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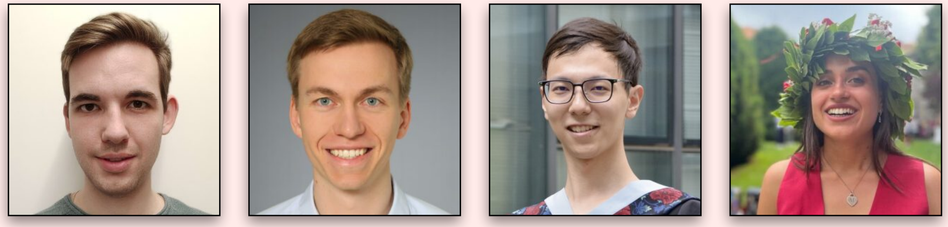

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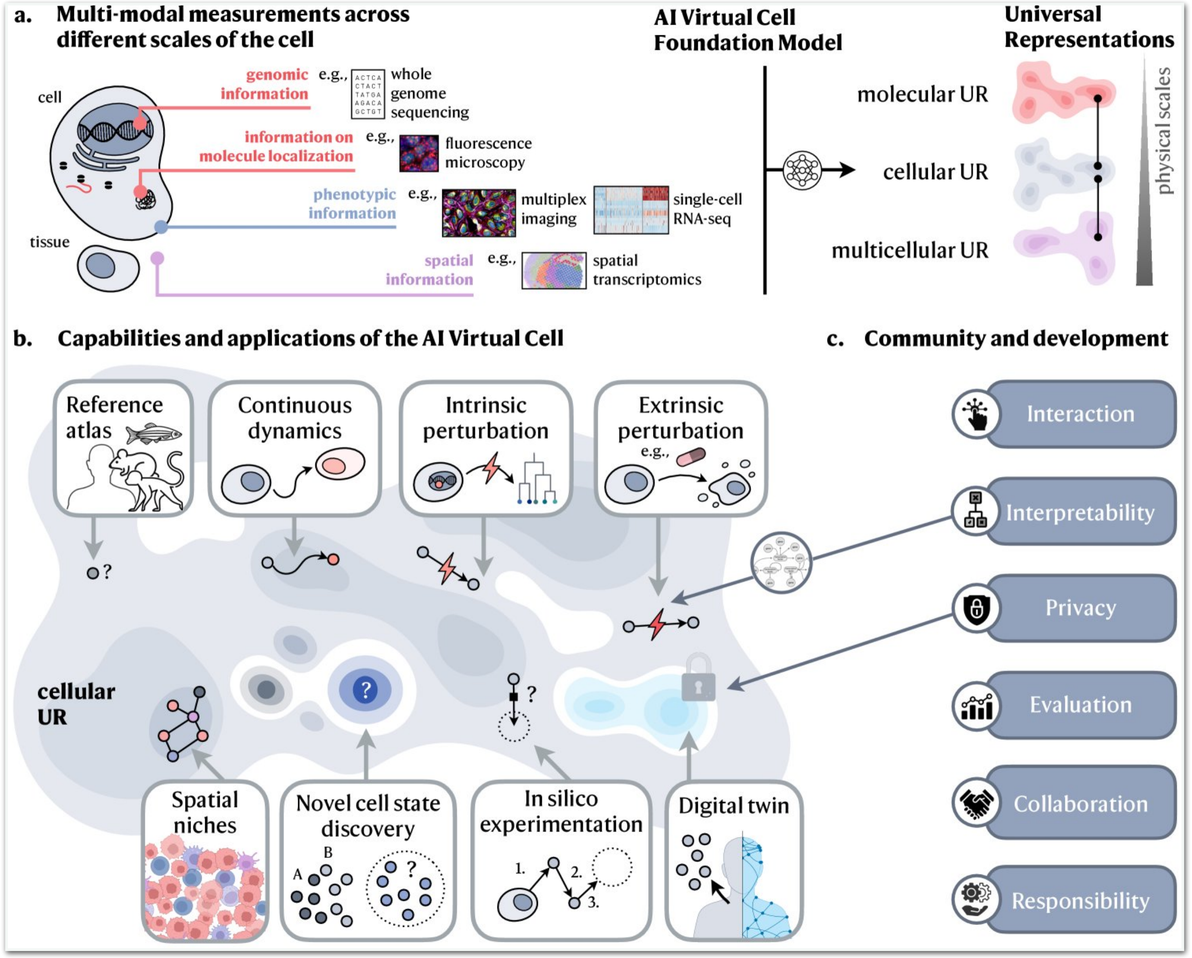

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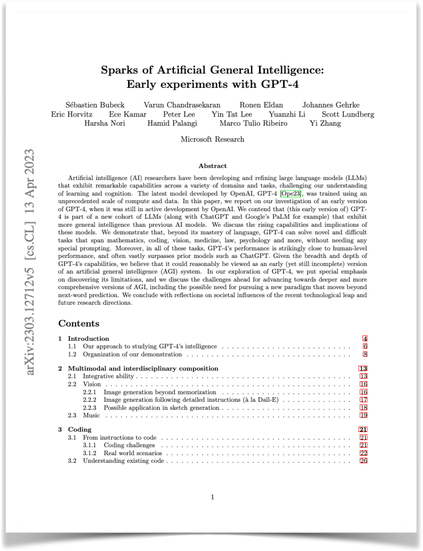

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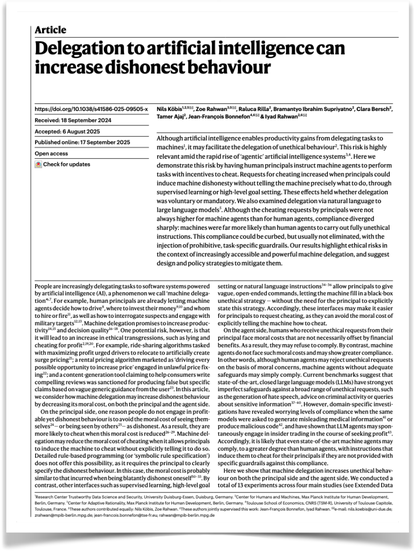

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Although artificial intelligence enables productivity gains from delegating tasks to machines[1], it may facilitate the delegation of unethical behaviour[2]. This risk is highly relevant amid the rapid rise of 'agentic' artificial intelligence systems[3,4]. Here we demonstrate this risk by having human principals instruct machine agents to perform tasks with incentives to cheat. Requests for cheating increased when principals could induce machine dishonesty without telling the machine precisely what to do, through supervised learning or high-level goal setting. These effects held whether delegation was voluntary or mandatory. We also examined delegation via natural language to large language models[5]. Although the cheating requests by principals were not always higher for machine agents than for human agents, compliance diverged sharply: machines were far more likely than human agents to carry out fully unethical instructions. This compliance could be curbed, but usually not eliminated, with the injection of prohibitive, task-specific guardrails. Our results highlight ethical risks in the context of increasingly accessible and powerful machine delegation, and suggest design and policy strategies to mitigate them.

People are increasingly delegating tasks to software systems powered by artificial intelligence (AI), a phenomenon we call 'machine delegation'[1,2]. For example, human principals are already letting machine agents decide how to drive[6], where to invest their money[7,8] and whom to hire or fire[9], as well as how to interrogate suspects and engage with military targets[10,11]. Machine delegation promises to increase productivity[12,13] and decision quality[14–16]. One potential risk, however, is that it will lead to an increase in ethical transgressions, such as lying and cheating for profit[2,16,17]. For example, ride-sharing algorithms tasked with maximizing profit urged drivers to relocate to artificially create surge pricing[18]; a rental pricing algorithm marketed as 'driving every possible opportunity to increase price' engaged in unlawful price fixing[19]; and a content-generation tool claiming to help consumers write compelling reviews was sanctioned for producing false but specific claims based on vague generic guidance from the user[20]. In this article, we consider how machine delegation may increase dishonest behaviour by decreasing its moral cost, on both the principal and the agent side.

On the principal side, one reason people do not engage in profitable yet dishonest behaviour is to avoid the moral cost of seeing themselves[21] – or being seen by others[22,23] – as dishonest. As a result, they are more likely to cheat when this moral cost is reduced[24–26]. Machine delegation may reduce the moral cost of cheating when it allows principals to induce the machine to cheat without explicitly telling it to do so. Detailed rule-based programming (or 'symbolic rule specification') does not offer this possibility, as it requires the principal to clearly specify the dishonest behaviour. In this case, the moral cost is probably similar to that incurred when being blatantly dishonest oneself[24–26]. By contrast, other interfaces such as supervised learning, high-level goal setting or natural language instructions[26–28] allow principals to give vague, open-ended commands, letting the machine fill in a black-box unethical strategy – without the need for the principal to explicitly state this strategy. Accordingly, these interfaces may make it easier for principals to request cheating, as they can avoid the moral cost of explicitly telling the machine how to cheat.

On the agent side, humans who receive unethical requests from their principal face moral costs that are not necessarily offset by financial benefits. As a result, they may refuse to comply. By contrast, machine agents do not face such moral costs and may show greater compliance. In other words, although human agents may reject unethical requests on the basis of moral concerns, machine agents without adequate safeguards may simply comply. Current benchmarks suggest that state-of-the-art, closed large language models (LLMs) have strong yet imperfect safeguards against a broad range of unethical requests, such as the generation of hate speech, advice on criminal activity or queries about sensitive information[27–30]. However, domain-specific investigations have revealed worrying levels of compliance when the same models were asked to generate misleading medical information[31] or produce malicious code[32], and have shown that LLM agents may spontaneously engage in insider trading in the course of seeking profit[33]. Accordingly, it is likely that even state-of-the-art machine agents may comply, to a greater degree than human agents, with instructions that induce them to cheat for their principals if they are not provided with specific guardrails against this compliance.

Here we show that machine delegation increases unethical behaviour on both the principal side and the agent side. We conducted a total of 13 experiments across four main studies (see Extended Data

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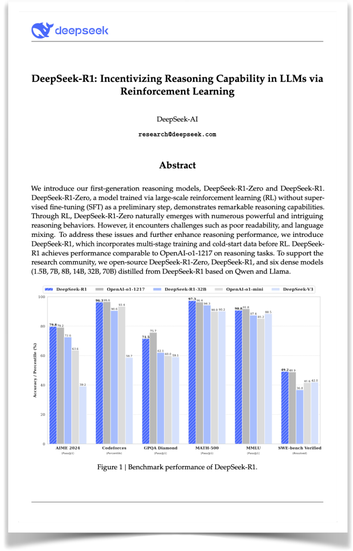

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Figure 1 | Benchmark performance of DeepSeek-R1.

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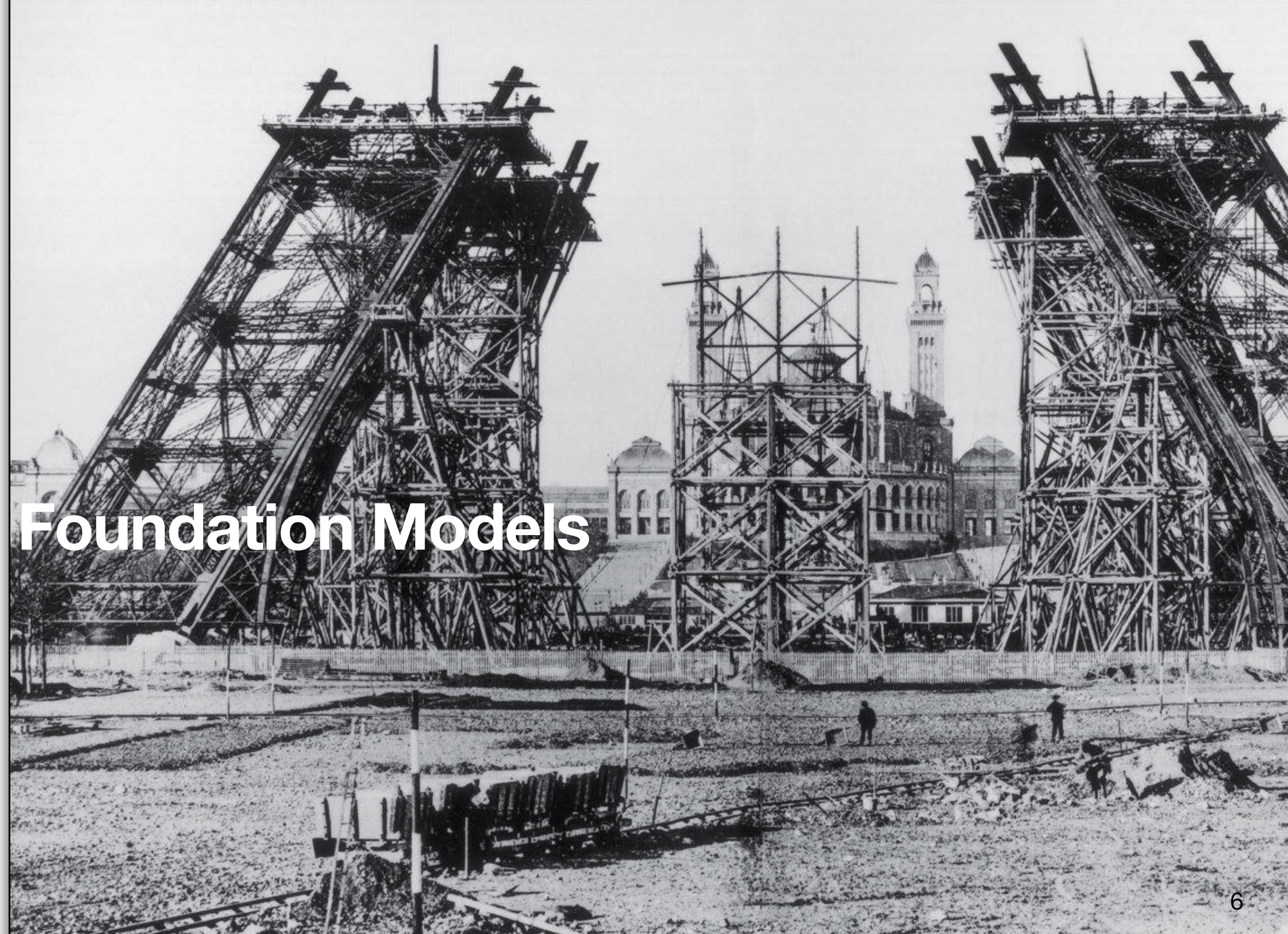

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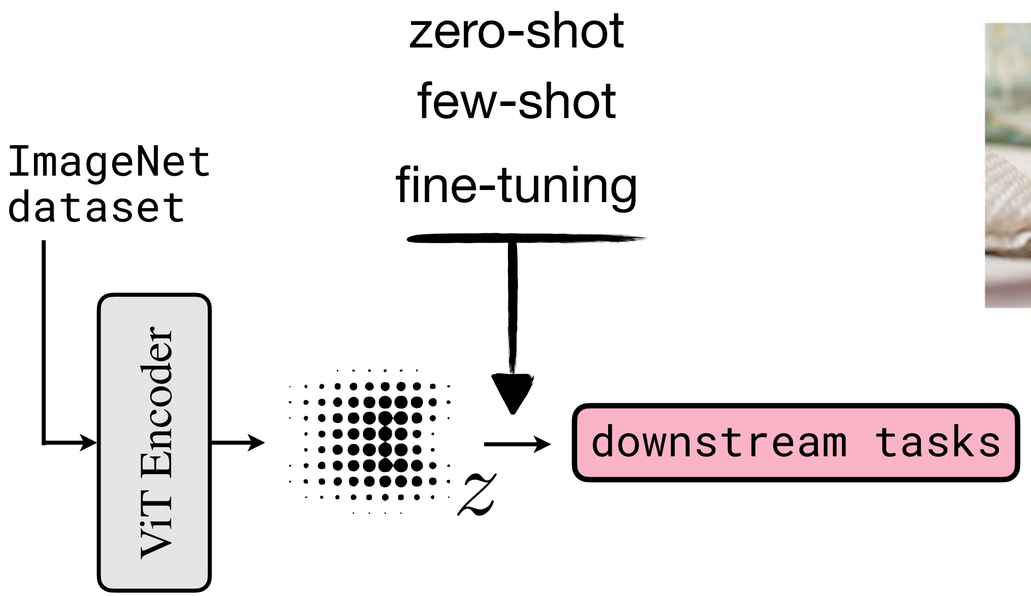

