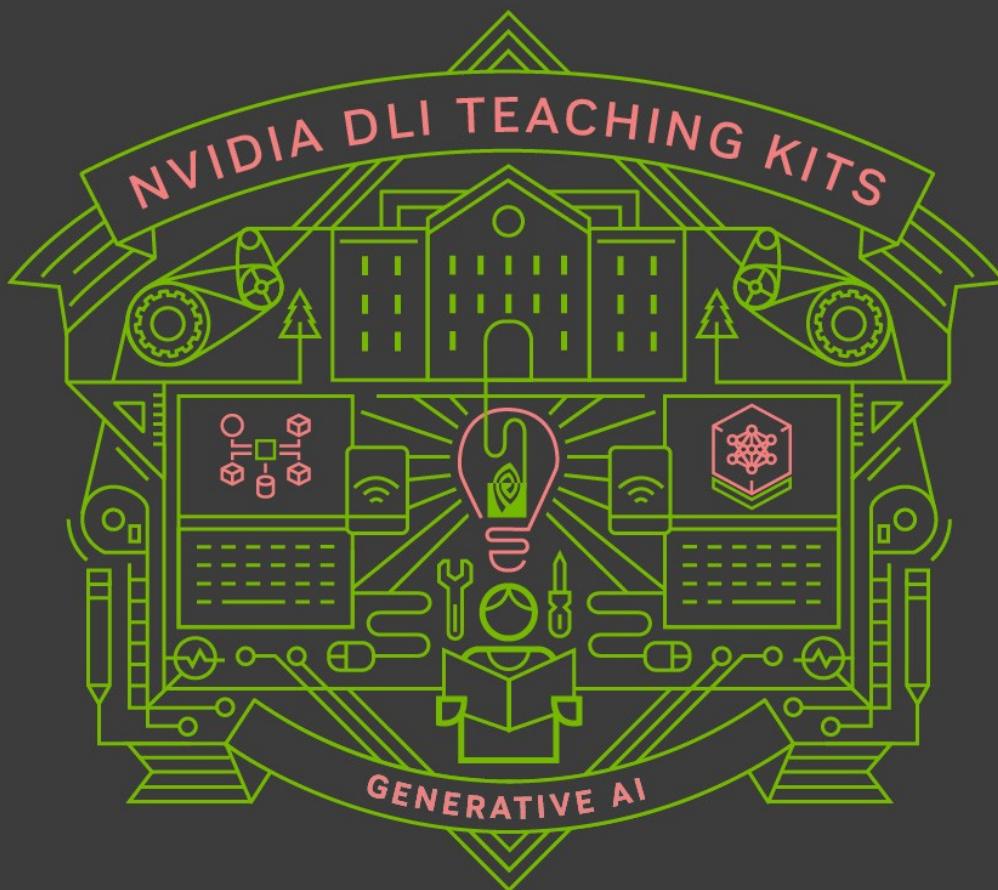




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Lecture 1.1 – Introduction to the Generative AI Course

Generative AI Teaching Kit





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Course Structure

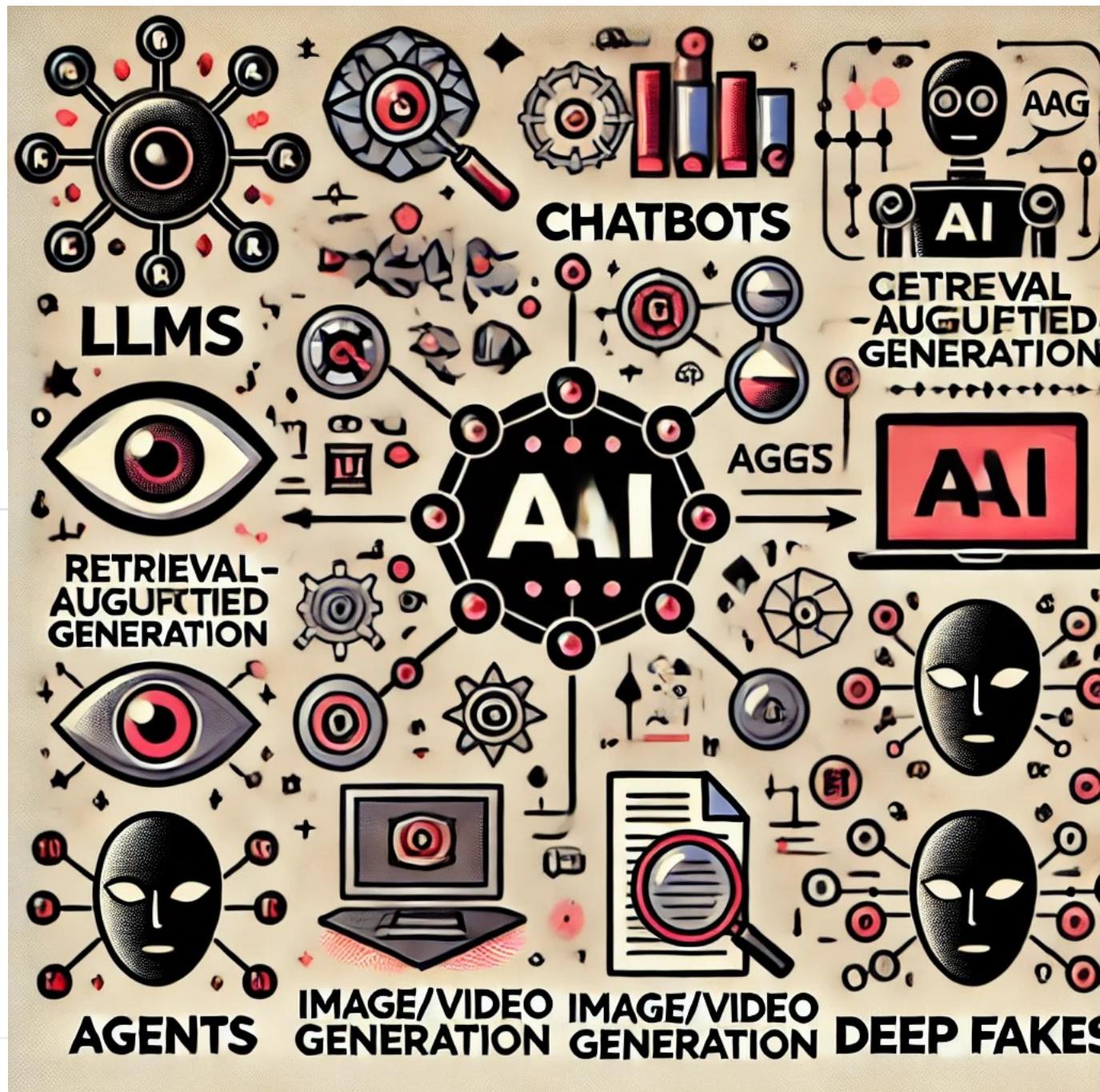
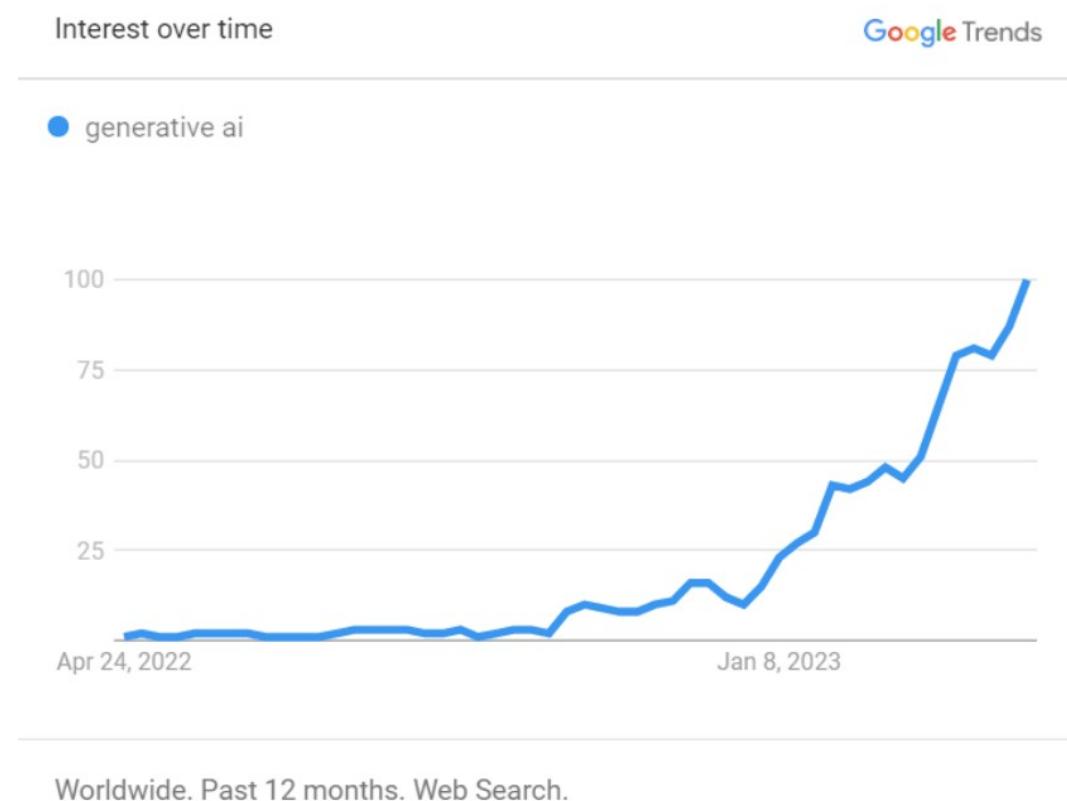
Motivation for this course

Over the last two years you've probably heard all of these GenAI buzzwords:

- LLMs
- Chatbots
- RAG
- Agents
- Image/Video generation
- Deep Fakes

ChatGPT

Examples	Capabilities	Limitations
"Explain quantum computing in simple terms" →	Remembers what user said earlier in the conversation	May occasionally generate incorrect information
"Got any creative ideas for a 10 year old's birthday?" →	Allows user to provide follow-up corrections	May occasionally produce harmful instructions or biased content
"How do I make an HTTP request in Javascript?" →	Trained to decline inappropriate requests	Limited knowledge of world and events after 2021



Motivation for this course

ChatGPT Changed the world of knowledge forever

- Released Nov 2022 Took the world by storm
- How does it know so much?
- Is it “thinking” ?
- What is it made of?

