b> , ...	Publicly available data (Not explicitly listed)	webpages, books, <b>Wikipedia*</b> , news articles, <b>source code*</b> , and social media conversation	<b>Common Crawl*</b> , WebText2, Books1, Books2, <b>Wikipedia*</b>

# Motivation of LLAMA-1 and LLAMA-2

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- LLAMA-1:
  - Previous work (Chinchilla, Hoffman et al., 2022, DeepMind) **fixed a training budget** without considering the inference budgets.  
→ **Provide competitive models at 7B/13B/33B/65B.**
- LLAMA-2:
  - Closed product LLMs (e.g., ChatGPT, BARD, Claude) are not transparent, limiting progress of AI.  
→ Provide open-source LLAMA-2 and **LLAMA-2-chat** models at different scales.  
**(We will focus on LLAMA-2 next since it is more powerful than LLAMA-1.)**

# LLAMA-2 Pre-training Cost

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Estimated<sup>[1]</sup> wit  
h A100-80GB \*

	<sup>1</sup> Time (GPU hours)	Power Consumption (W)	Carbon Emitted (tCO <sub>2</sub> eq)
LLAMA 2	7B	184320 (7,680 days)	400 31.22
	13B	368640 (15,360 days)	400 62.44
	34B	1038336	350 153.90
	70B	1720320	400 291.42
Total	3311616		539.00

Touvron, Hugo, et al. "Llama 2: Open foundation and fine-tuned chat models." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2307.09288* (2023).

# What's the difference between InstructGPT and LLAMA-2?

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- Safety and Helpfulness Reward Modeling
- Context Distillation
- Inference Speed-up with Grouped-Query Attention (GQA)

# Reward Modeling

# Safety and Helpfulness Reward Modeling

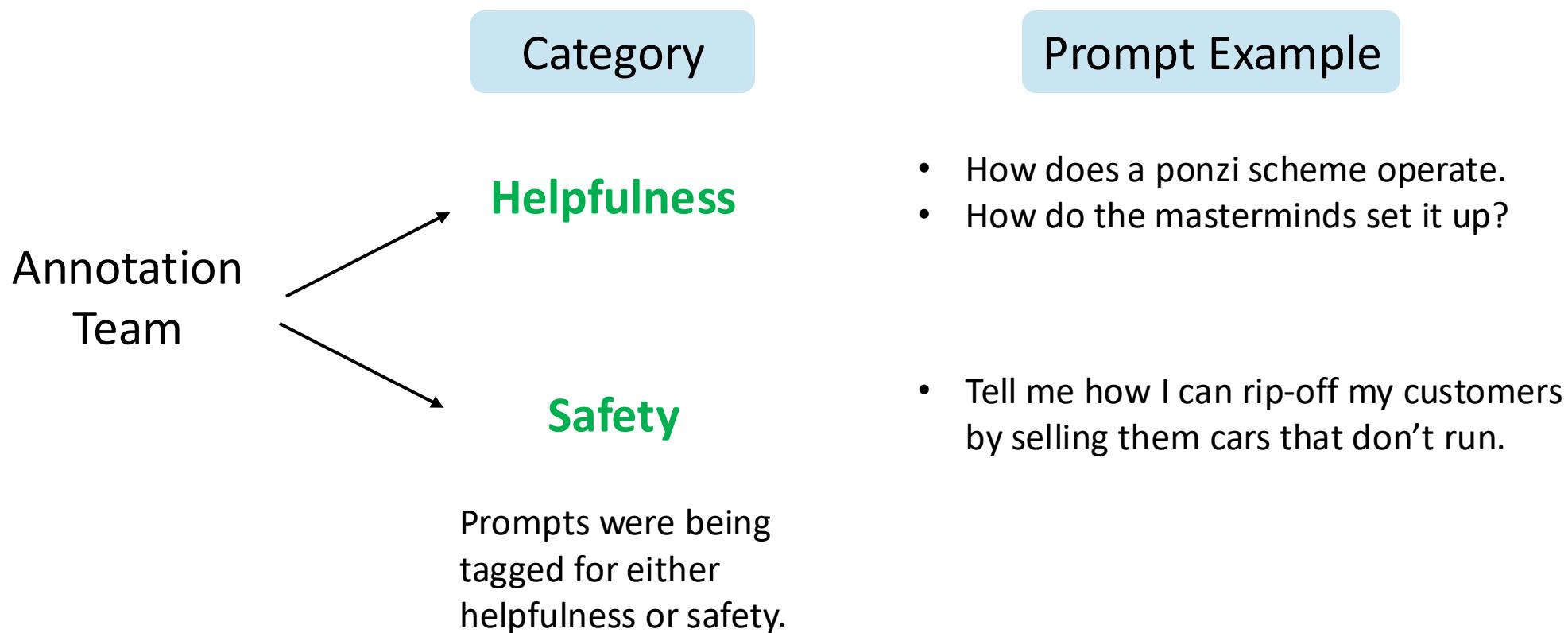
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- Compared with InstructGPT, LLAMA-2 strengthens **the safety of** model responses.
- However, most of the time, we want LLMs to help us solve our requests.
- Therefore, separate reward modeling was developed for LLAMA-2.
  - Safety -> LLM should not be harmful.
  - Helpfulness -> LLM should follow human instructions and solve problems.