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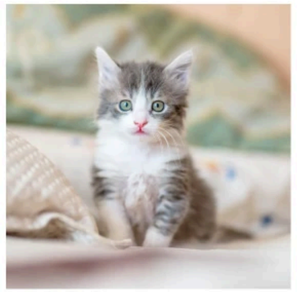

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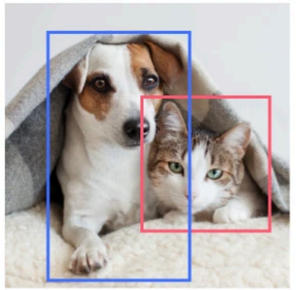

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Instance Segmentation

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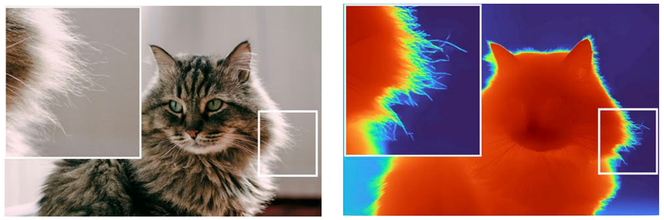
Depth Estimation



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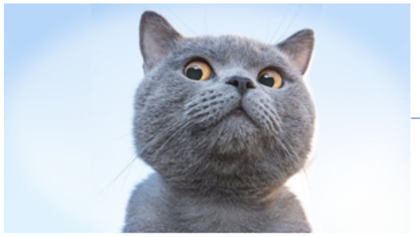

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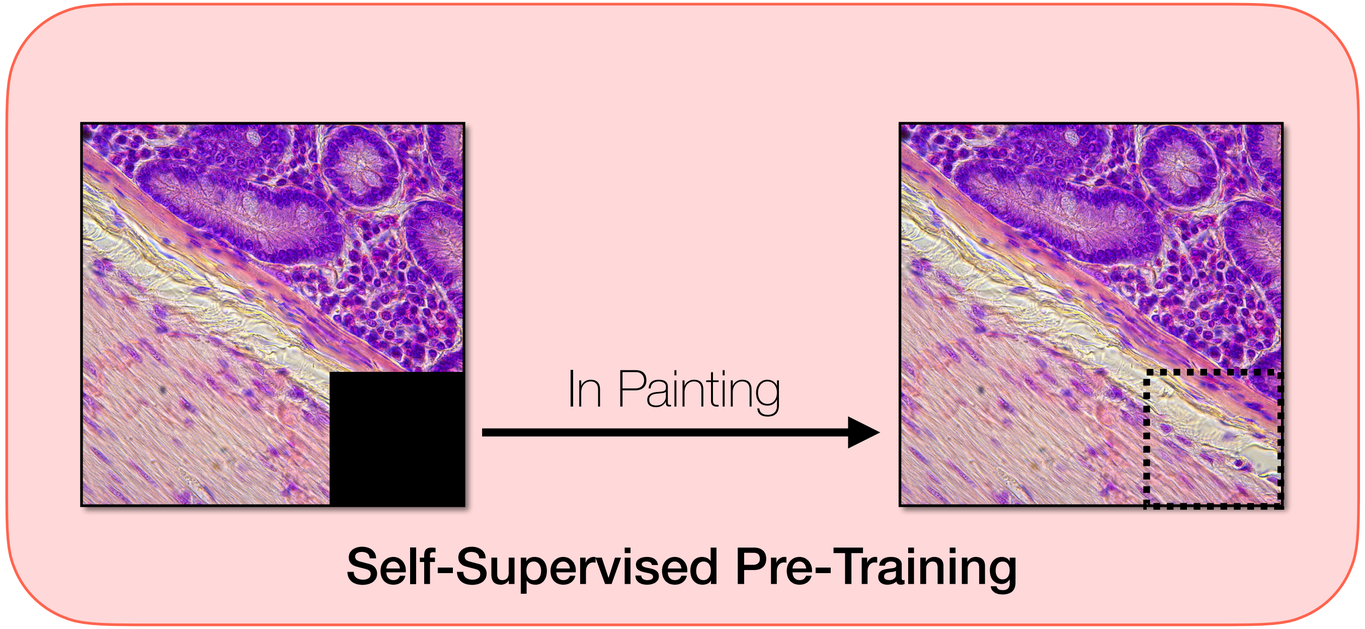

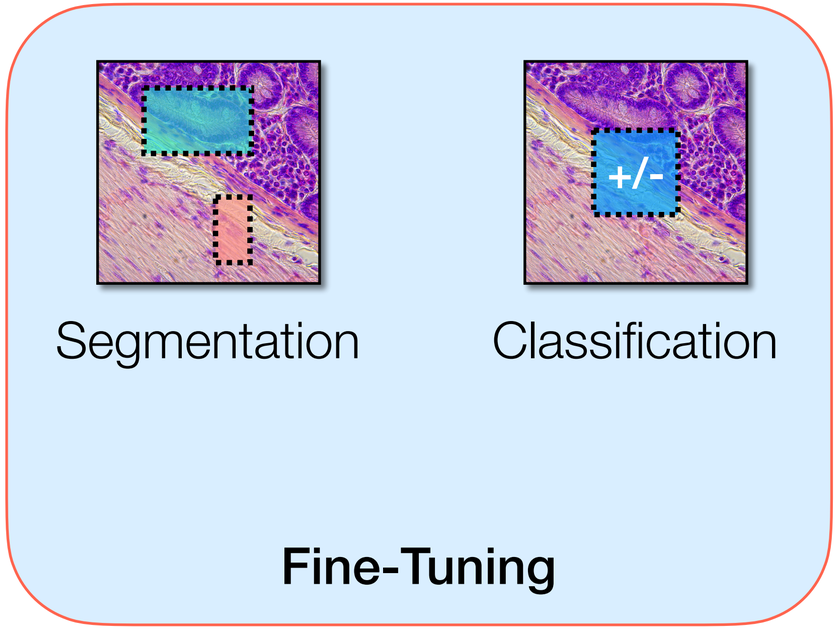

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Reasoning in LLMs

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Are LLMs conscious?

Do LLMs feel emotions?

Will LLMs take over?

What can large models do?

What tasks can they solve?

Can they justify their decisions in a sound way through natural language?

Is this useful for somebody using this model?

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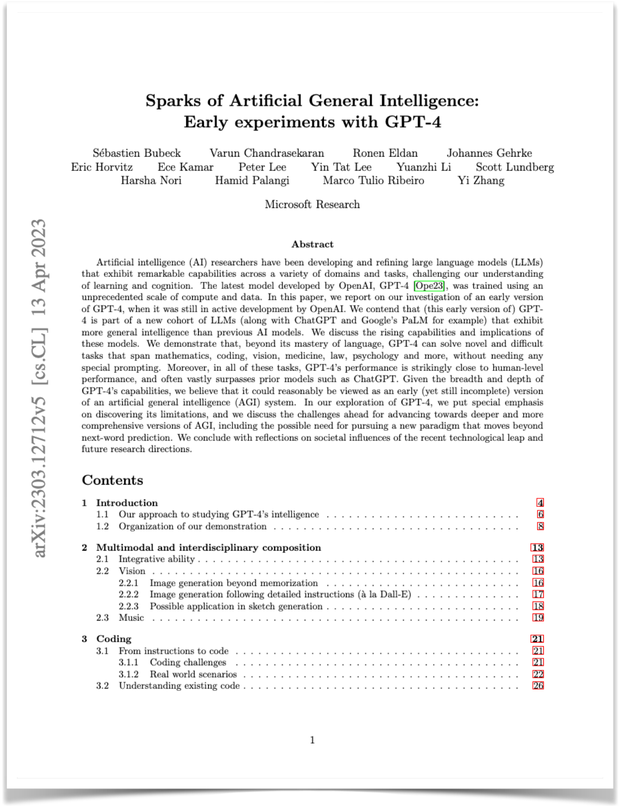

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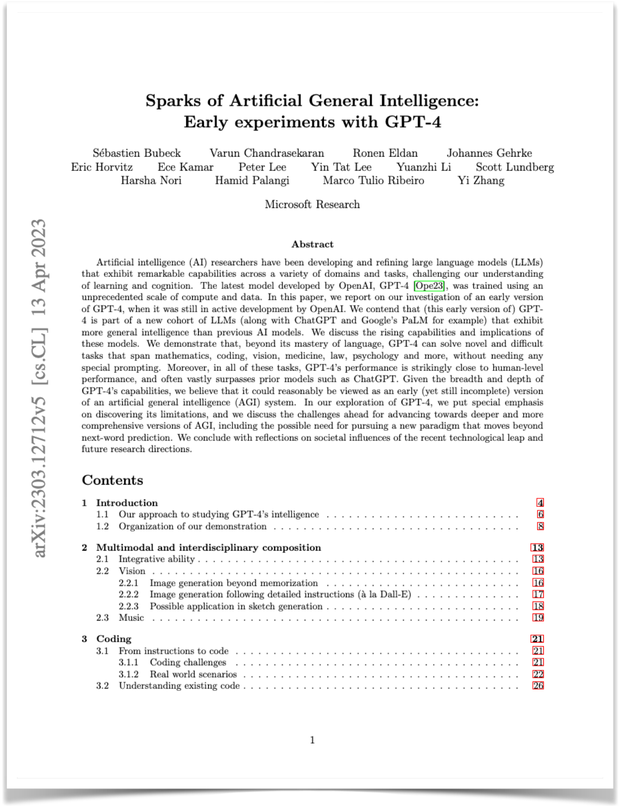

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GPT-4 vs ChatGPT

Prompt: Here we have a book, 9 eggs, a laptop, a bottle and a nail. Please tell me how to stack them onto each other in a stable manner.

GPT-4:

One possible way to stack the objects onto each other in a stable manner is:

- Place the book flat on a level surface, such as a table or a floor. The book will serve as the base of the stack and provide a large and sturdy support.
- Arrange the 9 eggs in a 3 by 3 square on top of the book, leaving some space between them. The eggs will form a second layer and distribute the weight evenly. Make sure the eggs are not cracked or broken, and handle them gently to avoid dropping them.
- Place the laptop on top of the eggs, with the screen facing down and the keyboard facing up. The laptop will fit snugly within the boundaries of the book and the eggs, and its flat and rigid surface will provide a stable platform for the next layer. Make sure the laptop is closed and turned off, and do not press any keys or buttons.
- Place the bottle on top of the laptop, with the cap facing up and the bottom facing down. The bottle will add some height and balance to the stack, and its cylindrical shape will reduce the contact area with the laptop. Make sure the bottle is empty and closed, and do not shake or tilt it.
- Place the nail on top of the bottle cap, with the pointy end facing up and the flat end facing down. The nail will be the final and smallest object in the stack, and its sharp tip will prevent it from rolling or sliding off the bottle. Make sure the nail is clean and straight, and do not touch or move it.

ChatGPT:

It would be difficult to stack all of these objects on top of each other in a stable manner without using any extra objects. The book and laptop are likely too large and heavy to stack on top of the eggs without damaging them. The bottle and nail may be too small to provide a stable base for the other objects.

Here is one possible way to stack the objects:

- Place the bottle on a flat surface.
- Carefully balance the nail on top of the bottle.
- Place the eggs on top of the nail, making sure they are balanced and not tilting to one side.
- Place the laptop on top of the eggs, again making sure it is balanced and not tilting to one side.
- Finally, place the book on top of the laptop.

This stack may not be very stable, so it is important to be careful when handling it. Alternatively, you could try stacking the objects in a different order or using some of the objects as supports for others to create a more stable stack.

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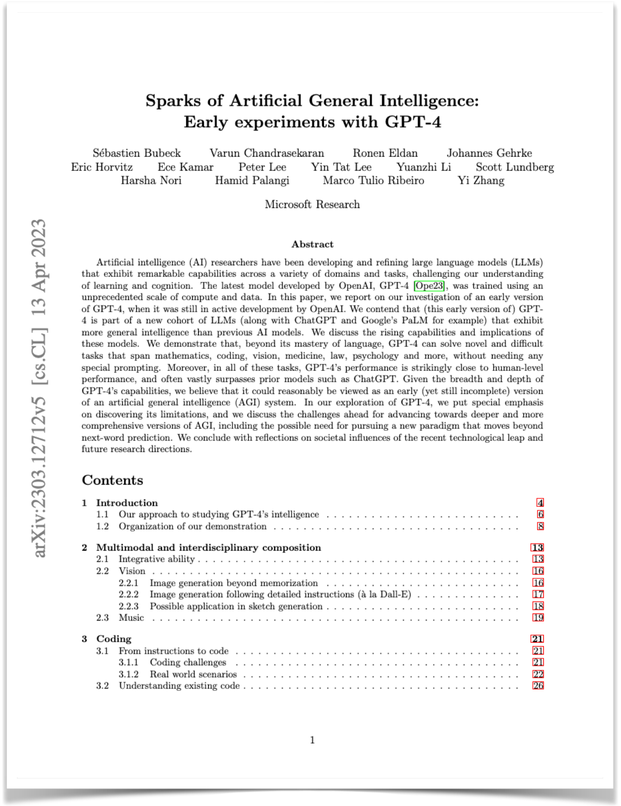

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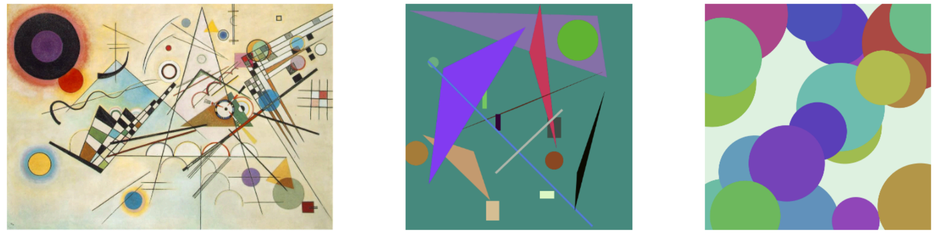