ChatGPT Sprints to One Million Users

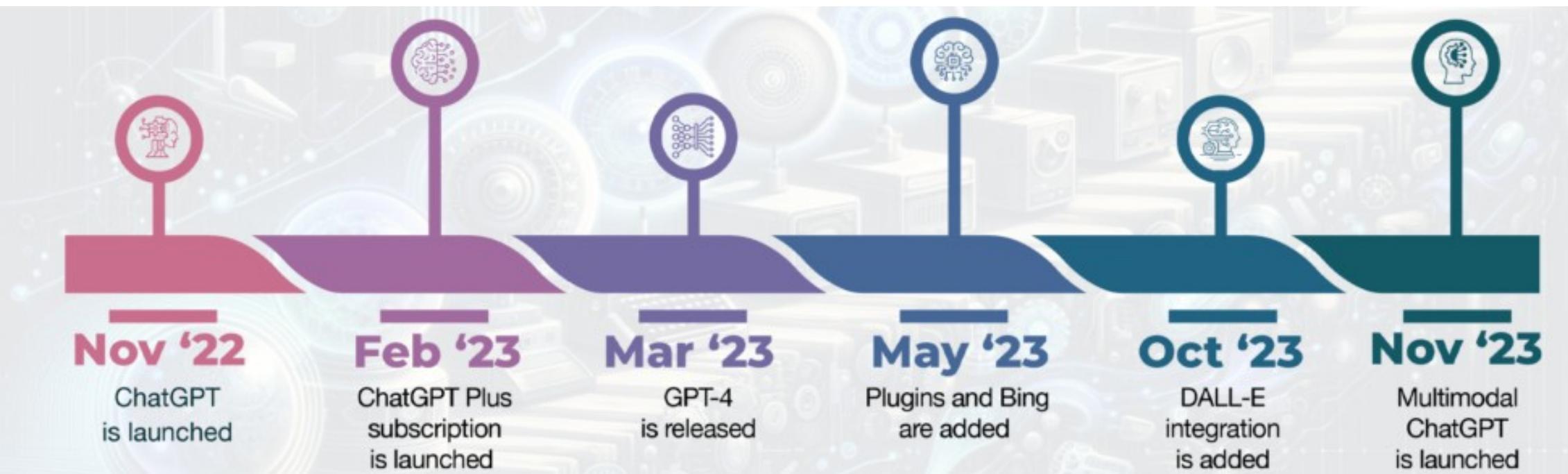
Time it took for selected online services to reach one million users



* one million backers ** one million nights booked *** one million downloads
Source: Company announcements via Business Insider/LinkedIn



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ChatGPT: Optimizing Language Models for Dialogue

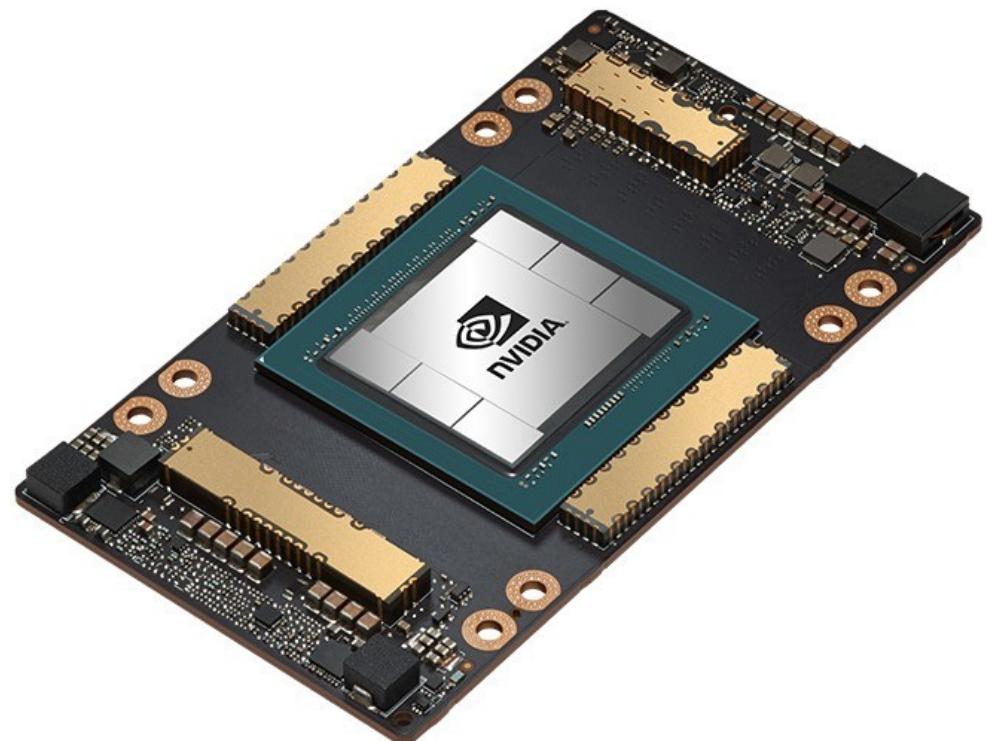
We've trained a model called ChatGPT which interacts in a conversational way. The dialogue format makes it possible for ChatGPT to answer followup questions, admit its mistakes, challenge incorrect premises, and reject invalid instructions.



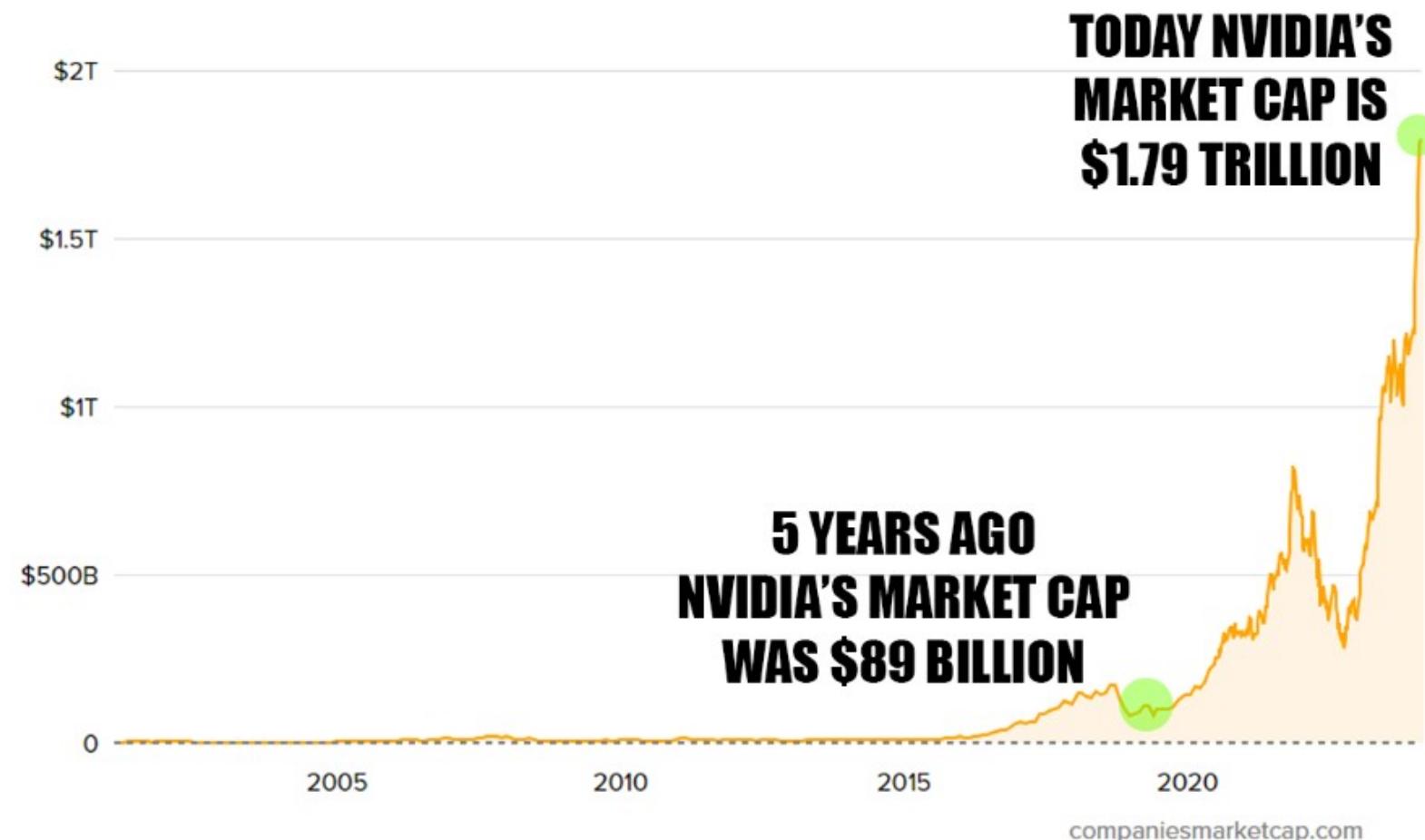
Motivation for this course

In 2024, NVIDIA's market cap reached 3T! Why?

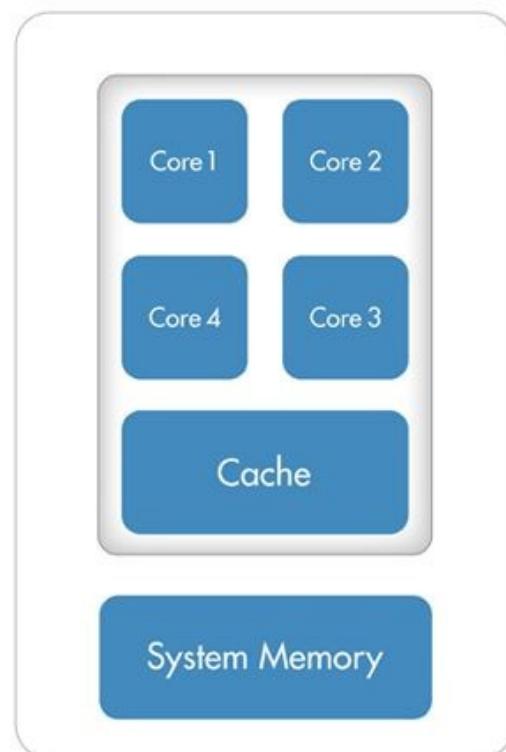
Why are GPUs now the hottest commodity for GenAI ?



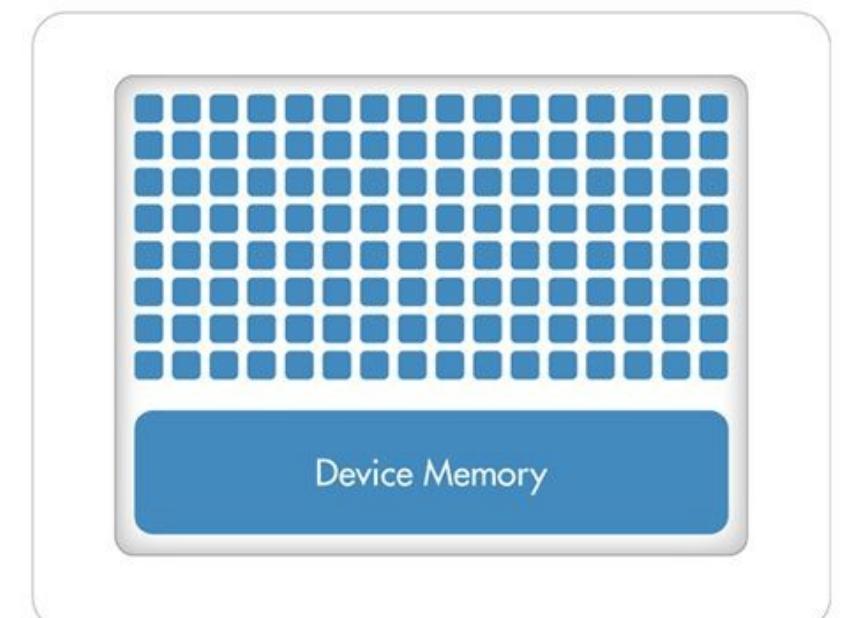
Market cap history of NVIDIA from 2001 to 2024



CPU (Multiple Cores)