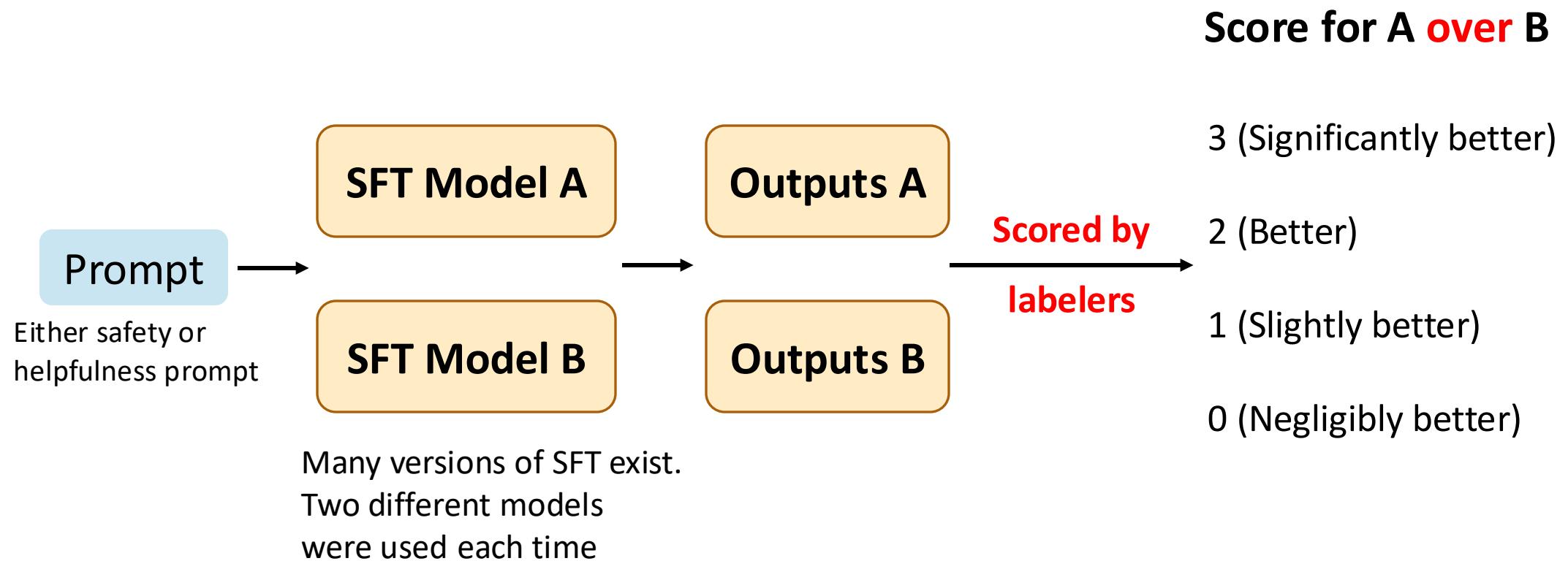
# Human Preference Data Collection

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- Human-written prompts for reward modeling.