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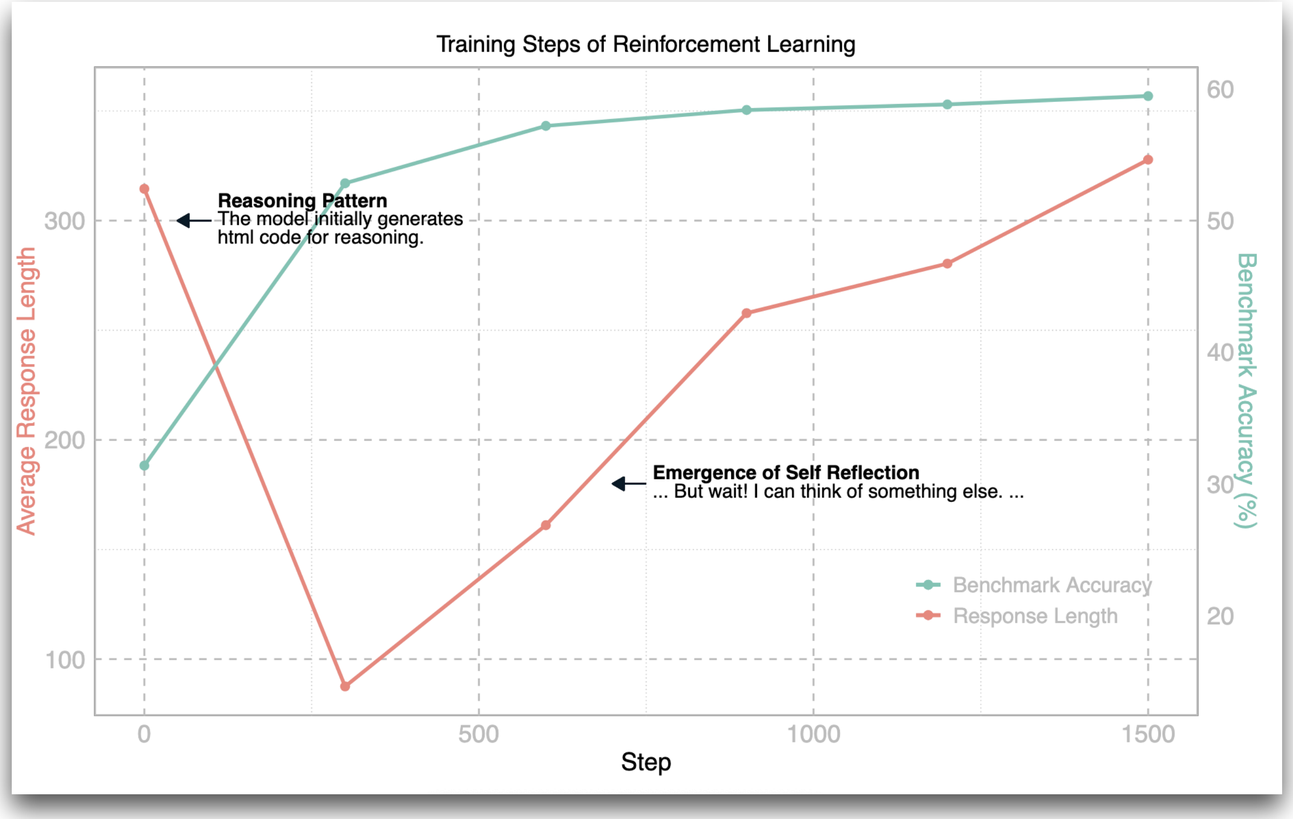

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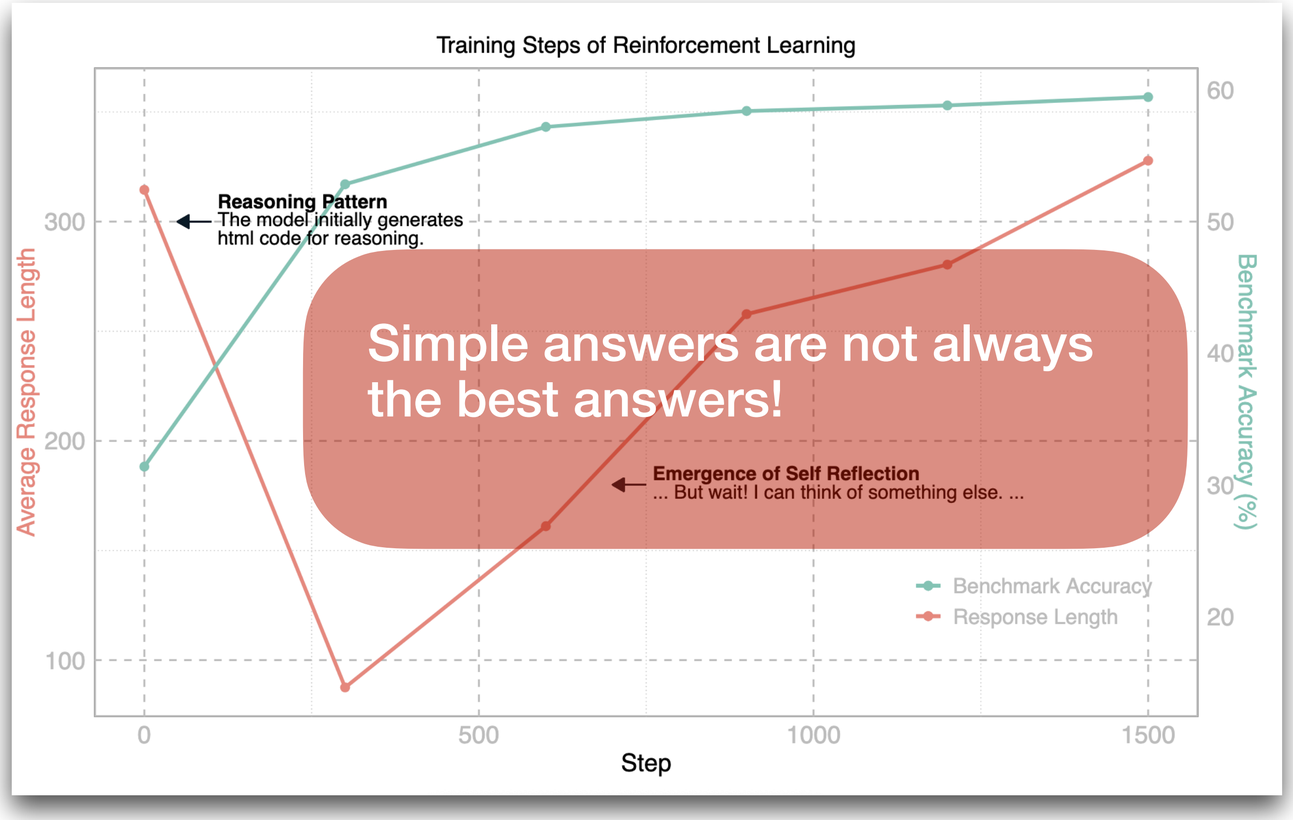

Reasoning for scientific tasks

BIOREASON: Incentivizing Multimodal Biological Reasoning within a DNA-LLM Model

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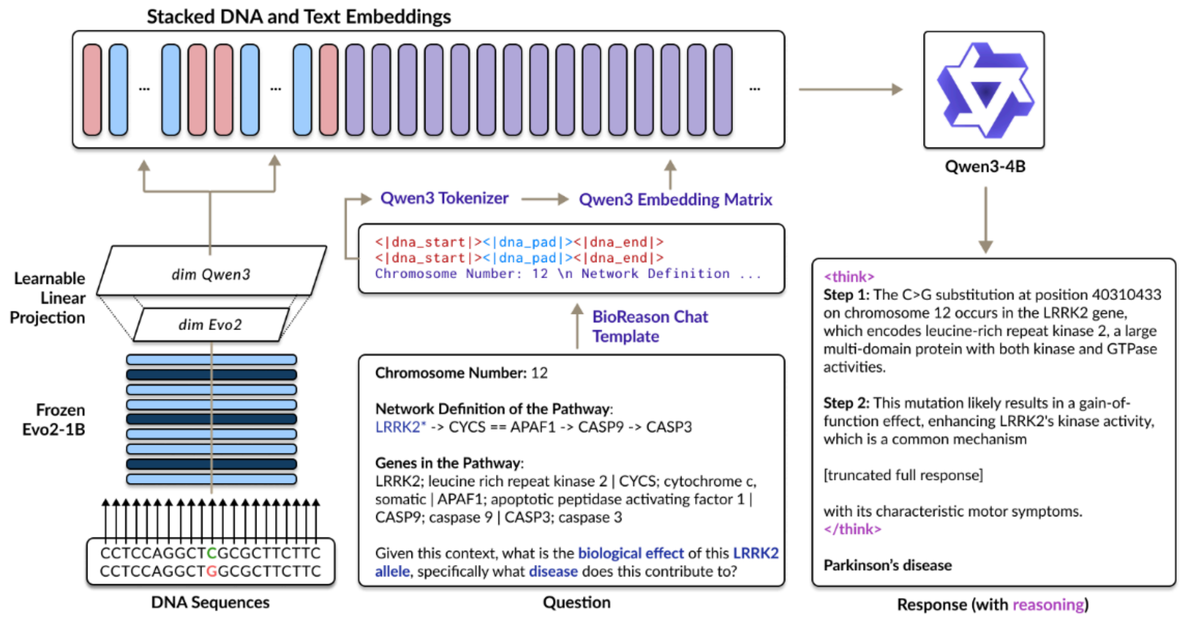

Reasoning for scientific tasks

BIOREASON: Incentivizing Multimodal Biological Reasoning within a DNA-LLM Model

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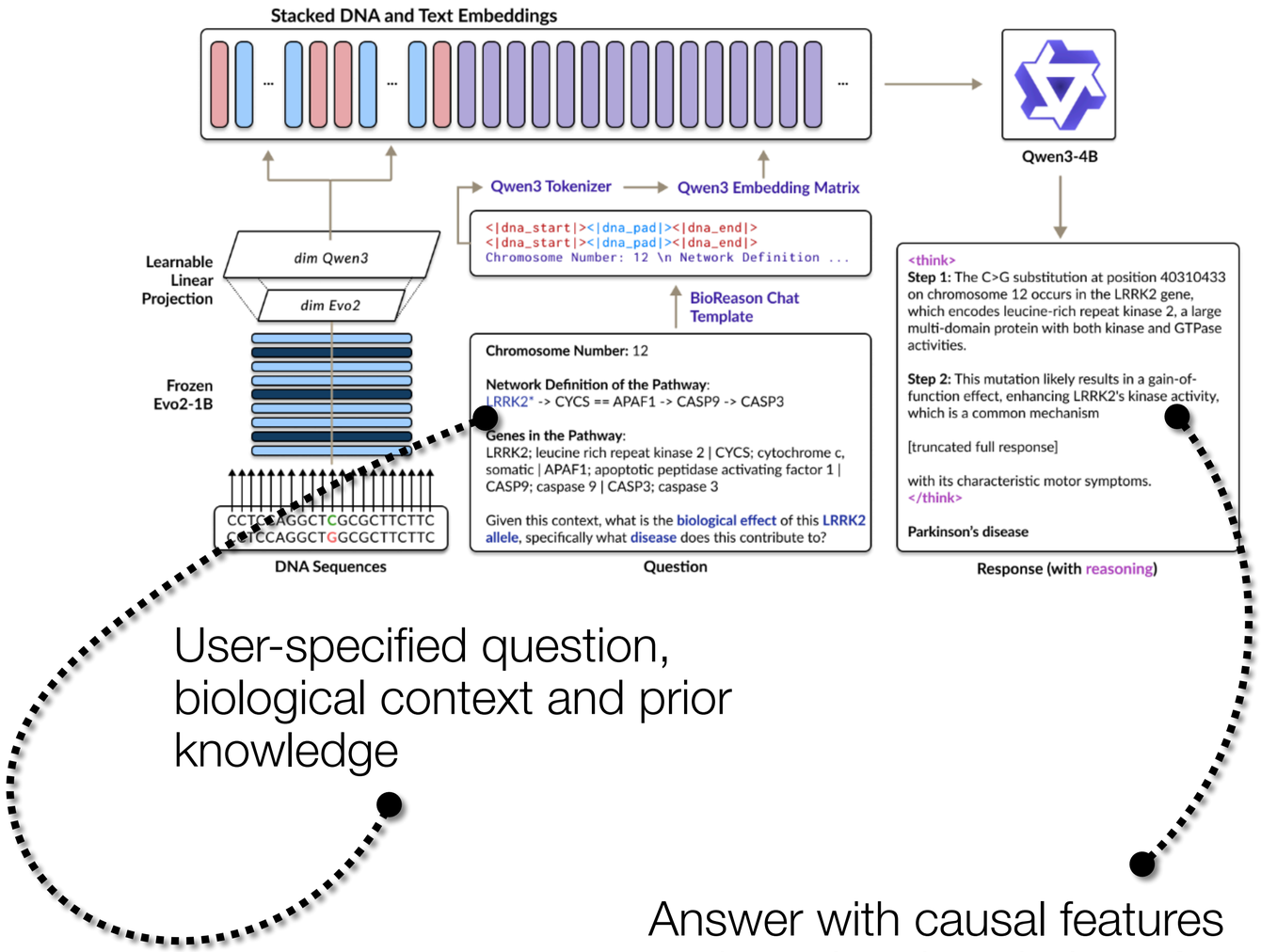

User-specified question, biological context and prior knowledge

Answer with causal features and precise description of pathways

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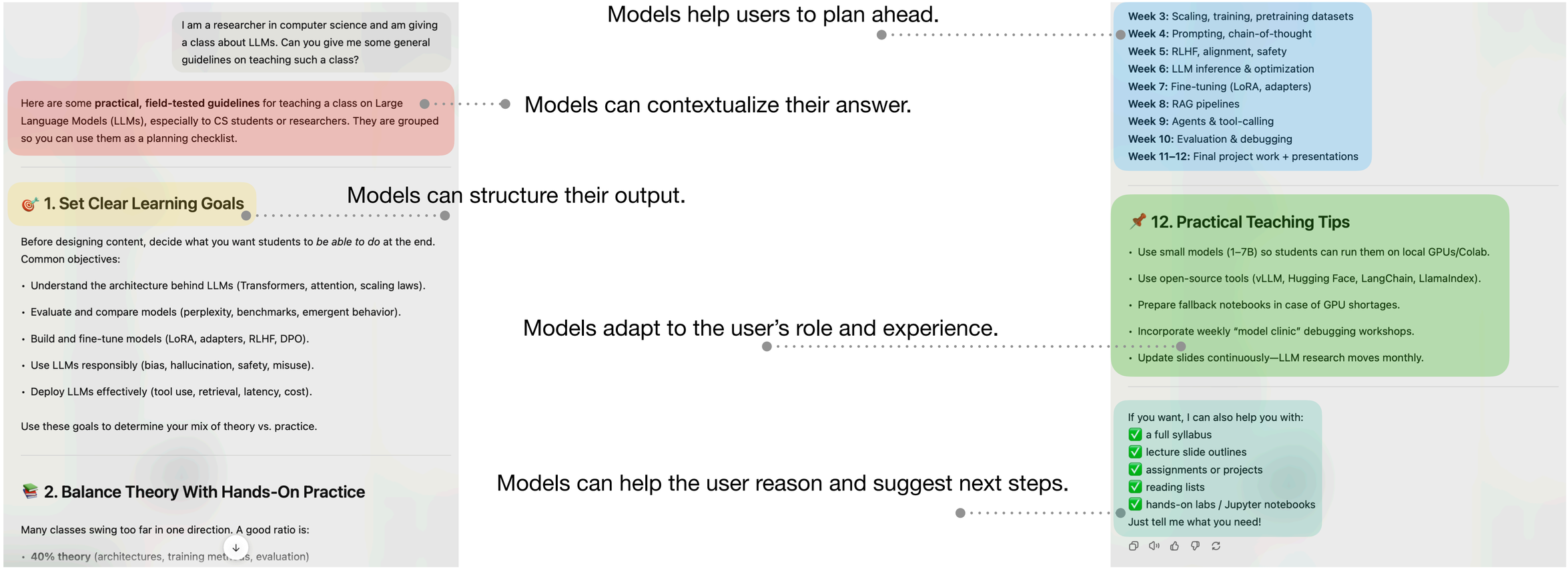