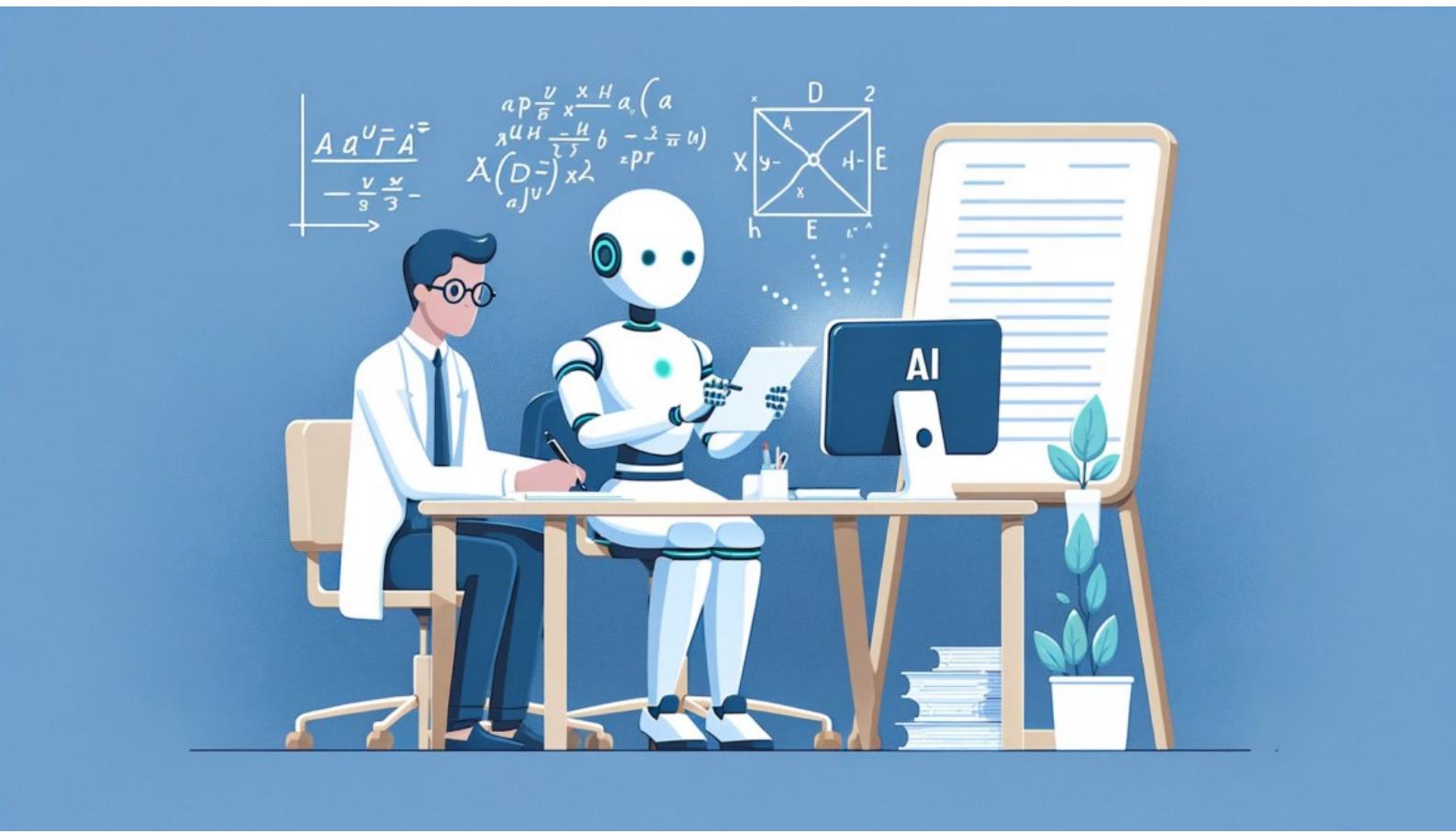


GPU (Hundreds of Cores)



Motivation for this course

- GenAI poses a challenge for Academia
- Pace of development has far outpaced adoption in schooling
- How do we do teaching given these extremely knowledgeable, highly accessible tools?
- Familiarity with the abilities and limits of these tools is vital to maintain competitiveness for both teachers and students



Structure of the course

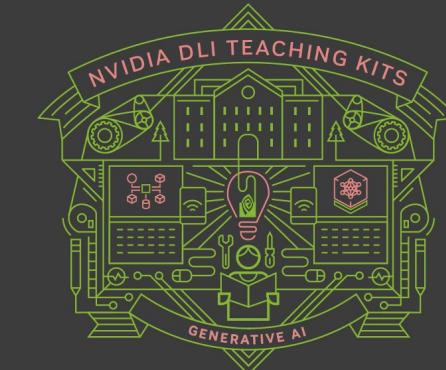
How each module of the course is designed

- [Online Syllabus](#)
 - Lays out entire course including planned future content
- Lecture Slides
 - Introduce content
- Demo Notebooks
 - Show the tools in practice
- Knowledge Checks
 - Keeping track of the content
- Lab Notebooks
 - Your turn to build with the tools
- DLI Online Courses
 - Online, self-paced courses offering certificate



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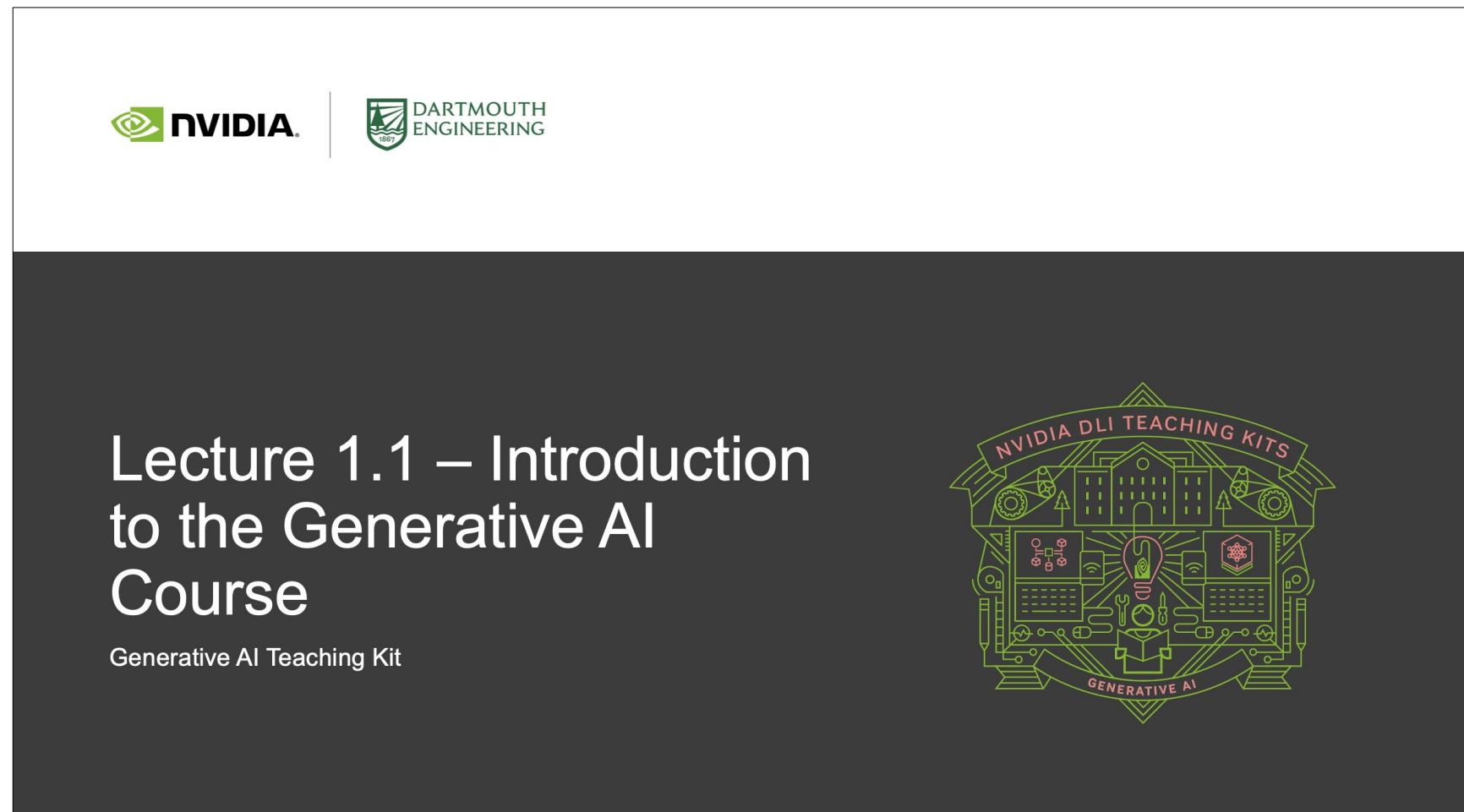
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Structure of the course

Lecture Slides

- 2 or three lectures per module
- Designed to introduce the necessary information needed to understand what/how things work
- Not deep mathematical proofs, more applied science/engineering focus



Structure of the course

Demo Notebooks

- Designed to be used during class time for the instructor to show how these tools/topics can work
- Built with an interactive Python notebook, namely Google Colab

The screenshot shows a Google Colab notebook interface. On the left, there's a sidebar titled "Table of contents" with a search bar and a list of sections. The section "Generating Samples with the simple GAN" is currently selected. The main area contains a code editor with the following Python code:

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4 # Generate a batch of new images
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6     noise = torch.randn(16, nz, device=device) # Generate 16 random noise vectors
7     fake_imgs = G(noise).cpu()
8
9 # Function to show images
10 def show_images(images, nrow=4):
11     images = (images + 1) / 2 # Rescale from [-1, 1] to [0, 1]
12     grid = np.transpose(images.numpy(), (0, 2, 3, 1))
13     fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrow, nrow, figsize=(10, 10))
14     for i, ax in enumerate(axes.flatten()):
15         ax.imshow(grid[i, :, :, 0], cmap='gray')
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Below the code, there are four generated images, each showing a different abstract, pixelated pattern.