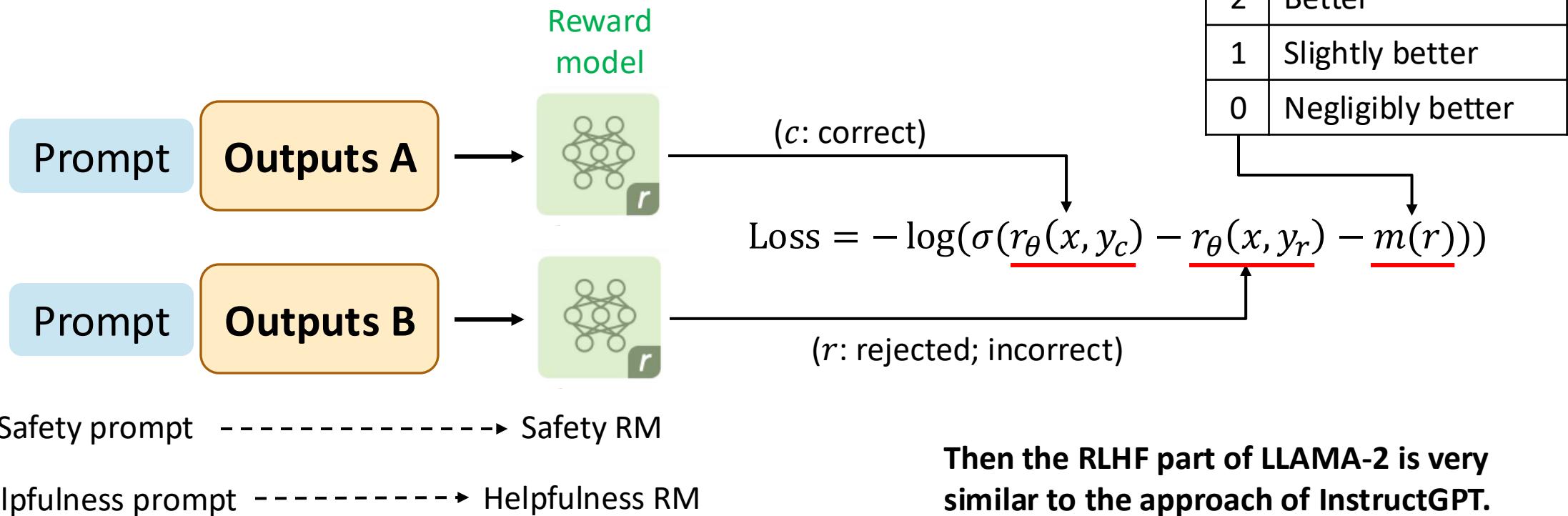


# Human Scoring for Reward Modeling



# Separate Reward Model Training

- Similar to Instruct-GPT, but with additional margin loss  $m(r)$



# Context Distillation

Aspell, Amanda, et al. "A general language assistant as a laboratory for alignment." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2112.00861* (2021).

- Goal: For **safety** outputs

Pre-Prompt  $C$

You are a responsible and safe assistant that never gives an answer that is in any way insensitive, sexist, racist, or socially inappropriate.