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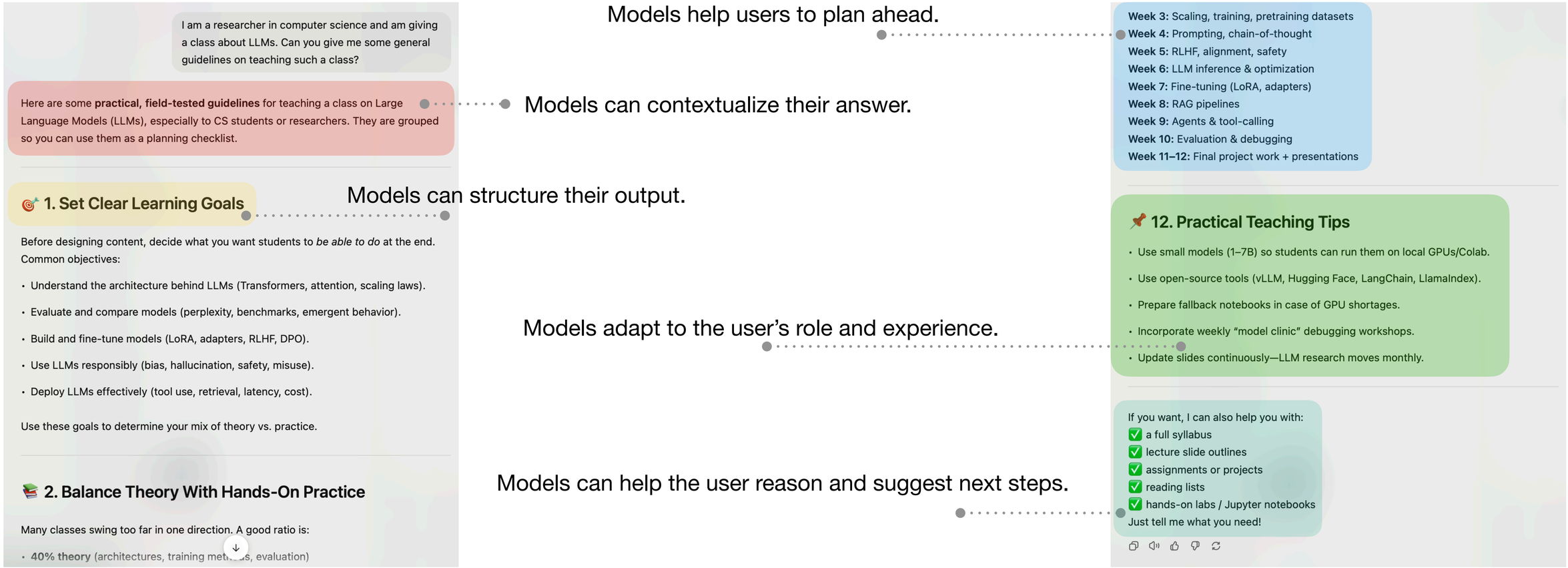


We should not think about reasoning and skills of large models in insolation, but in the context of their interactions with human users.

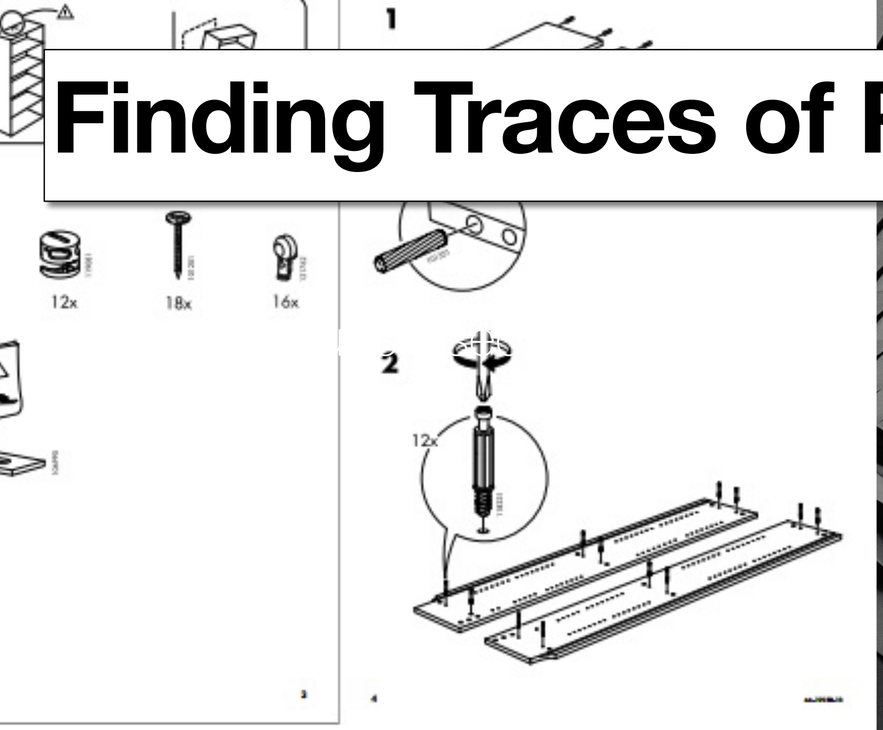
This week's lecture

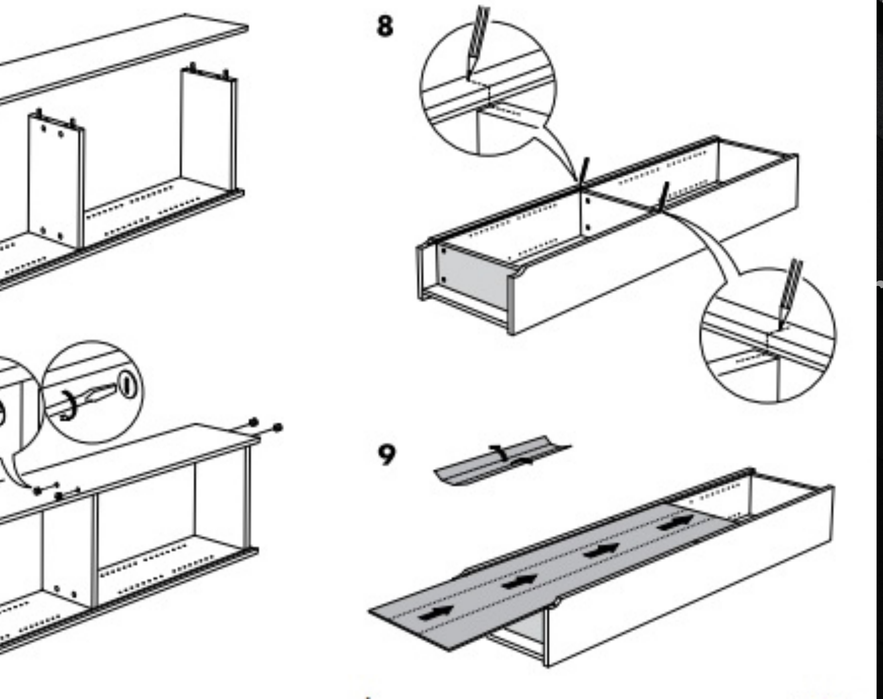
1 What can foundation models achieve today in terms of reasoning?

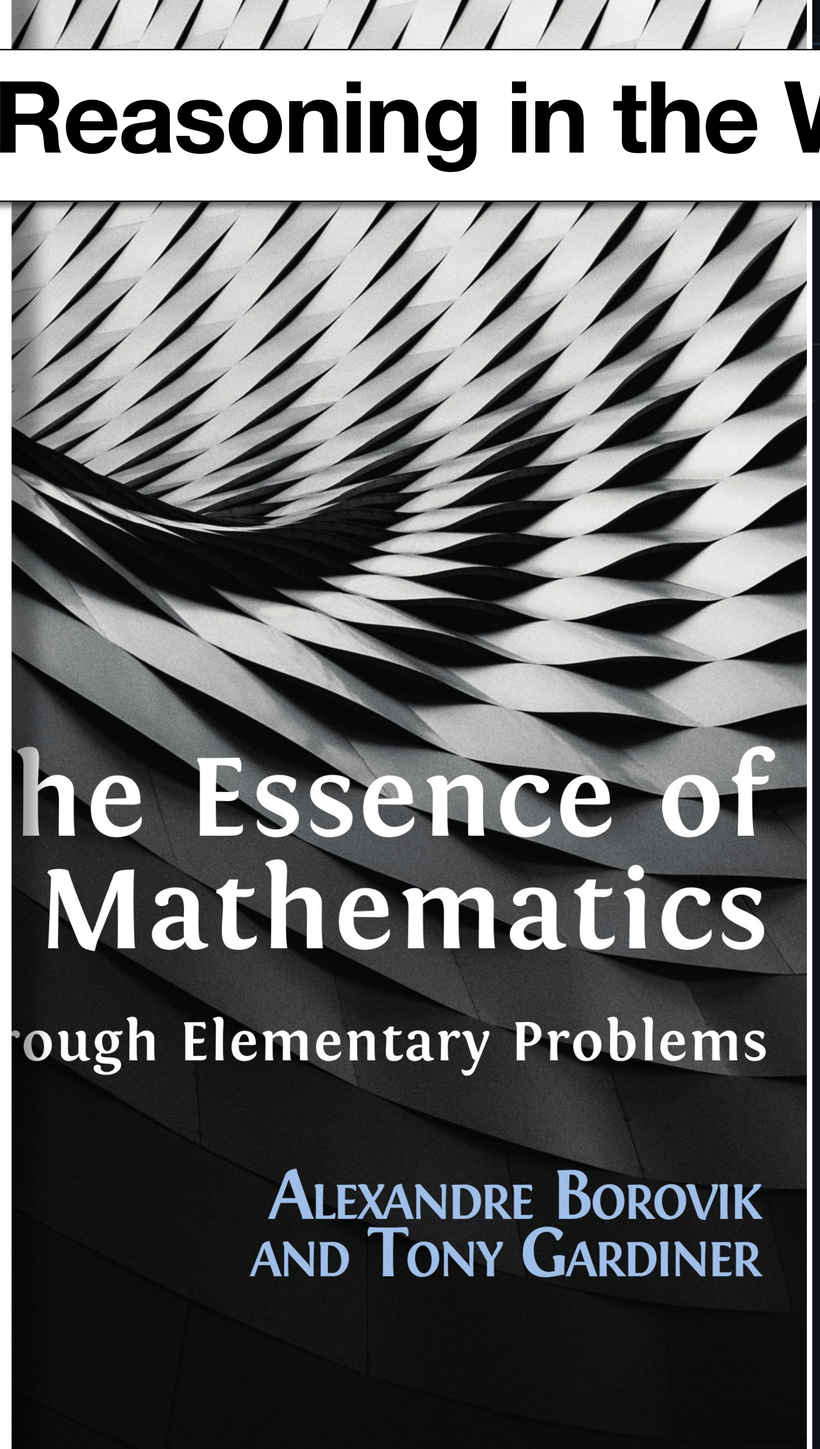
2 How do we get FMs to reason?

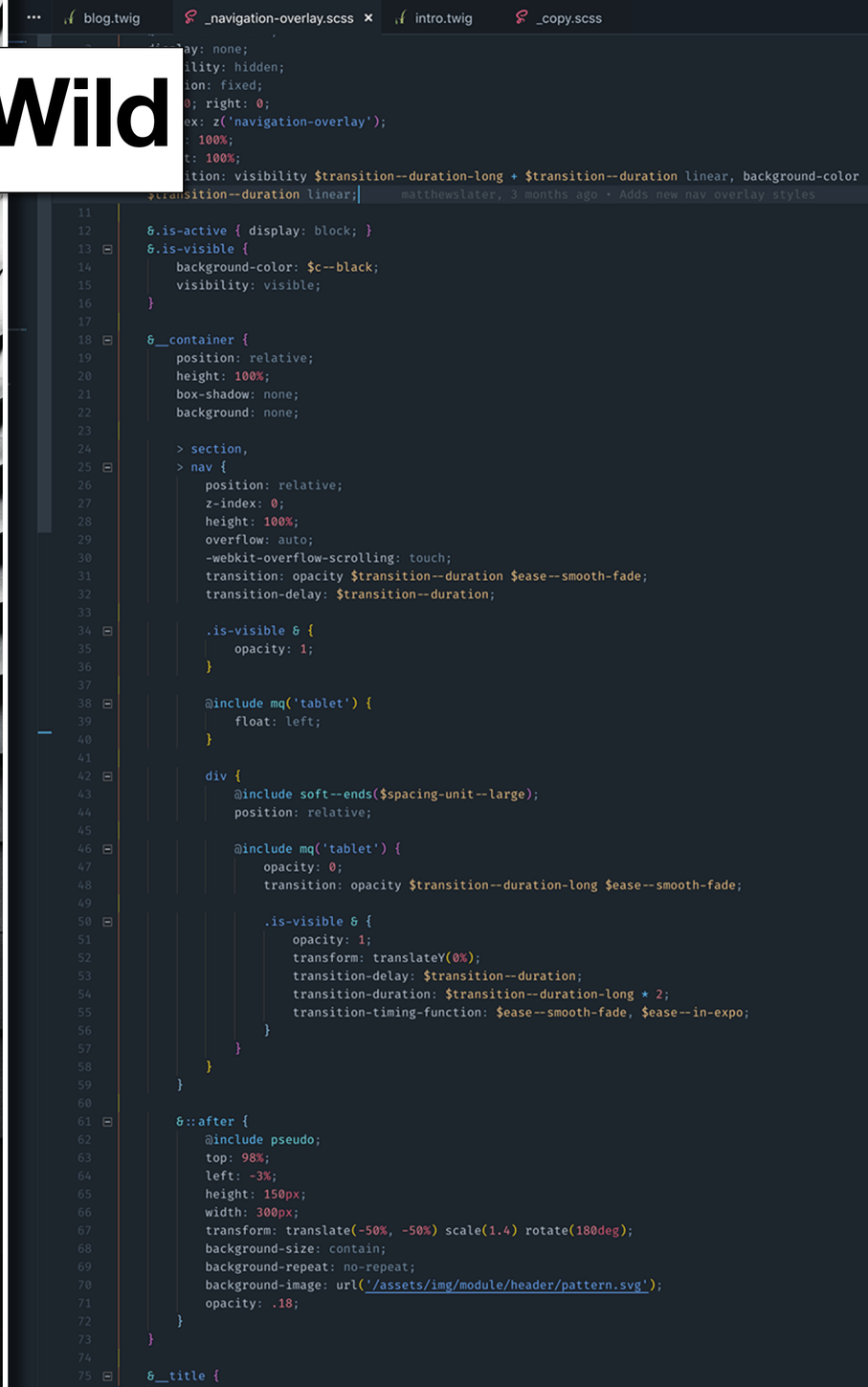
3 How can we interact with intelligent systems?

Finding Traces of Reasoning in the Wild







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Learning is an acquired skill. But how does one acquire it?