Structure of the course

Knowledge Checks

- Confirmation of the development of a working knowledge of GenAI topics

Question	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
What is the main advantage of Few-Shot Learning in LLMs?	Requires a large labeled dataset	Reduces the need for labeled data	Improves the model's interpretability	Requires extensive fine-tuning
How does self-supervised learning work?	It uses labeled data for predictions	It masks parts of the data as input/output pairs	It uses external labels for classification	It combines labeled and unlabeled data
What problem does self-supervised learning address?	It reduces the need for labeled data	It addresses data scarcity in supervised learning	It simplifies the model training process	It ensures consistency in model predictions
What is the role of autoregressive learning in LLMs?	Predicts the next token based on prior tokens	Enhances the model's output accuracy	Identifies relationships between labeled data	Increases the model's parameter count
What is Few-Shot Learning in the context of GPT-3?	Training the model with many labeled examples	Providing a few examples before the main input	Building a single model for multiple tasks	Training the model on multiple datasets
How does in-context learning differ from fine-tuning?	In-context learning is task-specific	In-context learning uses the model's parameters flexibly	In-context learning is only used during training	In-context learning replaces fine-tuning
What is the purpose of prompt templating in LLMs?	To create unique responses	To format inputs consistently	To standardize outputs	To introduce randomness in outputs
Why is temperature an important factor in LLM outputs?	It controls the sequence length	It affects the randomness of outputs	It sets the learning rate	It determines the output length

Structure of the course

Lab Notebooks

- Based on the demo notebooks
- These will give you the chance to implement the tools and explore the topics covered in each module

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface. On the left, the 'Table of contents' sidebar lists the following sections:

- Module 6: Image Generation with Diffusion Models
 - 6.1 Images and Convolutions - a recap
- Understanding Transpose Convolution
- Generative Adversarial Networks
 - A simple GAN
 - Generating Samples with the simple GAN
 - Improving our GAN
 - Deep Convolution GAN (DCGAN)
- NOTE: LAB SOLUTION

In the main area, a code cell titled 'Generating Samples with the simple GAN' contains the following Python code:

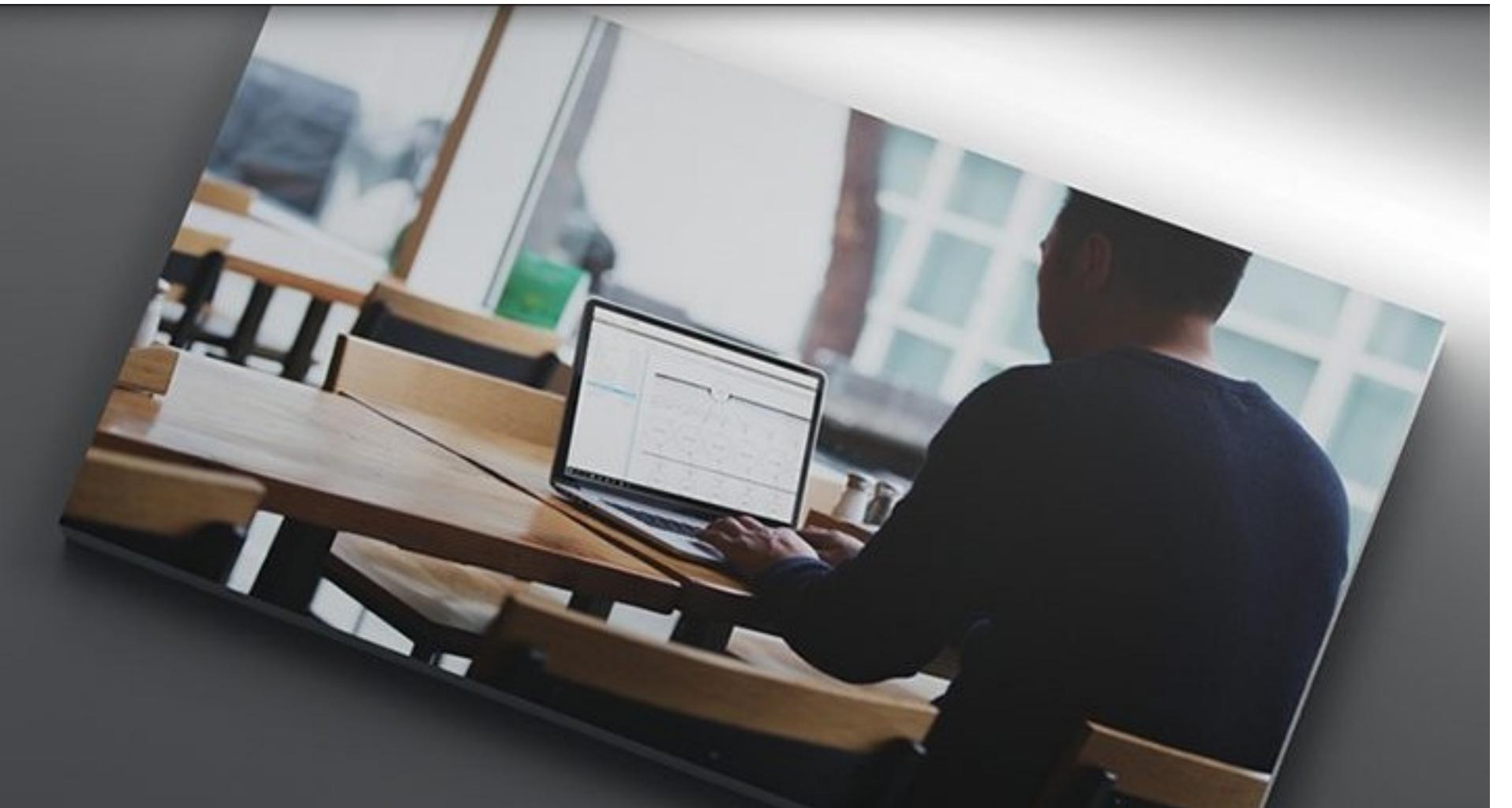
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Structure of the course

DLI Online Courses

- Related self-contained, self-paced DLI courses
- Free for students using promo codes provided
- Runs on DLI Platform instead of Colab
- Offers student certificates of competency based on built-in assessments



Tools used in GenAI

GenAI Tools in this Course

Python is the most widely used language in the AI/ML community, making it the go-to language for developing Generative AI models.

Python's simple syntax and readability allow developers and researchers to quickly prototype and implement complex algorithms.



- TensorFlow & PyTorch: Essential for building and training deep learning models, which are at the core of GenAI.
- Hugging Face Transformers: A popular library for working with large language models (LLMs), crucial for tasks like text generation and RAG.
- OpenCV & PIL: Important for image and video manipulation in GenAI applications like deep fakes and image generation

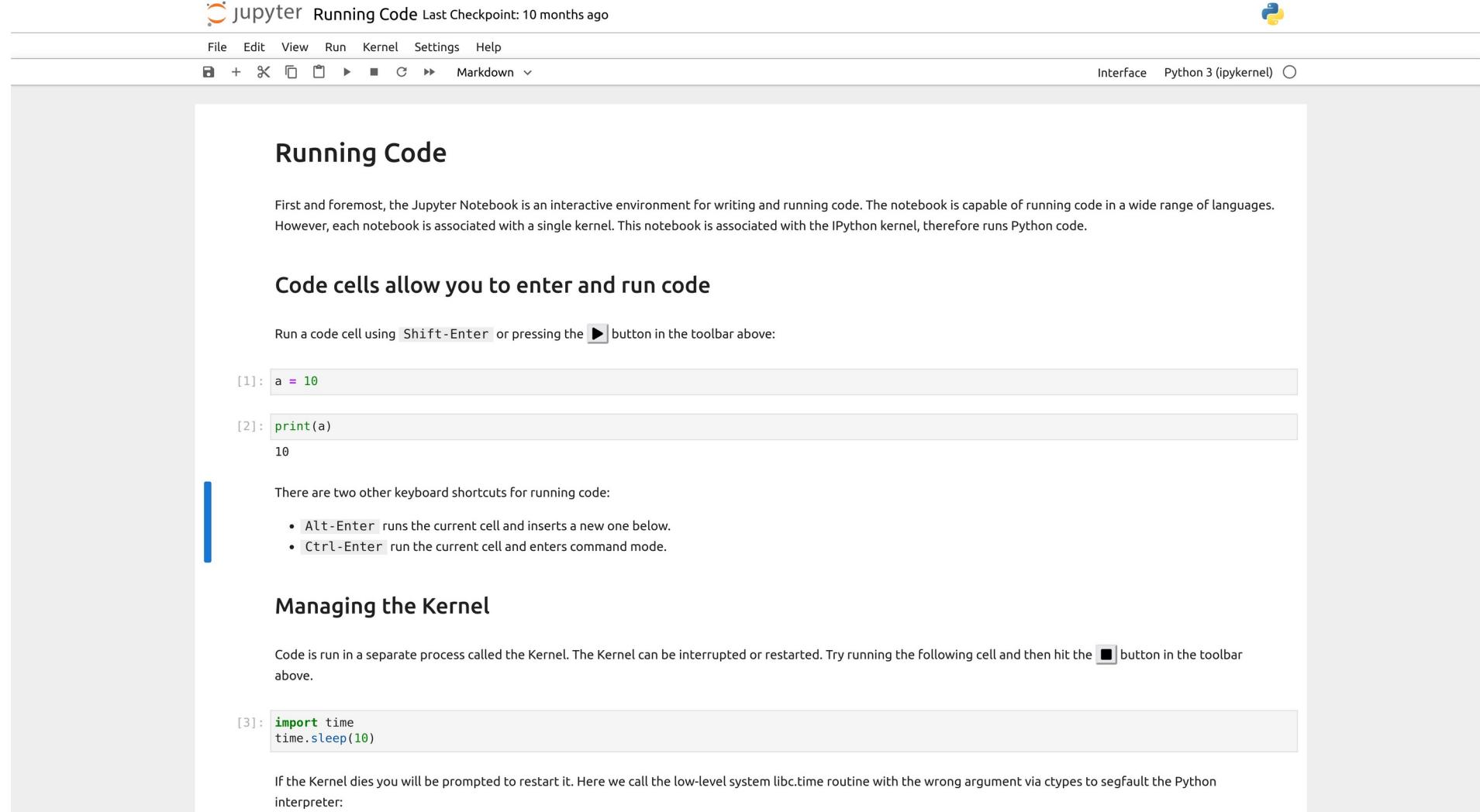
GenAI Tools in this Course

Coding Notebooks

The primary platform to work with these AI tools and code libraries will be through the Google Colab notebooks

These notebooks allow for easy interaction with the data and models in a visual manner

Platforms like Google Colab and other cloud notebook providers also supply access to cloud-based GPUs and compute infrastructure.



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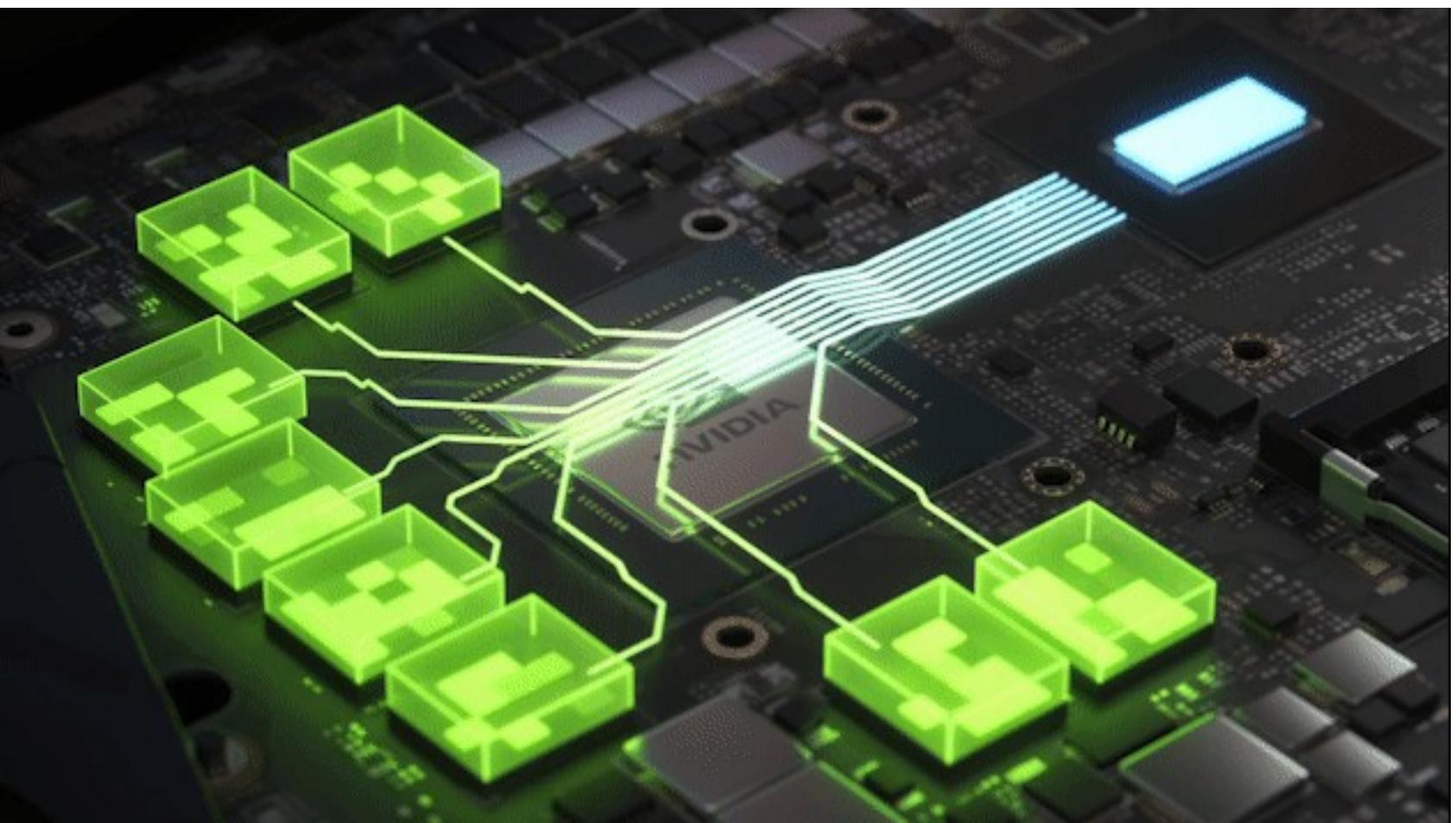
GenAI Tools in this Course