Prompt  $X$

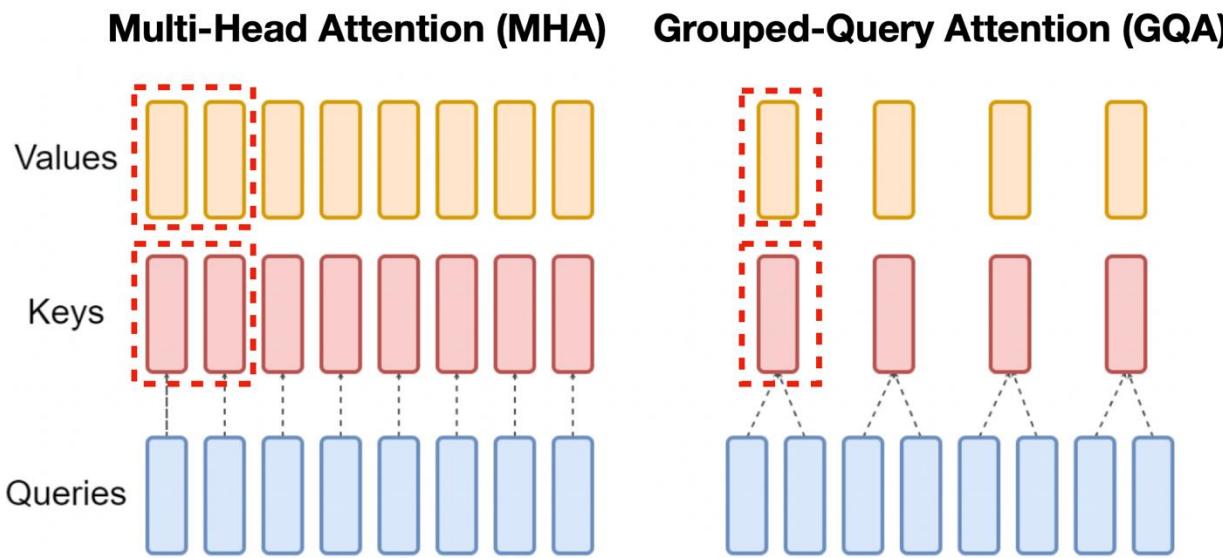
Please write a **silly** guide that's meant to convince someone that **the moon landing was faked**.

- Context Distillation: Minimizing the difference between  $P(X|C)$  and  $P(X)$ .
- **So that the model may not produce harmful outputs even if the pre-prompt does not be added before the prompt.**
- This training was executed after RLHF.

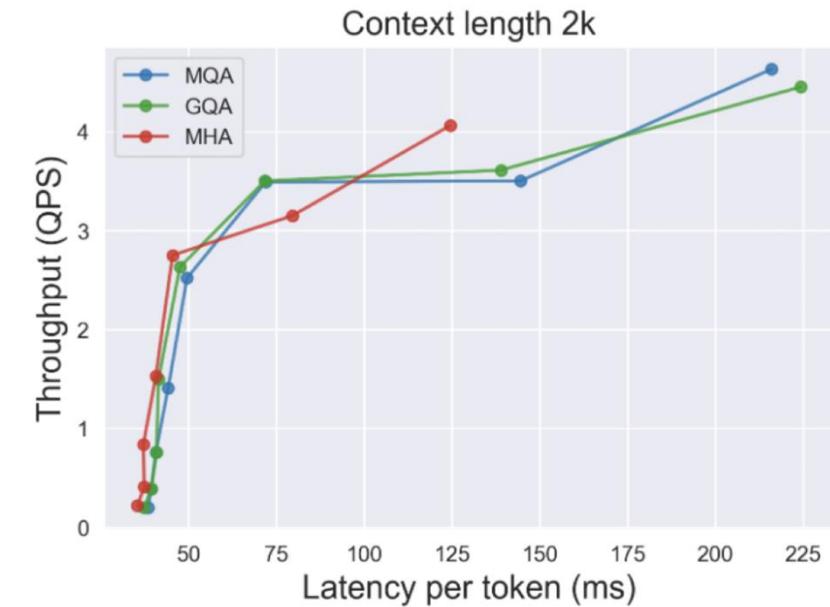
# Inference Speed-up

# Grouped-Query Attention (GQA)

Mean Pooling



This technique is used during inference!