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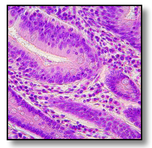
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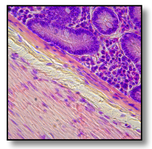
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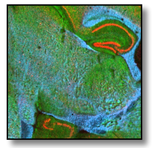
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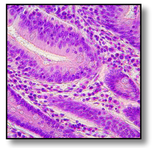
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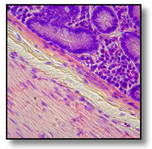
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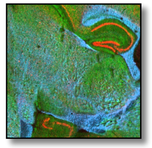
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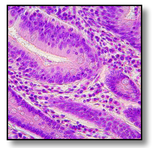
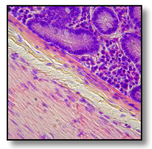
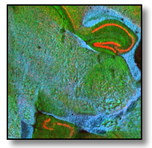

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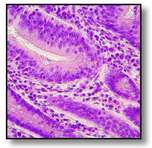
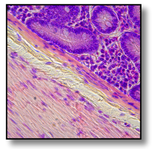
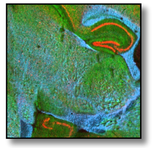

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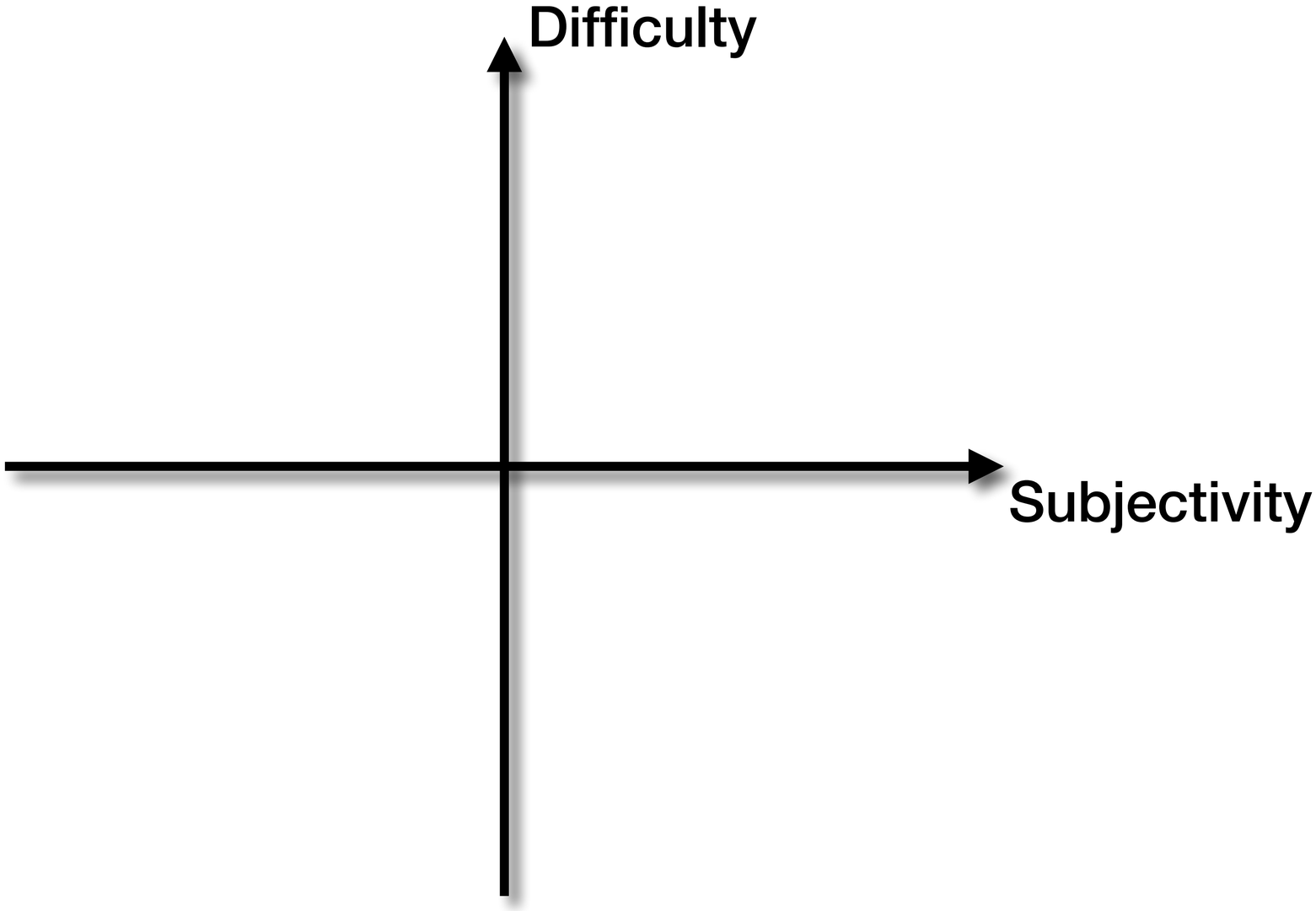

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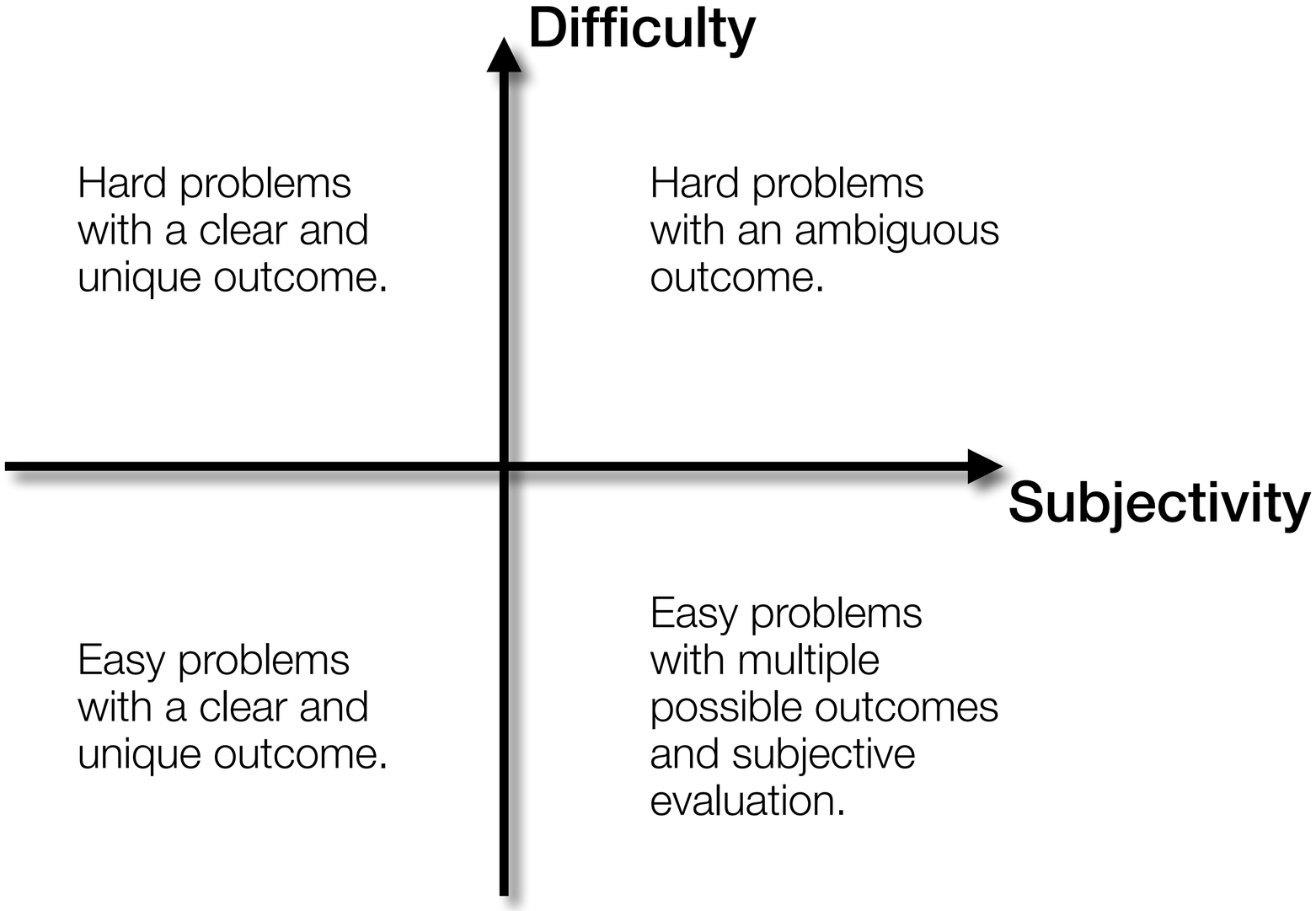

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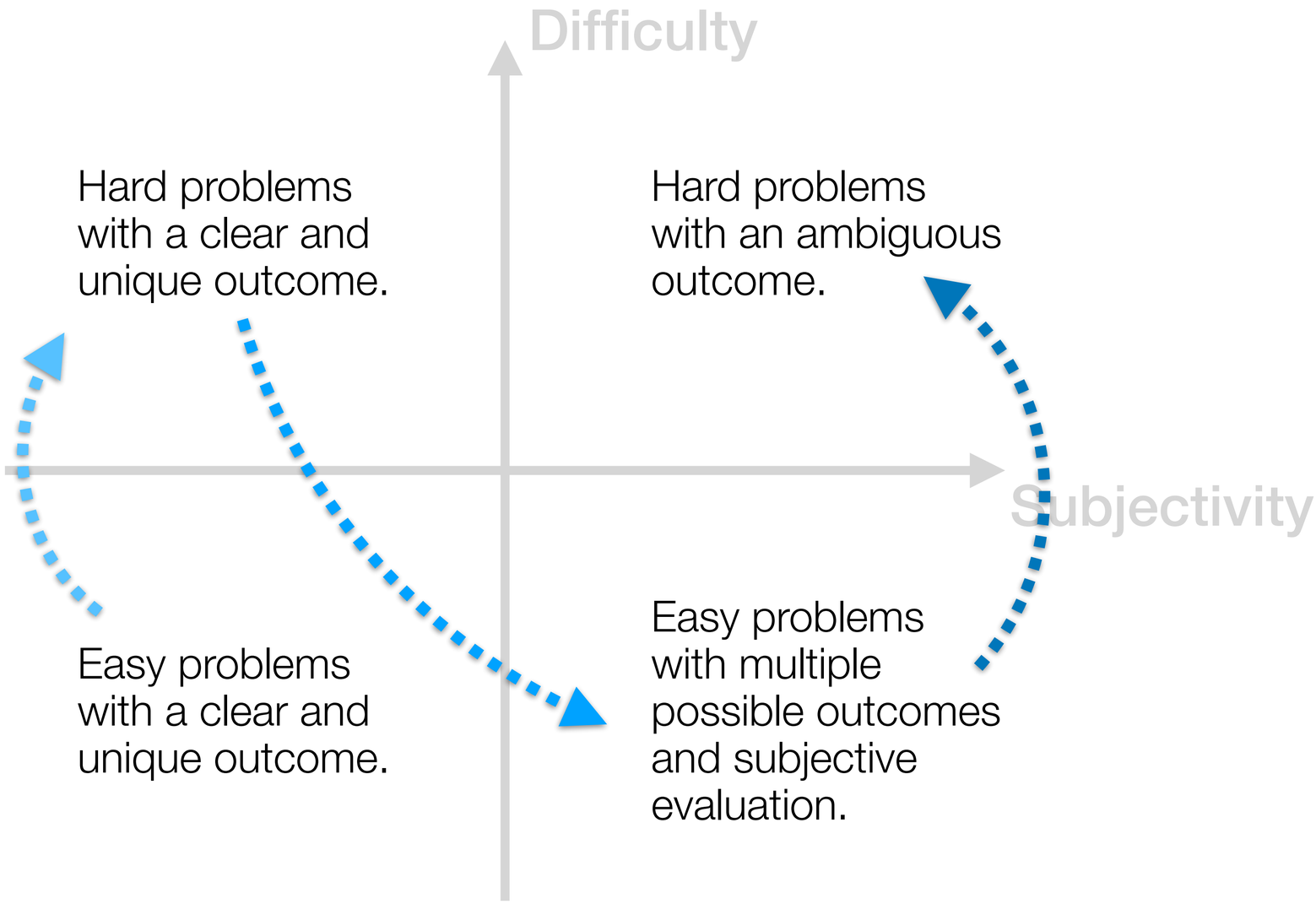

Typical training strategy

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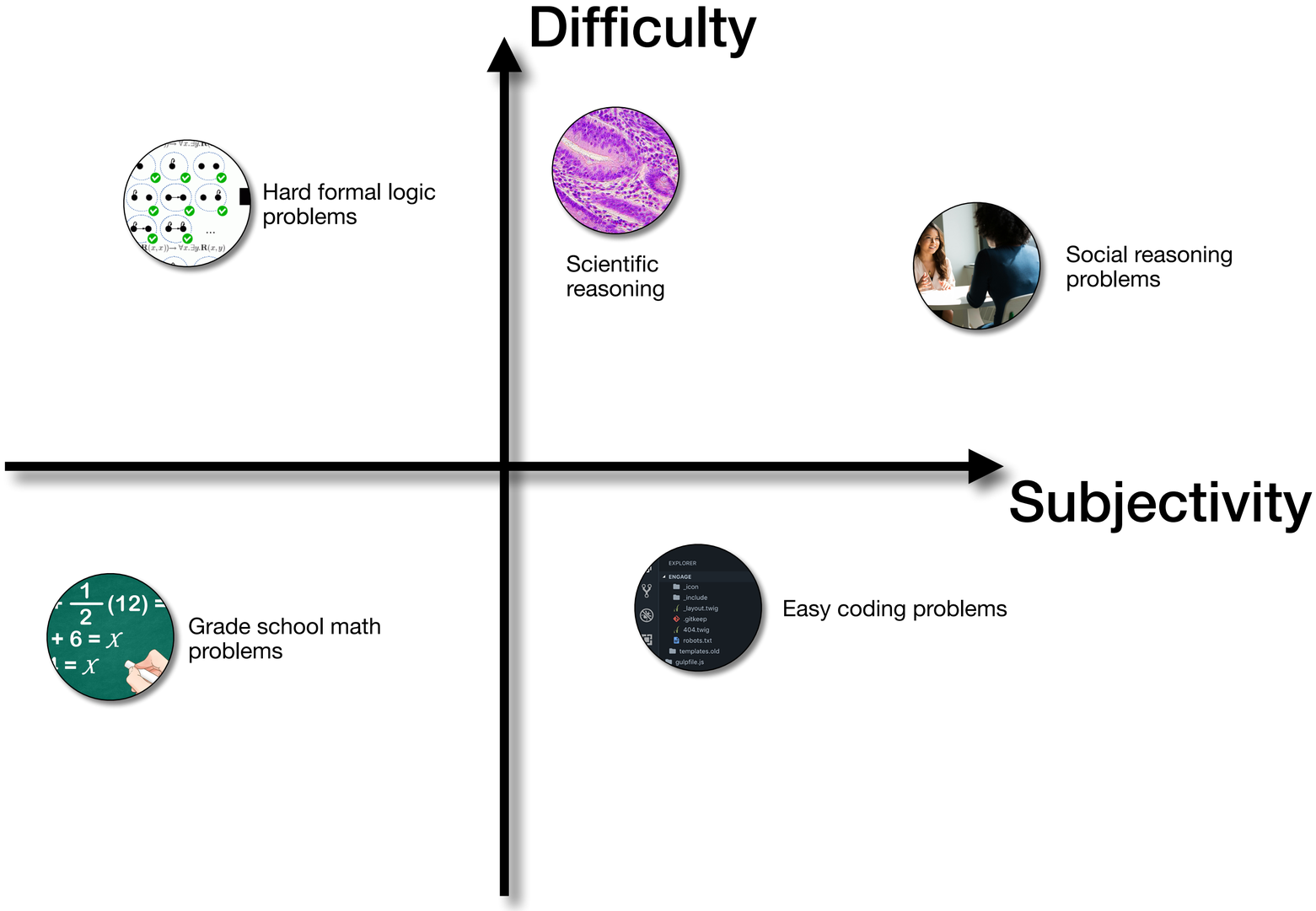