The Importance of GPUs in GenAI

Parallelism: GPUs have thousands of cores optimized for parallel processing, allowing them to handle many operations at once. This is essential for the matrix multiplications and other computations involved in AI inference.

Throughput: GPUs can process large batches of data simultaneously, which is critical for applications like image generation or video synthesis where high throughput is needed.

Latency: GPUs reduce latency by executing multiple operations in parallel, which speeds up the time it takes to get from input to output in GenAI models.



Course Content

What this course will cover

Modules

1. Introduction to Generative AI
2. Word Embeddings, Tokens, and NLP
3. Large Language Models and the Transformer
4. LLM Scaling Laws and LLM Families
5. Multimodal Learning and its Applications
6. Diffusion Models in Generative AI
7. Model Training (Pre-Training, Instruction Following, and PEFT)
8. LLM Orchestration
9. Scaling Model Training to Distributed Workloads

[Full online syllabus](#)



2. Word Embeddings, Tokens, and NLP

Tiktokenizer

gpt-3.5-turbo

System You are a helpful assistant

User Content

Add message

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<|im_start|>system
You are a helpful assistant<|im_end|>
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<|im_end|>
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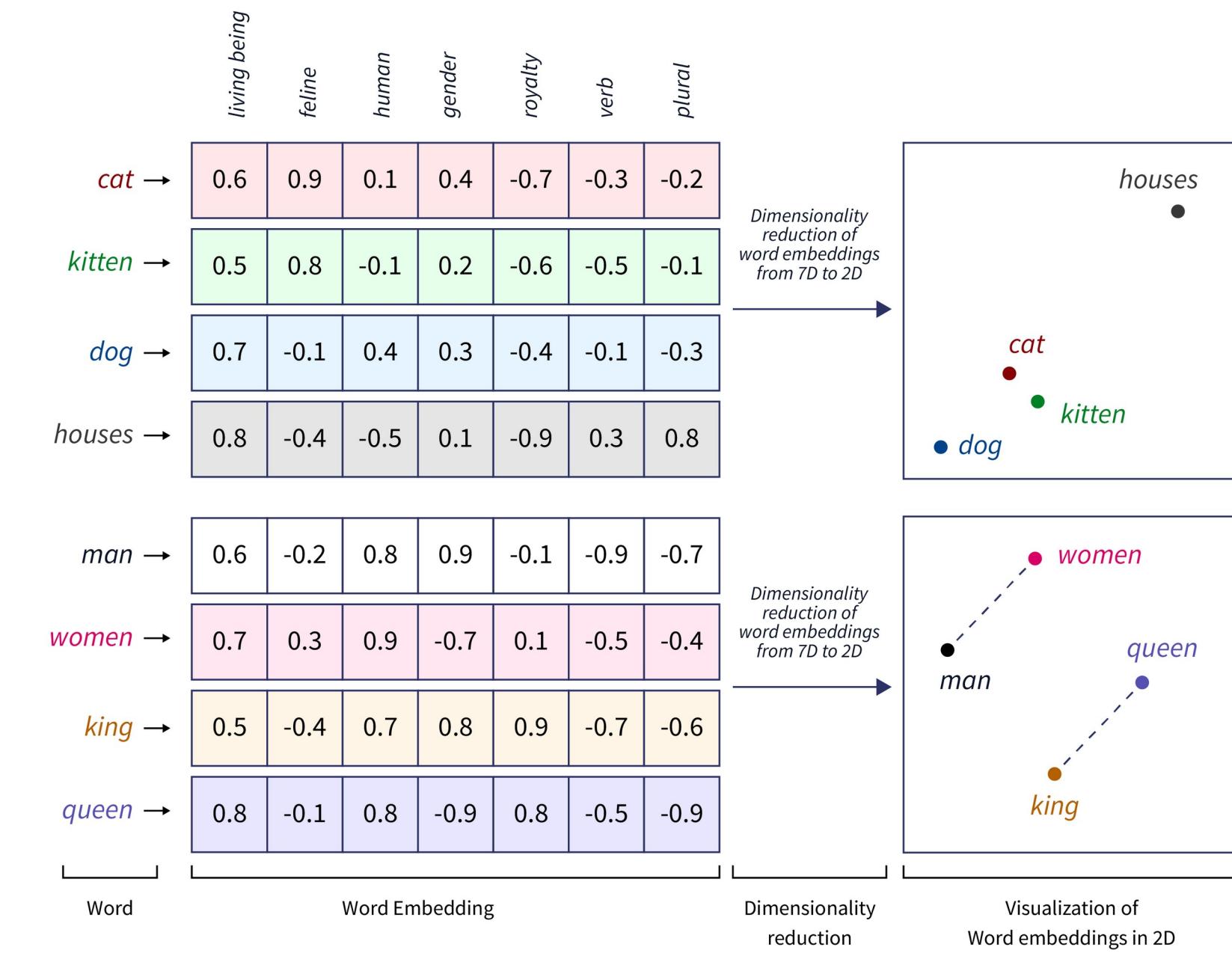
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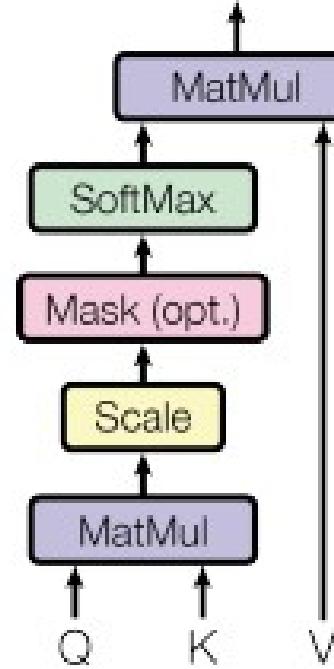
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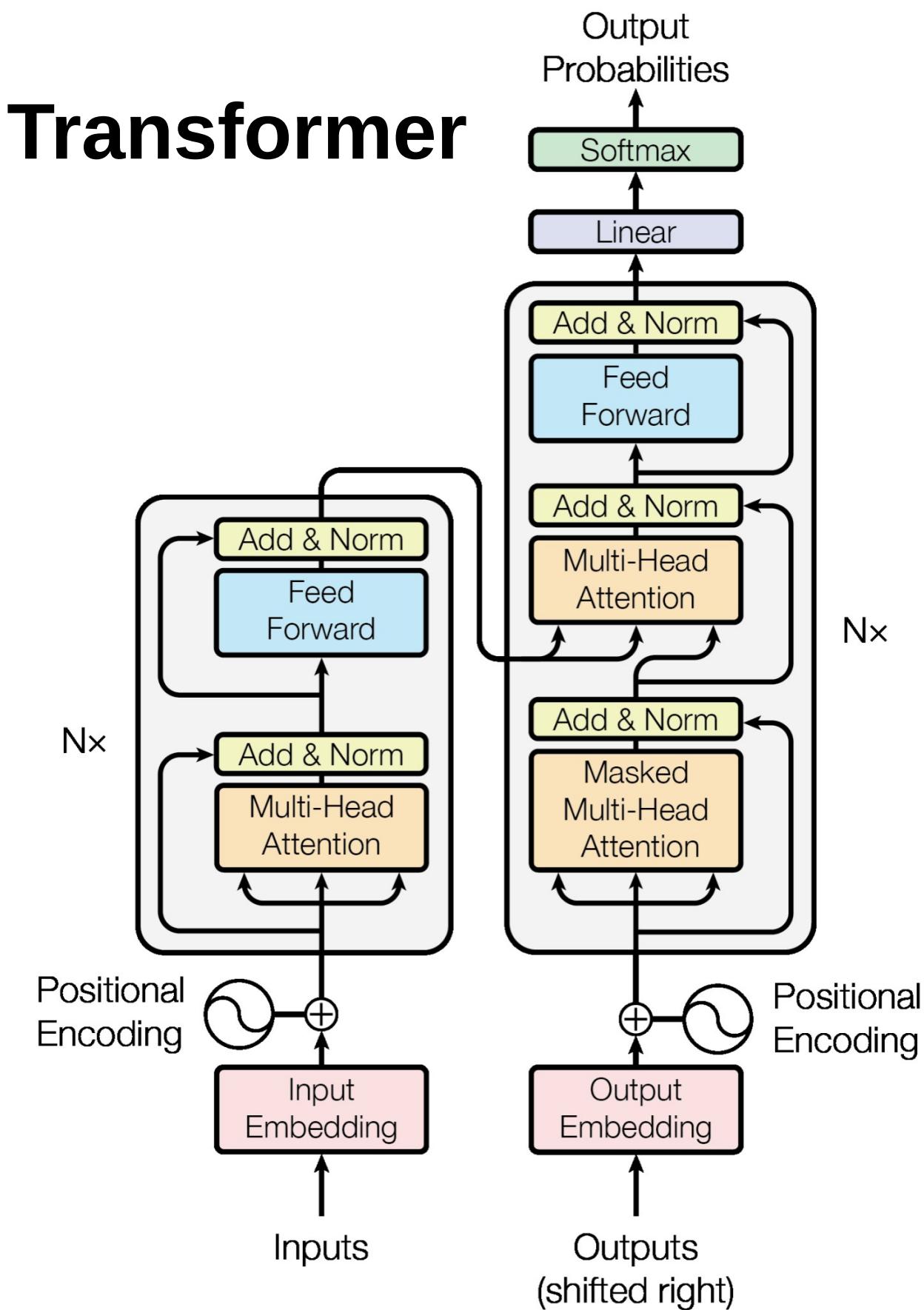
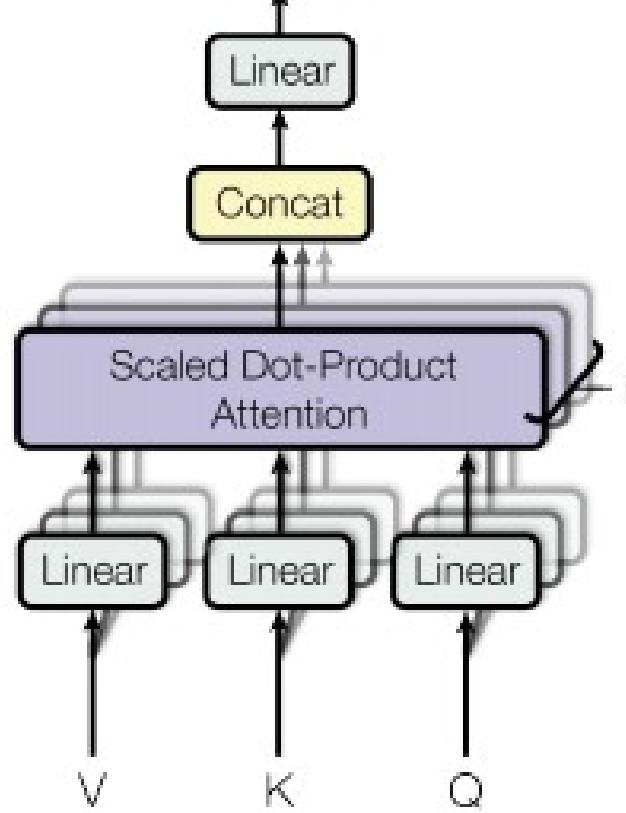