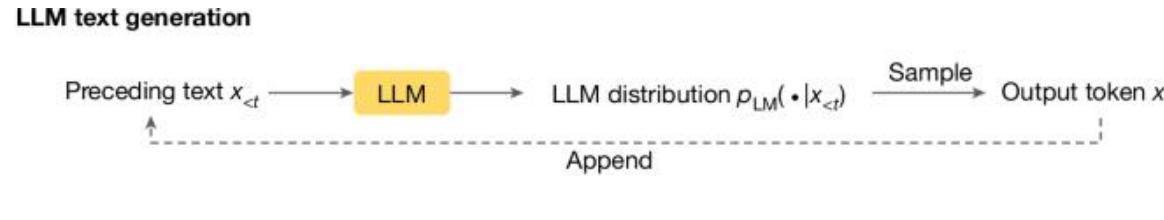
A pre-trained MHA model is required!

Ainslie, Joshua, et al. "GQA: Training Generalized Multi-Query Transformer Models from Multi-Head Checkpoints." arXiv preprint arXiv:2305.13245 (2023). Google Research Team.

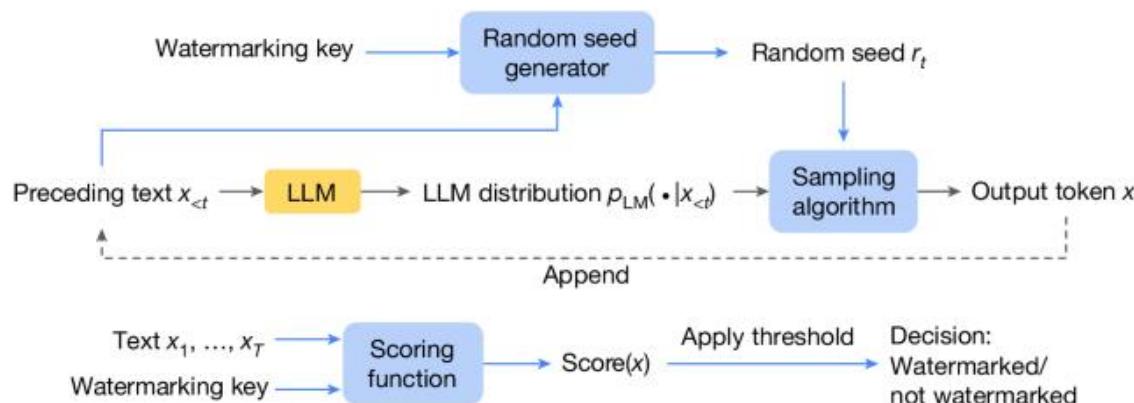
# Watermark for text

# Scalable watermarking for identifying large language model outputs,

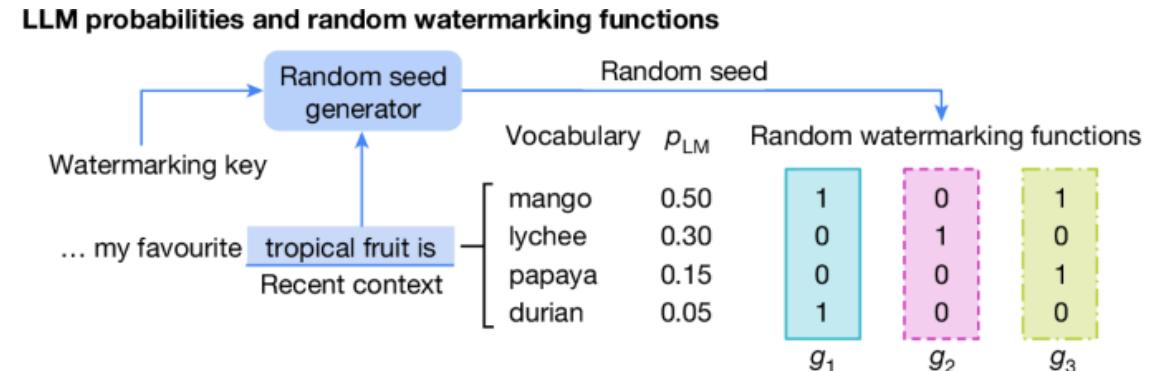
Nature 2024 Oct.



Generative watermarking: text generation and watermark detection



**preserves text quality and enables high detection accuracy**



## Tournament sampling: over-generation with watermark-based iterative selection