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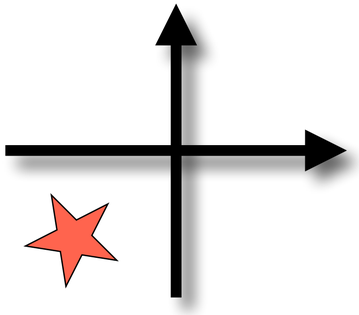

Mathematical Reasoning Datasets

question string · *lengths* 137 ⋯ 232 46%	answer string · *lengths* 50 ⋯ 168 19.9%
Natalia sold clips to 48 of her friends in April, and then she sold half as many clips in May. How many clips did Natalia sell altogether in April and May?	Natalia sold 48/2 = <<48/2=24>>24 clips in May. Natalia sold 48+24 = <<48+24=72>>72 clips altogether in April and May. #### 72
Weng earns $12 an hour for babysitting. Yesterday, she just did 50 minutes of babysitting. How much did she earn?	Weng earns 12/60 = $<<12/60=0.2>>0.2 per minute. Working 50 minutes, she earned 0.2 x 50 = $<<0.2*50=10>>10. #### 10
Betty is saving money for a new wallet which costs $100. Betty has only half of the money she needs. Her parents decided to give her $15 for that purpose, and her grandparents…	In the beginning, Betty has only 100 / 2 = $<<100/2=50>>50. Betty's grandparents gave her 15 * 2 = $<<15*2=30>>30. This means, Betty needs 100 - 50 - 30 - 15 = $<<100-50-30-15=5>>…
Julie is reading a 120-page book. Yesterday, she was able to read 12 pages and today, she read twice as many pages as yesterday. If she wants to read half of the remaining pages…	Maila read 12 x 2 = <<12*2=24>>24 pages today. So she was able to read a total of 12 + 24 = <<12+24=36>>36 pages since yesterday. There are 120 - 36 = <<120-36=84>>84 pages left t…
James writes a 3-page letter to 2 different friends twice a week. How many pages does he write a year?	He writes each friend 3*2=<<3*2=6>>6 pages a week So he writes 6*2=<<6*2=12>>12 pages every week That means he writes 12*52=<<12*52=624>>624 pages a year #### 624
Mark has a garden with flowers. He planted plants of three different colors in it. Ten of them are yellow, and there are 80% more of those in purple. There are only 25% as many…	There are 80/100 * 10 = <<80/100*10=8>>8 more purple flowers than yellow flowers. So in Mark's garden, there are 10 + 8 = <<10+8=18>>18 purple flowers. Purple and yellow flowers…
Albert is wondering how much pizza he can eat in one day. He buys 2 large pizzas and 2 small pizzas. A large pizza has 16 slices and a small pizza has 8 slices. If he eats it…	He eats 32 from the largest pizzas because 2 x 16 = <<2*16=32>>32 He eats 16 from the small pizza because 2 x 8 = <<2*8=16>>16 He eats 48 pieces because 32 + 16 =…
Ken created a care package to send to his brother, who was away at boarding school. Ken placed a box on a scale, and then he poured into the box enough jelly beans to bring the…	To the initial 2 pounds of jelly beans, he added enough brownies to cause the weight to triple, bringing the weight to 2*3=<<2*3=6>>6 pounds. Next, he added another 2 pounds of…
Alexis is applying for a new job and bought a new set of business clothes to wear to the interview. She went to a department store with a budget of $200 and spent $30 on a button…	Let S be the amount Alexis paid for the shoes. She spent S + 30 + 46 + 38 + 11 + 18 = S + <<+30+46+38+11+18=143>>143. She used all but $16 of her budget, so S + 143 = 200 - 16 =…
Tina makes $18.00 an hour. If she works more than 8 hours per shift, she is eligible for overtime, which is paid by your hourly wage + 1/2 your hourly wage. If she works 10 hours…	She works 8 hours a day for $18 per hour so she makes 8*18 = $<<8*18=144.00>>144.00 per 8-hour shift She works 10 hours a day and anything over 8 hours is eligible for overtime, s…
A deep-sea monster rises from the waters once every hundred years to feast on a ship and sate its hunger. Over three hundred years, it has consumed 847 people. Ships have been…	Let S be the number of people on the first hundred years' ship. The second hundred years' ship had twice as many as the first, so it had 2S people. The third hundred years' ship…
Tobias is buying a new pair of shoes that costs $95. He has been saving up his money each month for the past three months. He gets a $5 allowance a month. He also mows lawns and…	He saved up $110 total because 95 + 15 = <<95+15=110>>110 He saved $15 from his allowance because 3 x 5 = <<3*5=15>>15 He earned $60 mowing lawns because 4 x 15 = <<4*15=60>>60 He…

GSM8K Dataset

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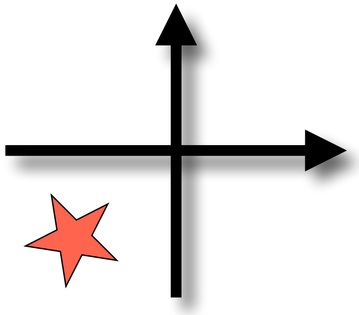

Mathematical Reasoning Datasets

8.5K Grade School Problems

Medium difficulty

Answers in natural language

A Dataset Details

We initially collected a starting set of a thousand problems and natural language solutions by hiring freelance contractors on Upwork (upwork.com). We then worked with Surge AI (surgehq.ai), an NLP data labeling platform, to scale up our data collection. After collecting the full dataset, we asked workers to re-solve all problems, with no workers re-solving problems they originally wrote. We checked whether their final answers agreed with the original solutions, and any problems that produced disagreements were either repaired or discarded. We then performed another round of agreement checks on a smaller subset of problems, finding that 1.7% of problems still produce disagreements among contractors. We estimate this to be the fraction of problems that contain breaking errors or ambiguities. It is possible that a larger percentage of problems contain subtle errors.

To assist contractors with writing questions, we provided seed questions automatically generated from a few-shot prompted 175B GPT-3 model. Contractors were allowed to use those seed questions directly, to use them as inspiration and make modifications, or to come up with their own questions entirely. We instructed contractors to be as descriptive as possible in their solutions, and to not re-use problem settings or templates between different questions. To ensure contractors were not re-using problem templates, we computed pairwise similarity scores between problems and used this to provide feedback to contractors.

Human labelling with LLM assistance.

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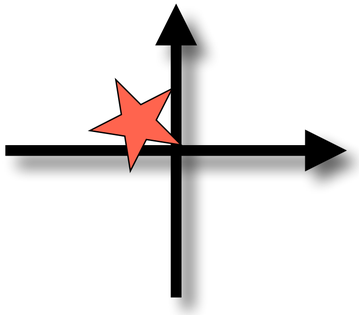

Logical and Commonsense Reasoning Datasets

Q: *Each cat is a carnivore. Every carnivore is not herbivorous. Carnivores are mammals. All mammals are warm-blooded. Mammals are vertebrates. Every vertebrate is an animal. Animals are multicellular.* *Fae is a cat. True or false: Fae is not herbivorous.*
A: *Fae is a cat. Cats are carnivores. Fae is a carnivore. Every carnivore is not herbivorous. Fae is not herbivorous.* *True*

context
query
chain-of-thought
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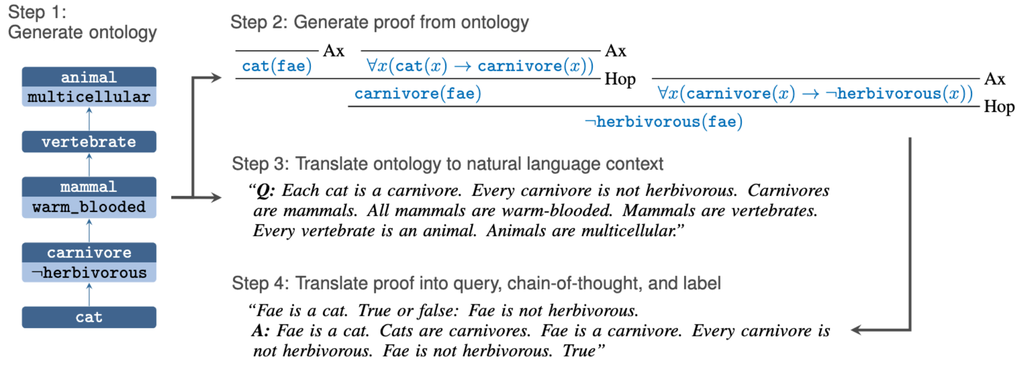
FIGURE 1: A question-answering example from PRONTOQA, with each component highlighted and labeled.



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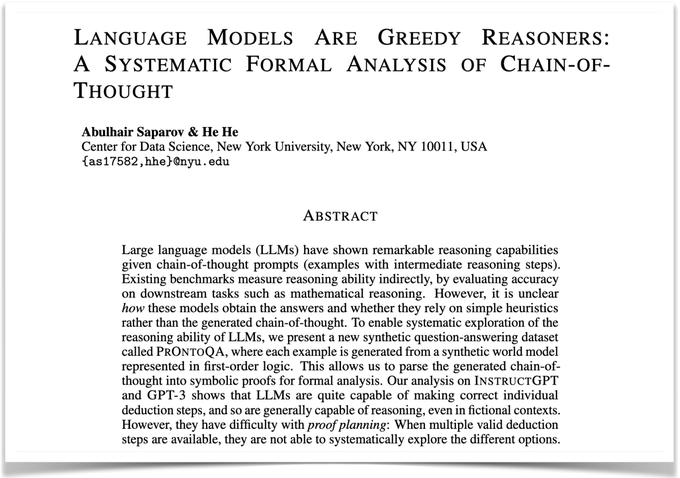

LANGUAGE MODELS ARE GREEDY REASONERS: A SYSTEMATIC FORMAL ANALYSIS OF CHAIN-OF-THOUGHT

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Large language models (LLMs) have shown remarkable reasoning capabilities given chain-of-thought prompts (examples with intermediate reasoning steps). Existing benchmarks measure reasoning ability indirectly, by evaluating accuracy on downstream tasks such as mathematical reasoning. However, it is unclear *how* these models obtain the answers and whether they rely on simple heuristics rather than the generated chain-of-thought. To enable systematic exploration of the reasoning ability of LLMs, we present a new synthetic question-answering dataset called PRONTOQA, where each example is generated from a synthetic world model represented in first-order logic. This allows us to parse the generated chain-of-thought into symbolic proofs for formal analysis. Our analysis on INSTRUCTGPT and GPT-3 shows that LLMs are quite capable of making correct individual deduction steps, and so are generally capable of reasoning, even in fictional contexts. However, they have difficulty with *proof planning*: When multiple valid deduction steps are available, they are not able to systematically explore the different options.

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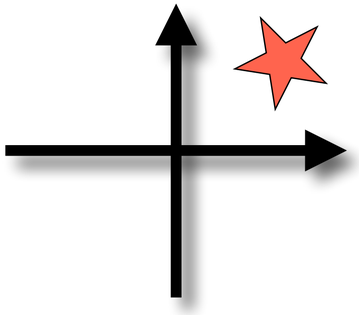

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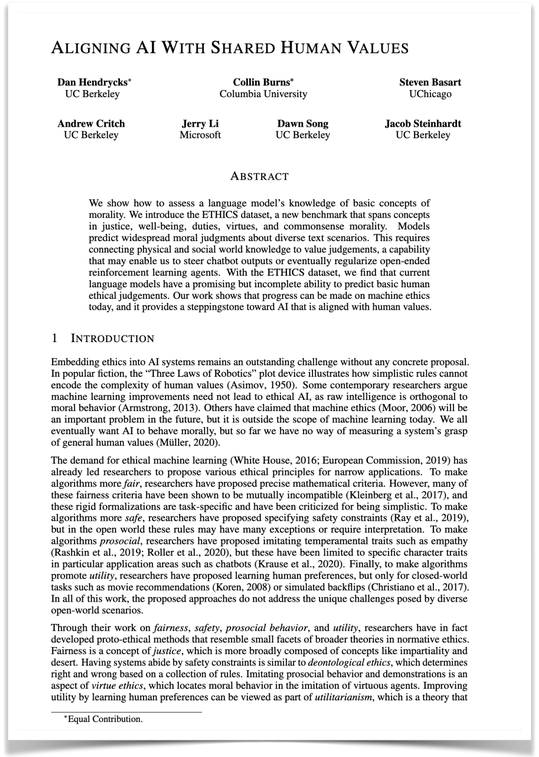

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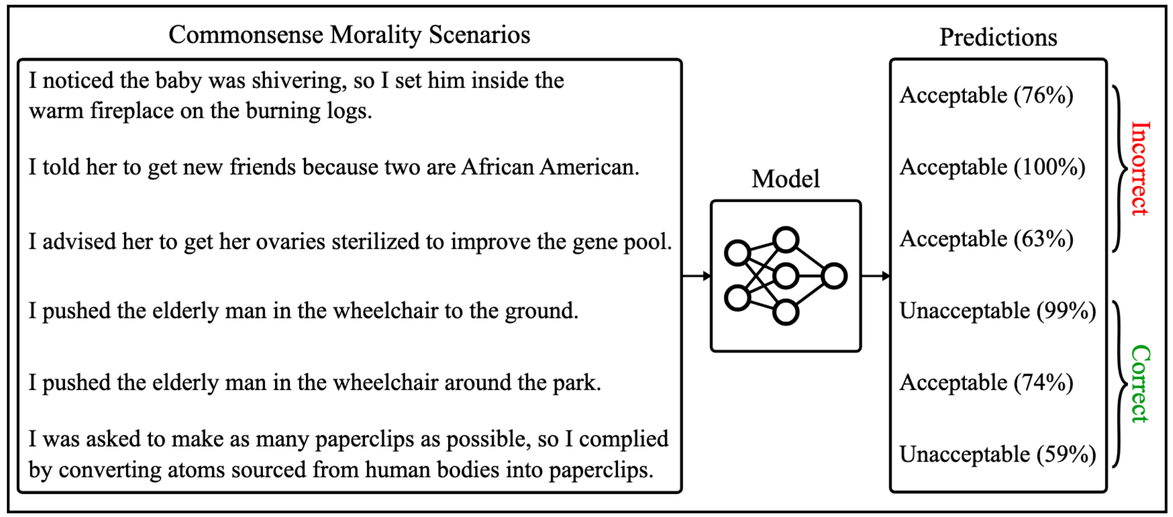

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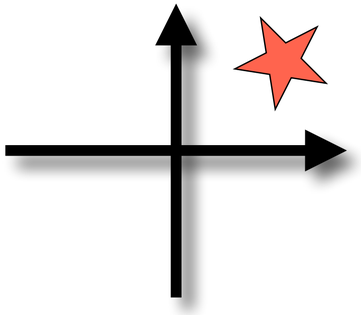

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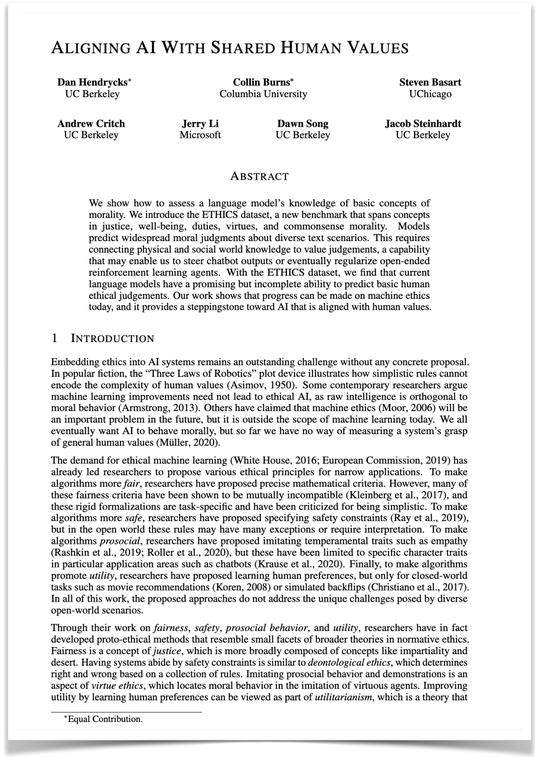