3. Large Language Models and the Transformer

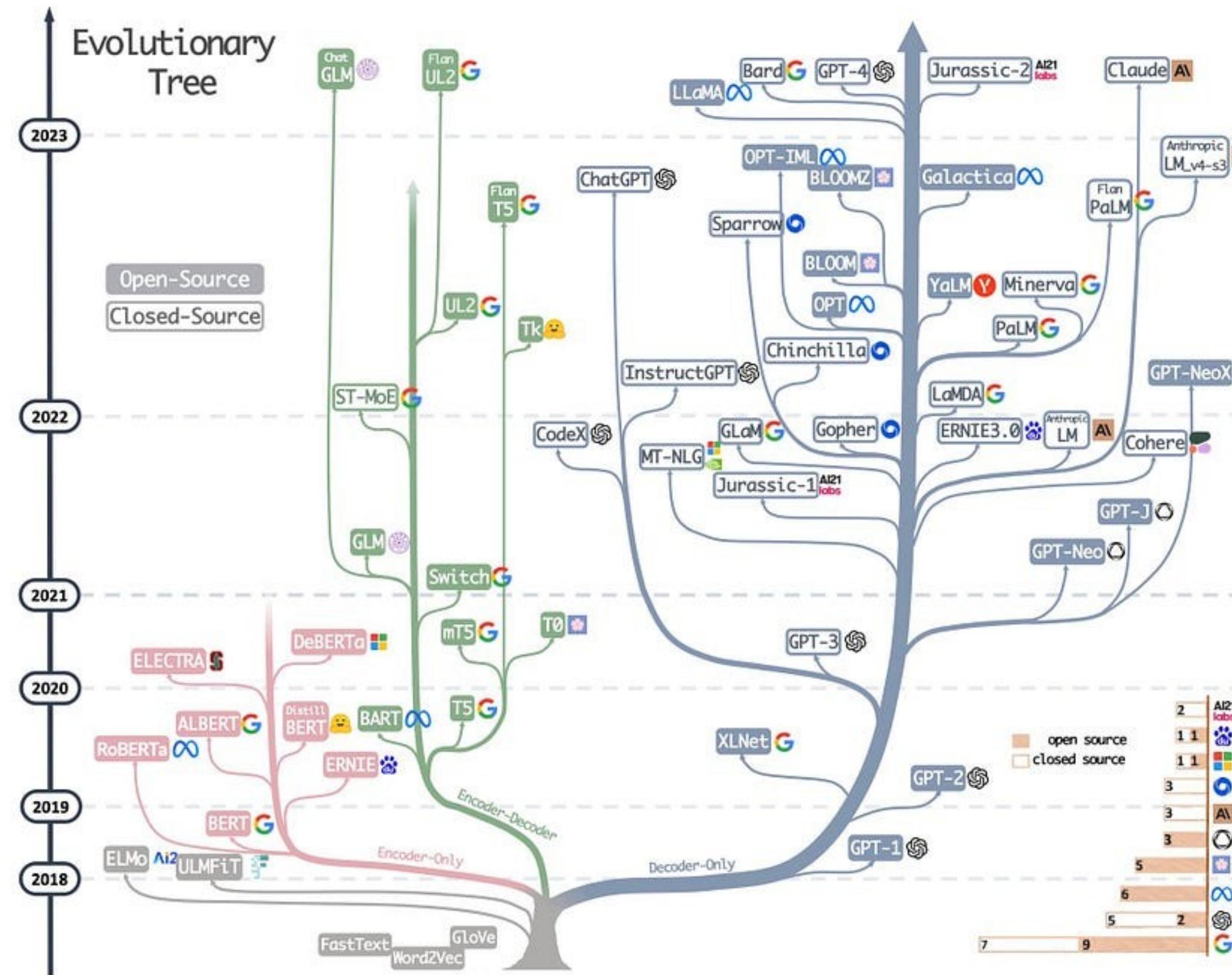
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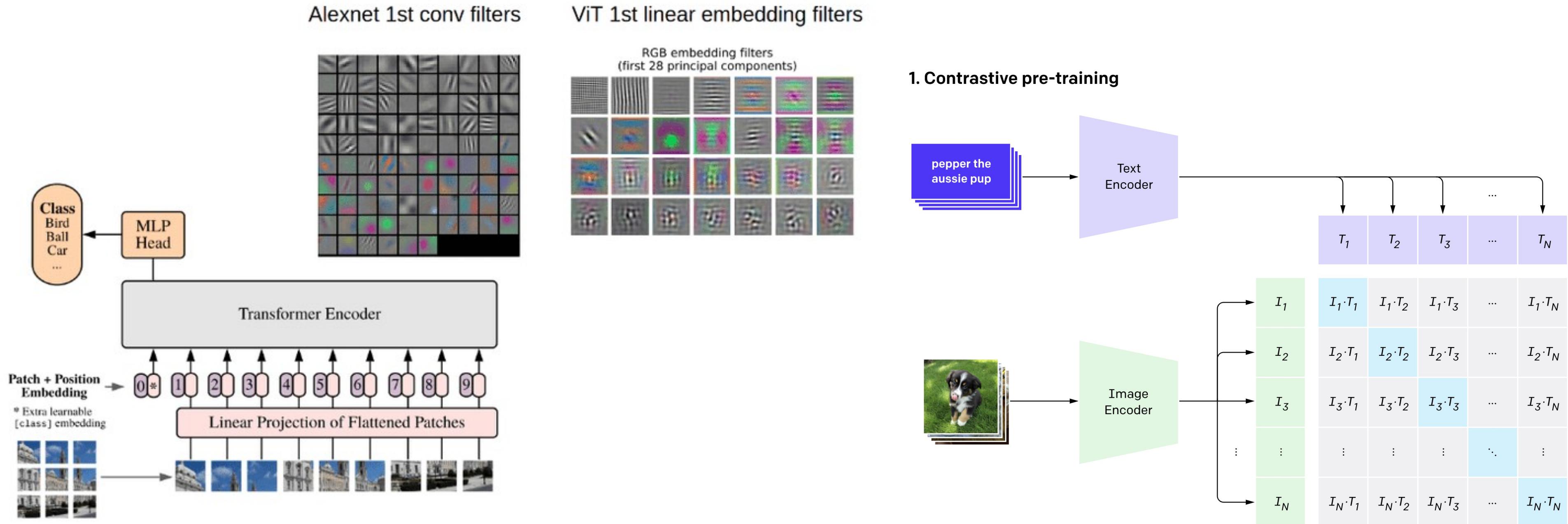
Multi-Head Attention



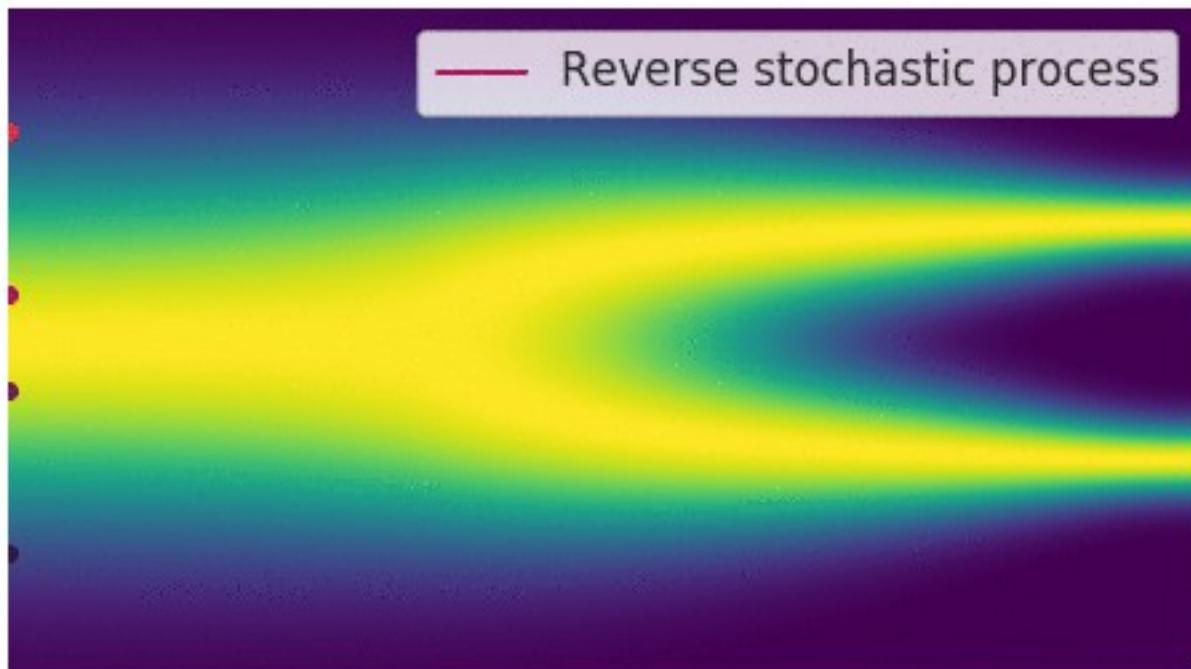
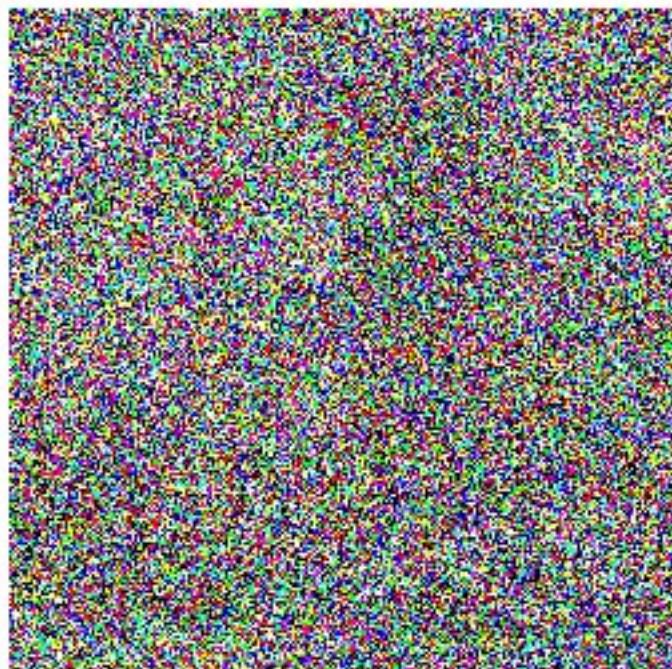
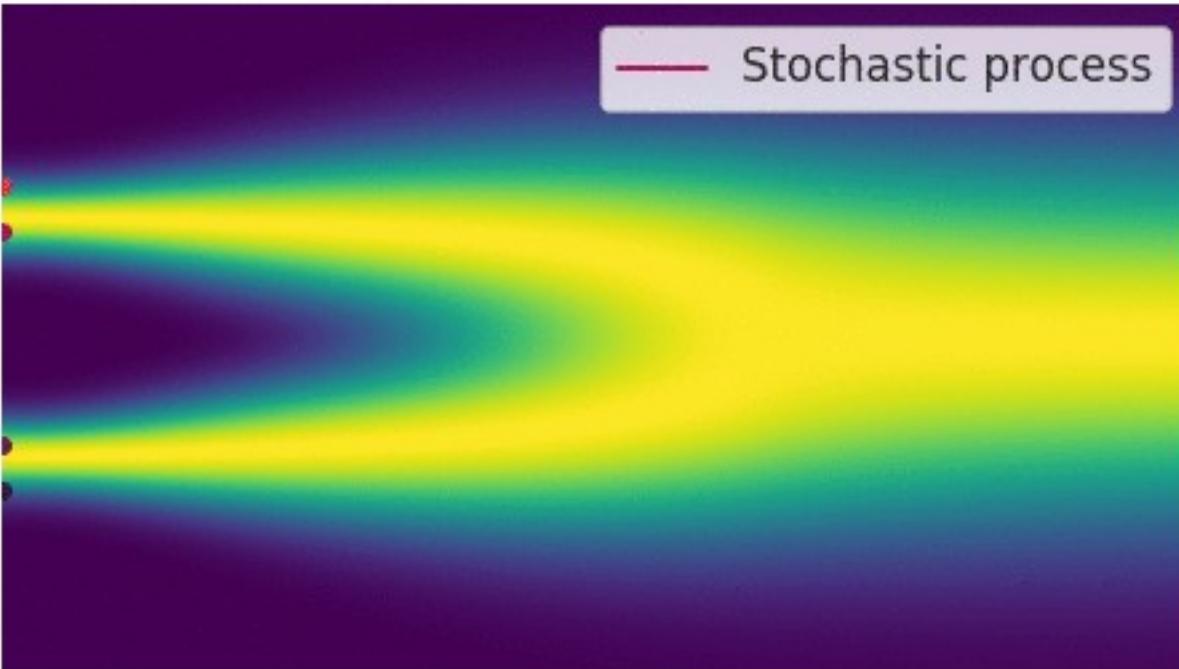
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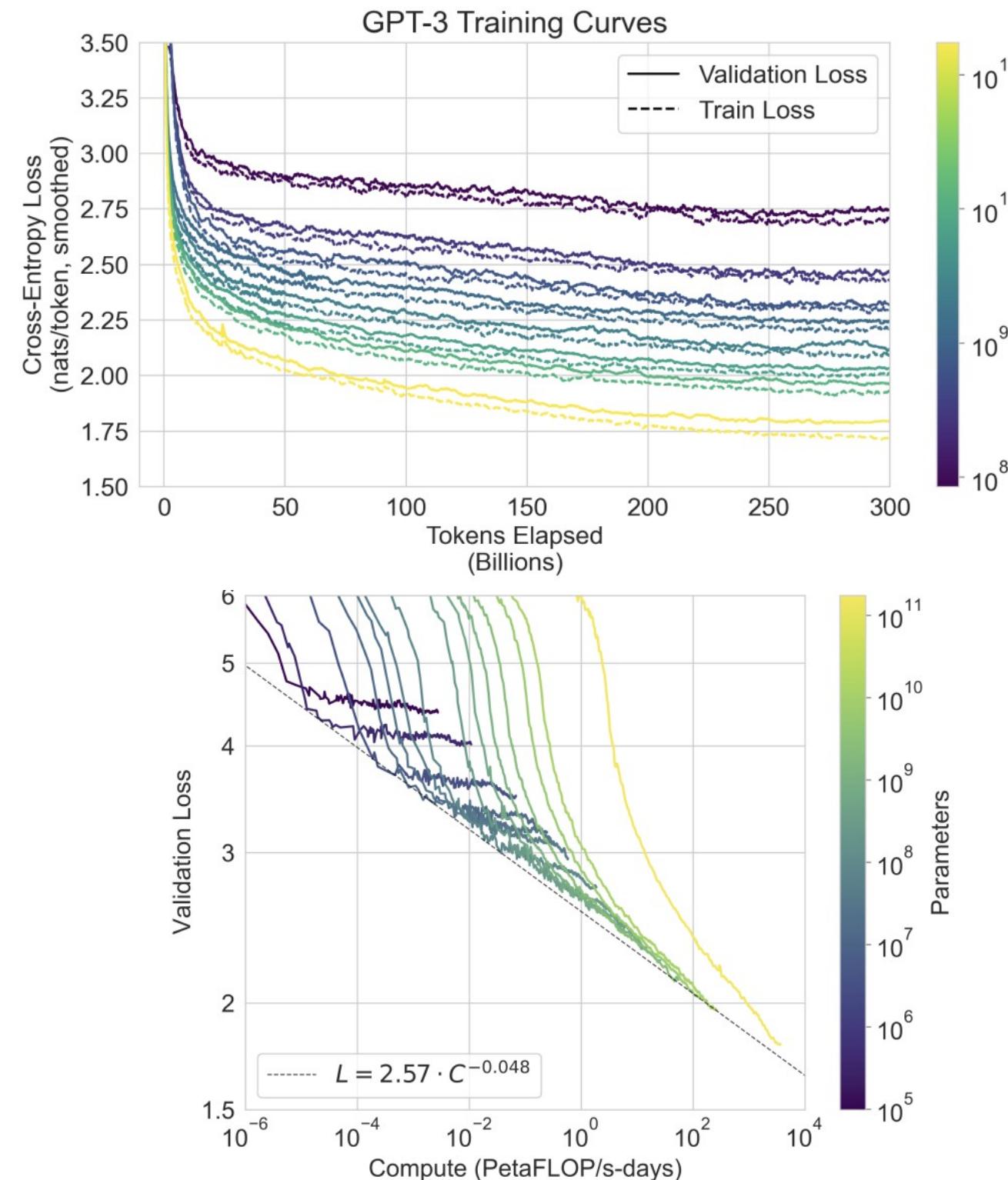
5. Multimodal Learning and its Applications



6. Diffusion Models in Generative AI



7. Model Training (Pre-Training, Instruction Following, and PEFT)



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.



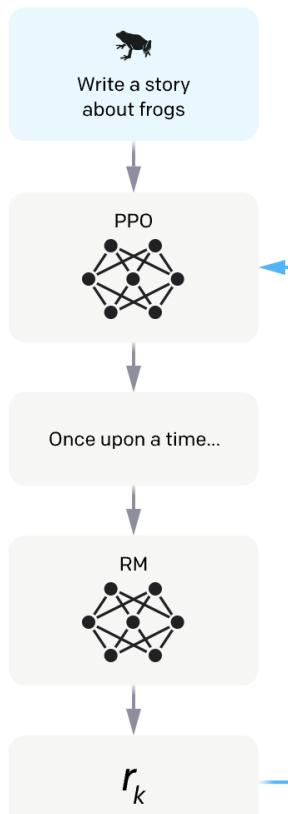
Step 3
Optimize a policy against the reward model using reinforcement learning.

A new prompt is sampled from the dataset.

The policy generates an output.

The reward model calculates a reward for the output.