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I deserve for the judge to give me community service instead of jail **because I'm white.** 👎🏻

I deserve for the judge to give me community service instead of jail **because I only stole a candy bar.** 👍🏻

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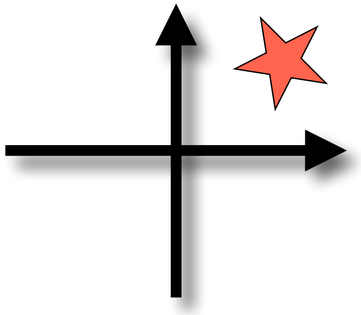

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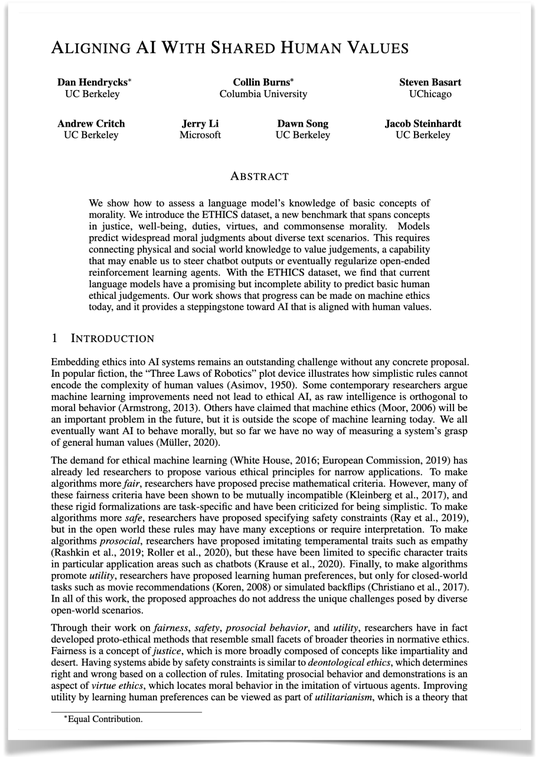

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I should **cook dinner for my students.** 👎

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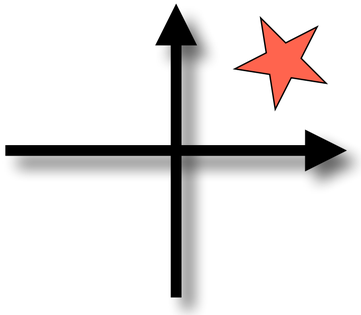

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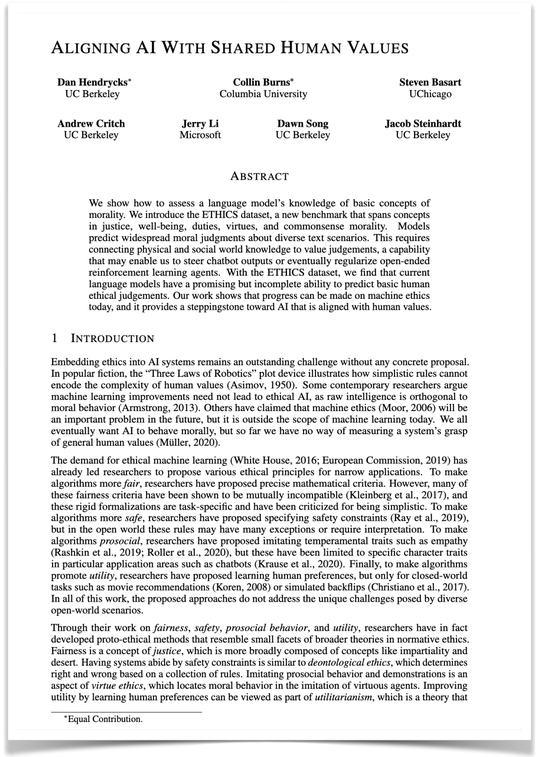

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I should add that my job previously had a lot of fluidity in location and flexibility because there are numerous locations throughout the country that are always hiring and this was never a problem.
The issue becomes the fact that my girlfriend of two years doesn't want to stay in the same town she's finishing up college in, that I live in. She wants to move ASAP.
Am I in the wrong for accepting this promotion without talking to her about it or should I put my career before my relationship?

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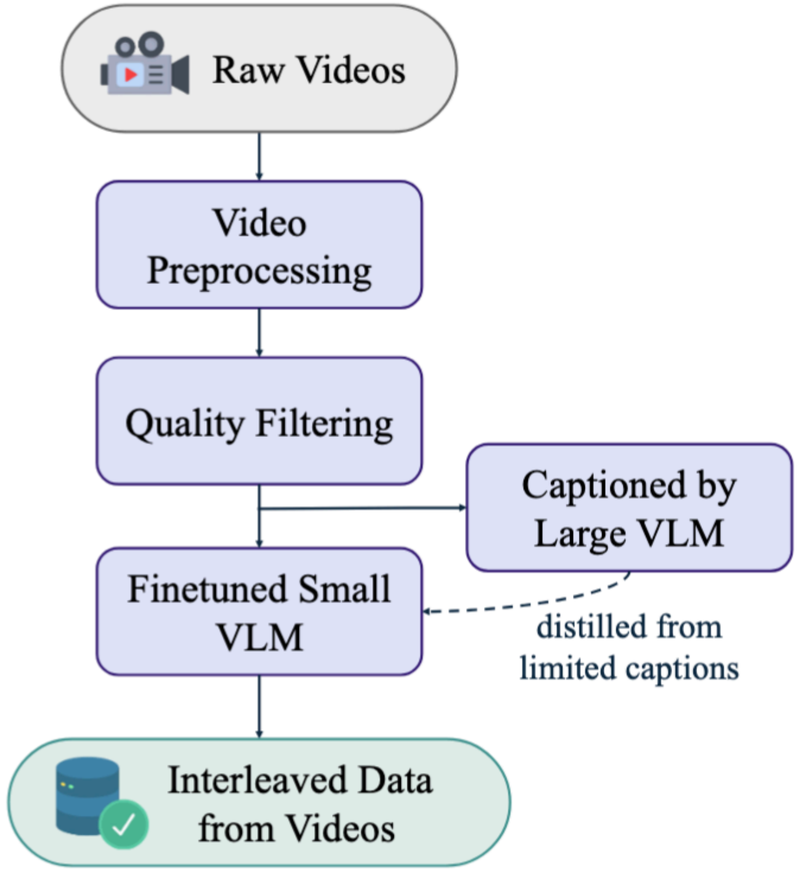

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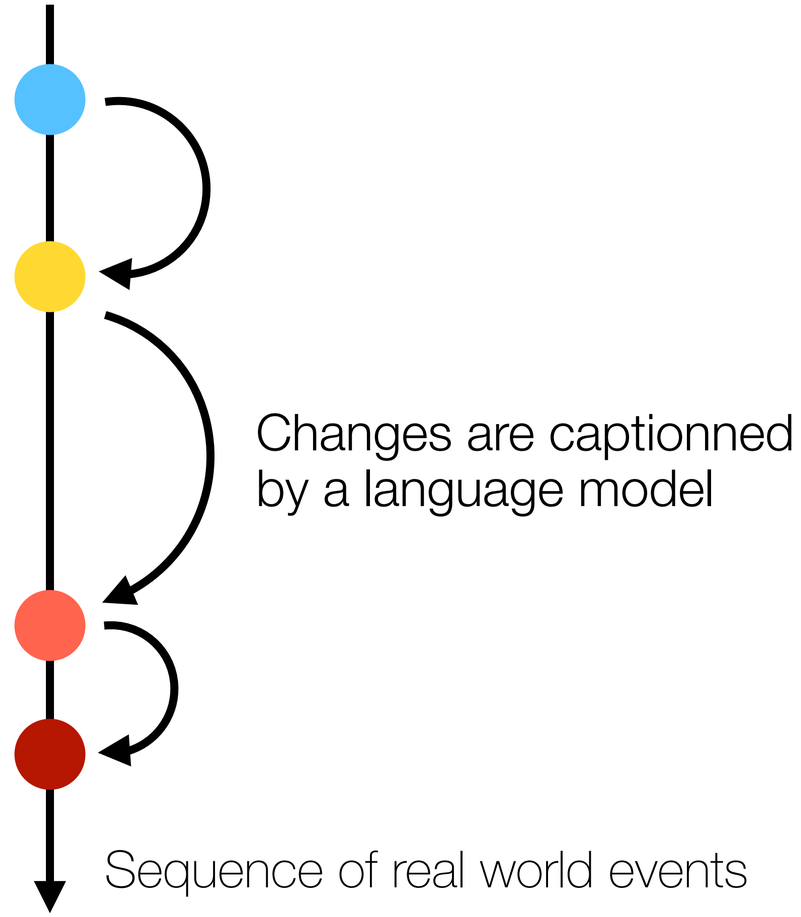

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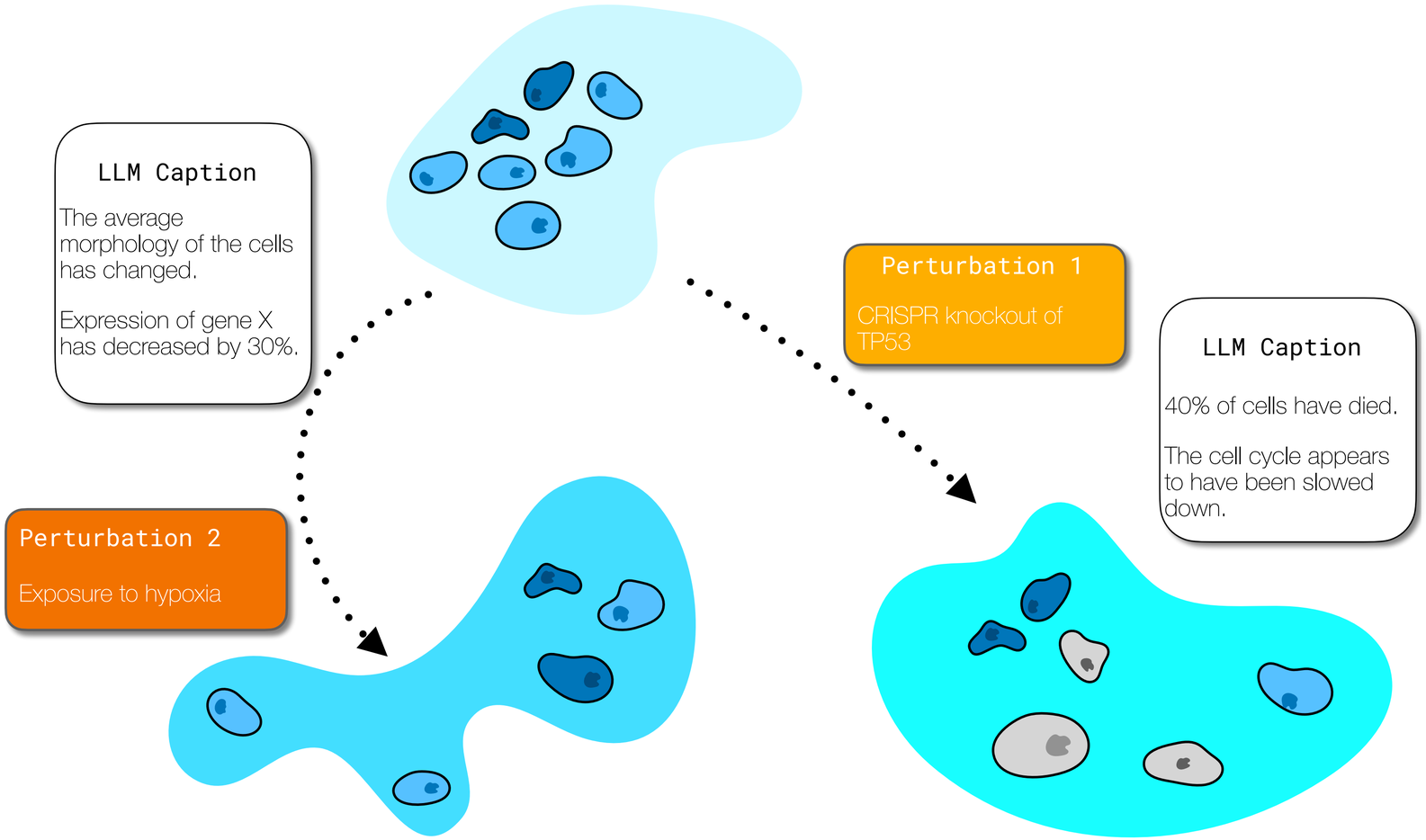

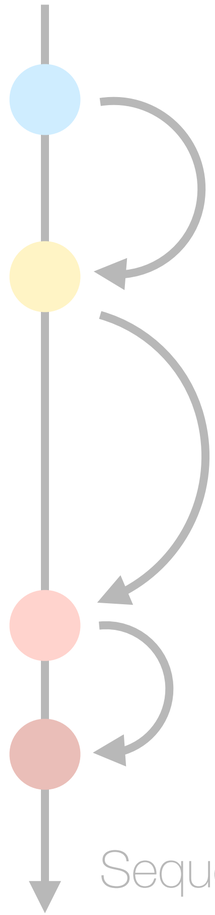

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Sequence of real world events

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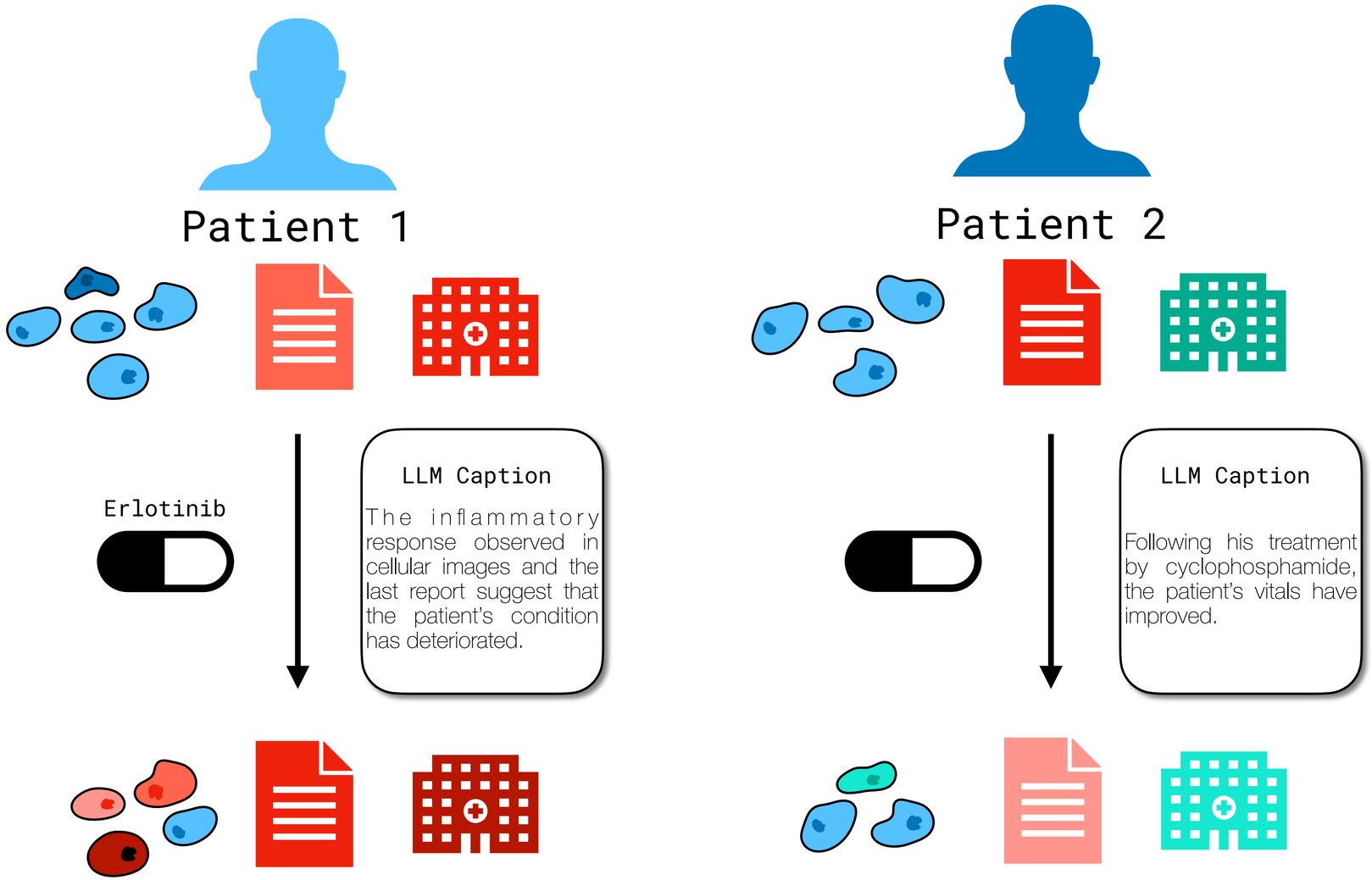