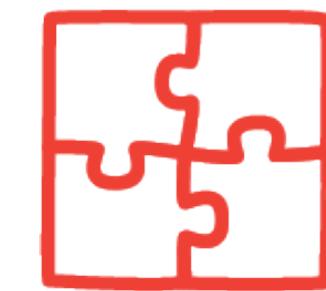
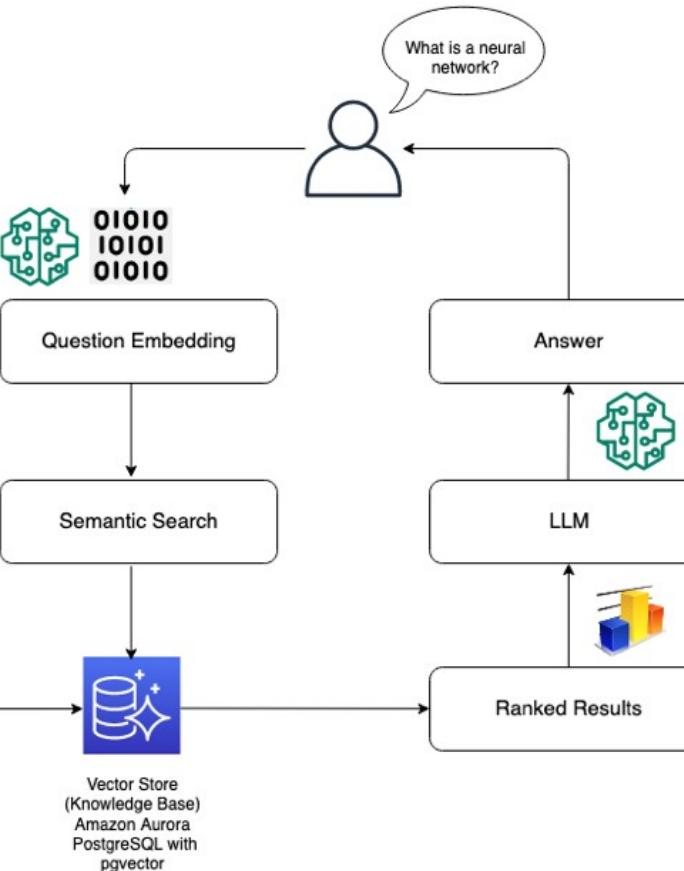
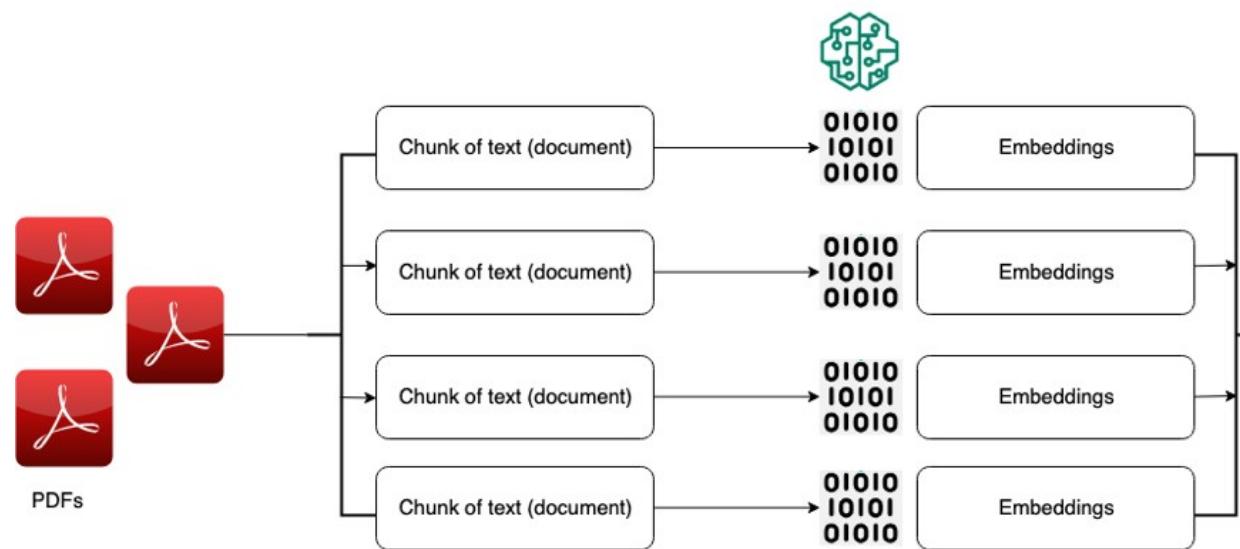
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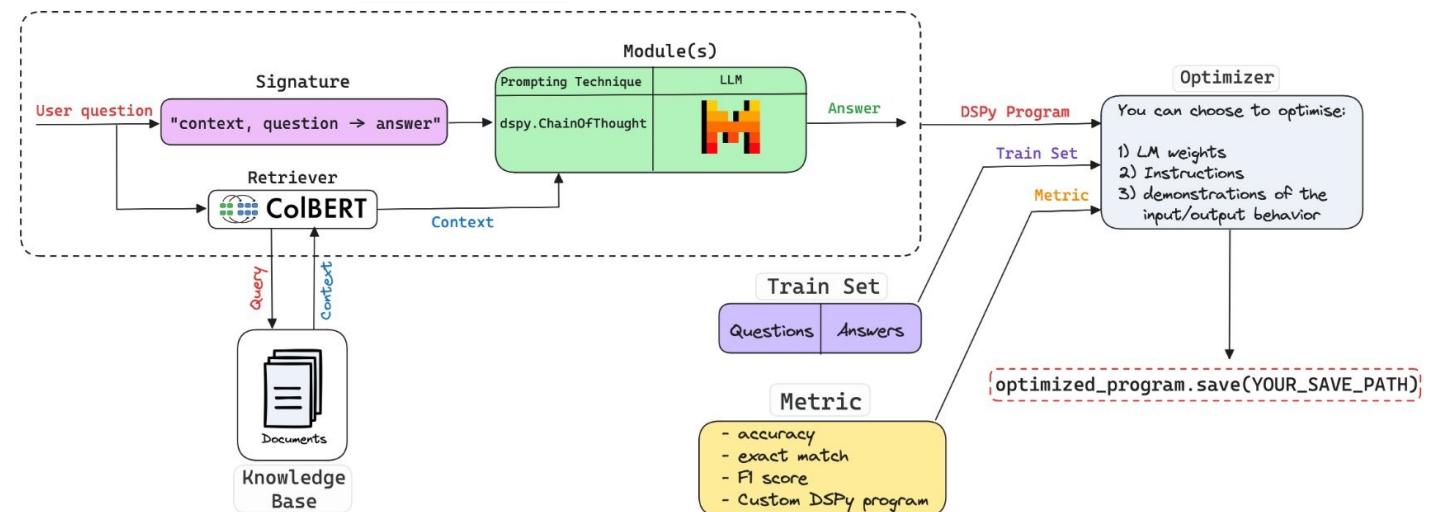
8. LLM Orchestration



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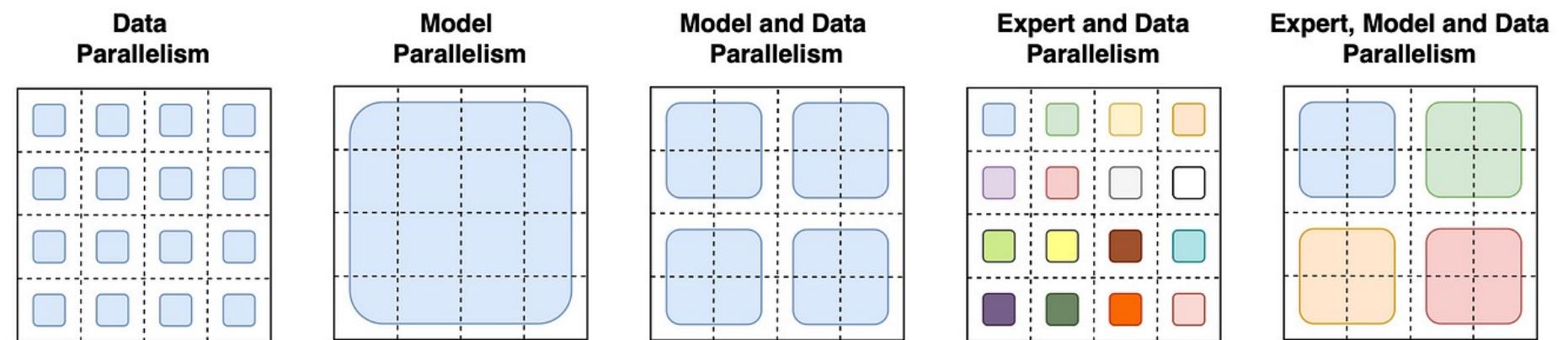
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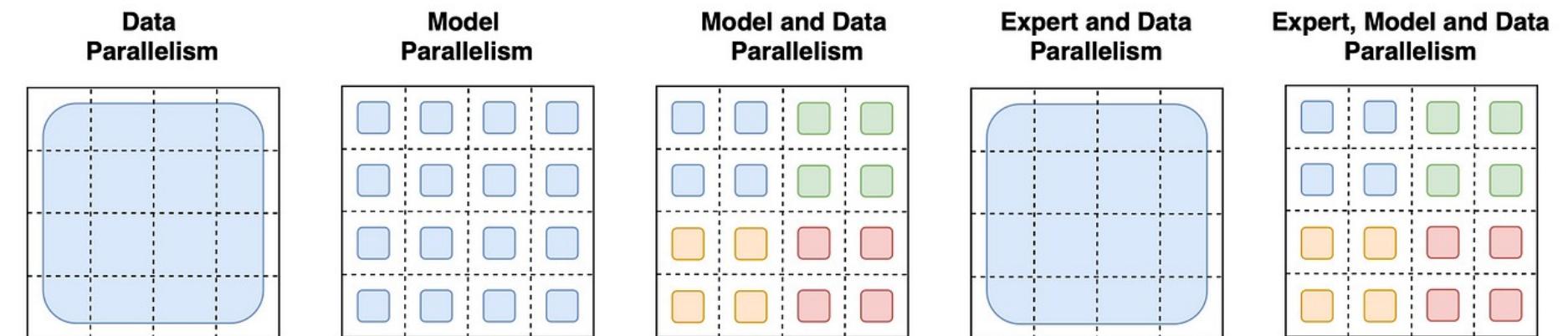
9. Scaling Model Training to Distributed Workloads



How the *model weights* are split over cores



How the *data* is split over cores

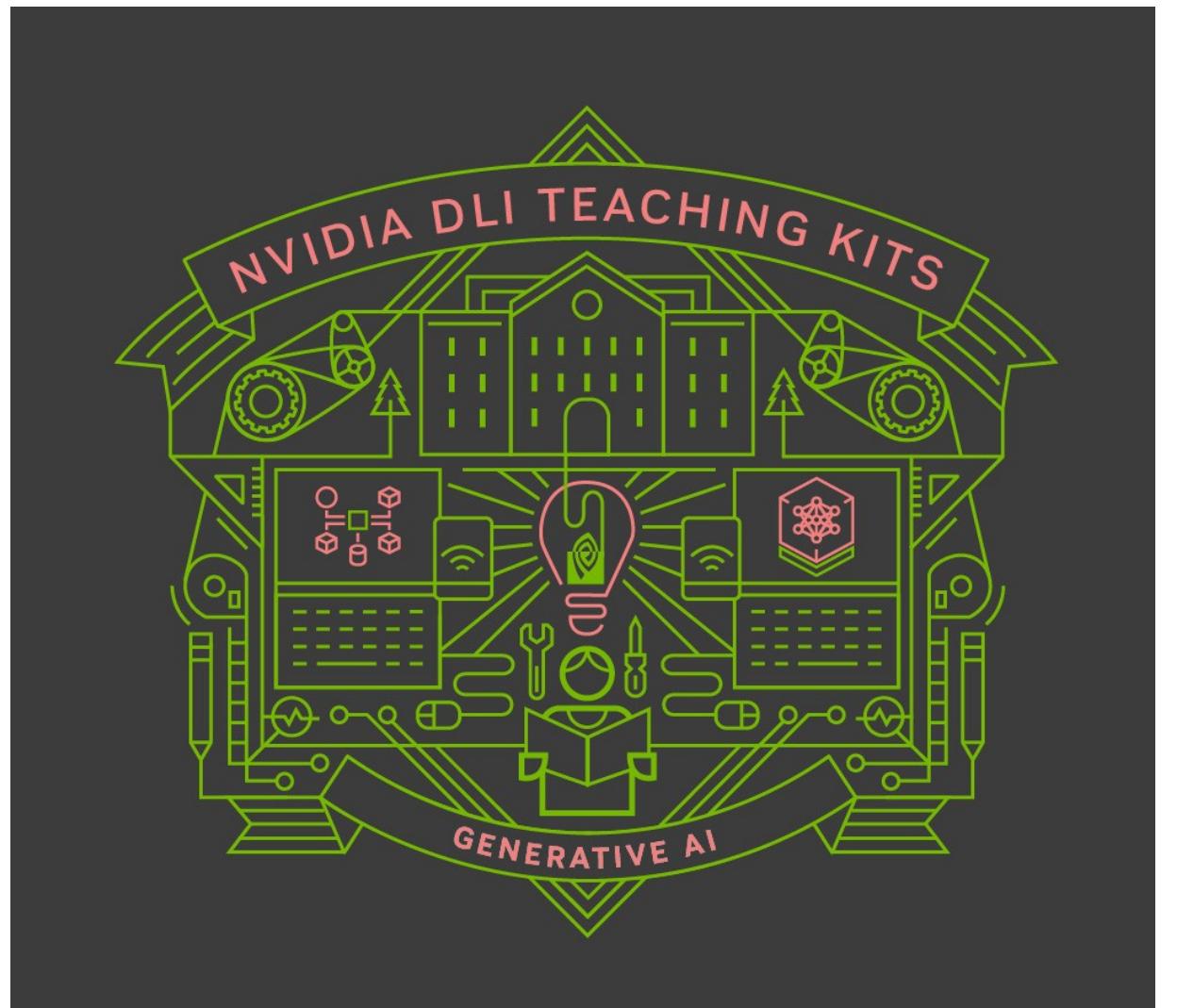


Wrap Up

Introduction to GenAI

- Today we introduced the GenAI Course
 - We covered the different materials used in the class
 - Provided an overview of the modules to come
 - Highlighted how GenAI has exploded onto the scene of science, engineering, and the economy at large
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In the next lesson we will start our discussion into how we got to this point and what advances led us from the digital computer, to ChatGPT





Thank you!