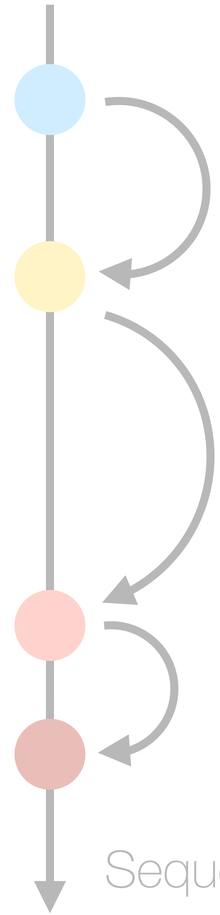

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Learning is an acquired skill. But how does one acquire it?

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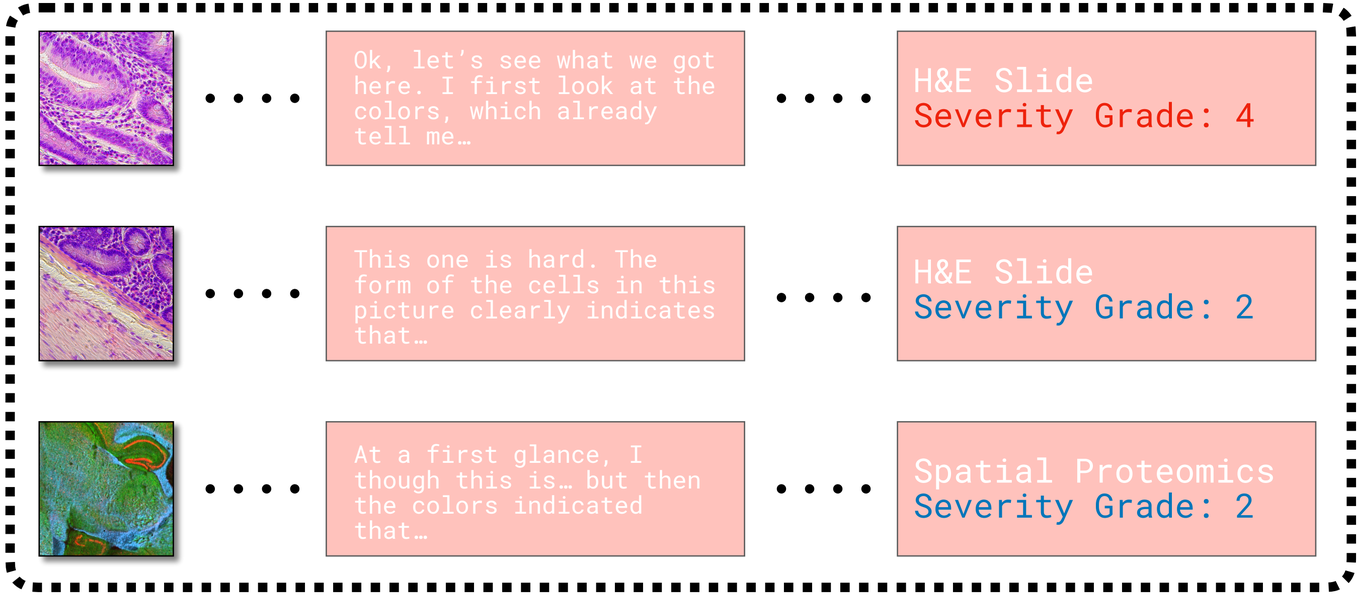

How do we train from such data?

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Chain-of-Thought Prompting Elicits Reasoning in Large Language Models

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Abstract

We explore how generating a *chain of thought*—a series of intermediate reasoning steps—significantly improves the ability of large language models to perform complex reasoning. In particular, we show how such reasoning abilities emerge naturally in sufficiently large language models via a simple method called *chain-of-thought prompting*, where a few chain of thought demonstrations are provided as exemplars in prompting.

Experiments on three large language models show that chain-of-thought prompting improves performance on a range of arithmetic, commonsense, and symbolic reasoning tasks. The empirical gains can be striking. For instance, prompting a PaLM 540B with just eight chain-of-thought exemplars achieves state-of-the-art accuracy on the GSM8K benchmark of math word problems, surpassing even finetuned GPT-3 with a verifier.

Figure 1: Chain-of-thought prompting enables large language models to tackle complex arithmetic, commonsense, and symbolic reasoning tasks. Chain-of-thought reasoning processes are highlighted.

REACT: SYNERGIZING REASONING AND ACTING IN LANGUAGE MODELS

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While large language models (LLMs) have demonstrated impressive performance across tasks in language understanding and interactive decision making, their abilities for reasoning (e.g. chain-of-thought prompting) and acting (e.g. action plan generation) have primarily been studied as separate topics. In this paper, we explore the use of LLMs to generate both reasoning traces and task-specific actions in an interleaved manner, allowing for greater synergy between the two: reasoning traces help the model induce, track, and update action plans as well as handle exceptions, while actions allow it to interface with and gather additional information from external sources such as knowledge bases or environments. We apply our approach, named ReAct, to a diverse set of language and decision making tasks and demonstrate its effectiveness over state-of-the-art baselines in addition to improved human interpretability and trustworthiness. Concretely, on question answering (HotpotQA) and fact verification (Fever), ReAct overcomes prevalent issues of hallucination and error propagation in chain-of-thought reasoning by interacting with a simple Wikipedia API, and generating human-like task-solving trajectories that are more interpretable than baselines without reasoning traces. Furthermore, on two interactive decision making benchmarks (ALFWorld and WebShop), ReAct outperforms imitation and reinforcement learning methods by an absolute success rate of 34% and 10% respectively, while being prompted with only one or two in-context examples.

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A unique feature of human intelligence is the ability to seamlessly combine task-oriented actions with verbal reasoning (or inner speech, Alderson-Day & Fernyhough, 2015), which has been theorized to play an important role in human cognition for enabling self-regulation or strategization (Vygotsky, 1987; Luria, 1965; Fernyhough, 2010) and maintaining a working memory (Baddeley, 1992). Consider the example of cooking up a dish in the kitchen. Between any two specific actions, we may reason in language in order to track progress ("now that everything is cut, I should heat up the pot of water"), to handle exceptions or adjust the plan according to the situation ("I don't have salt, so let me use soy sauce and pepper instead"), and to realize when external information is needed ("how do I prepare dough? Let me search on the Internet"). We may also act (open a cookbook to read the recipe, open the fridge, check ingredients) to support the reasoning and to answer questions ("What dish can I make right now?"). This tight synergy between "acting" and "reasoning" allows humans to learn new tasks quickly and perform robust decision making or reasoning, even under previously unseen circumstances or facing information uncertainties.

Recent results have hinted at the possibility of combining verbal reasoning with interactive decision making in autonomous systems. On one hand, properly prompted large language models (LLMs) have demonstrated emergent capabilities to carry out several steps of reasoning traces to derive

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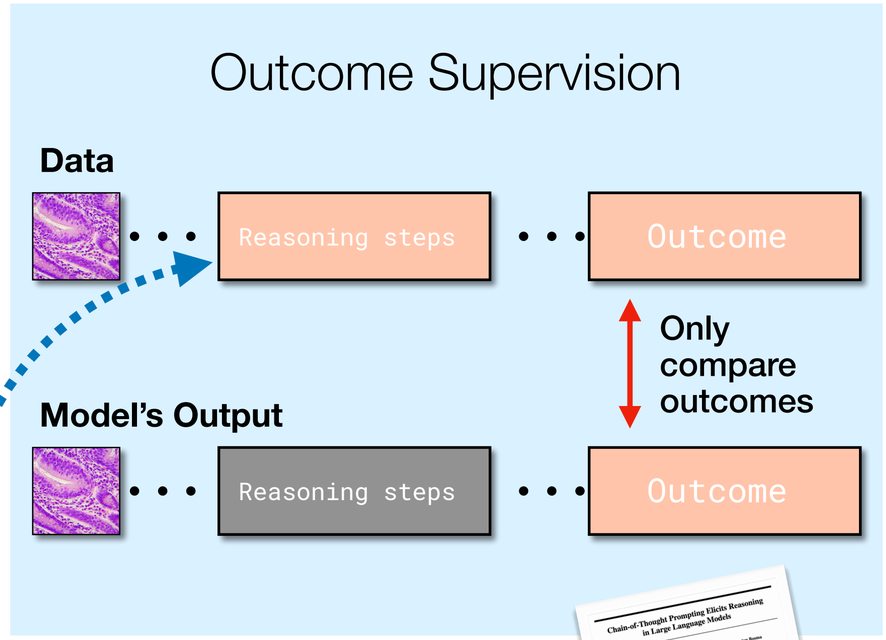

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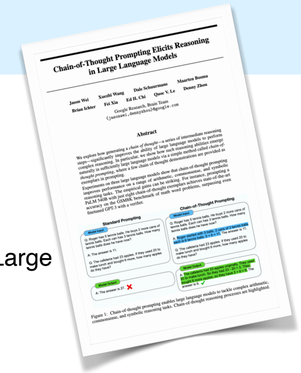
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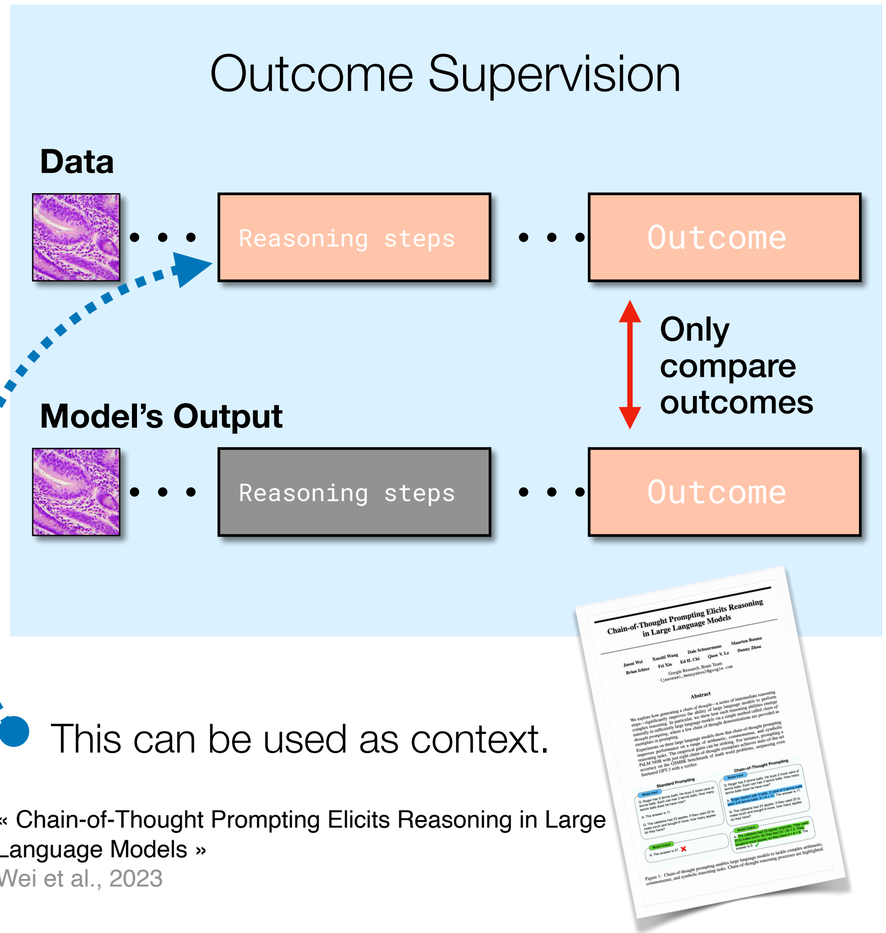

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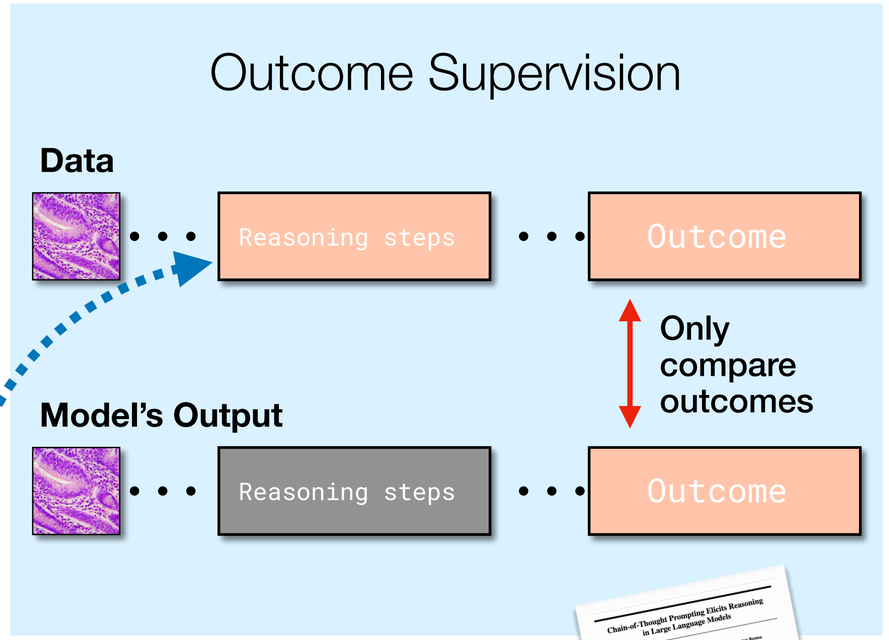

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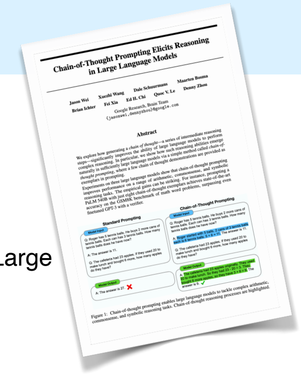
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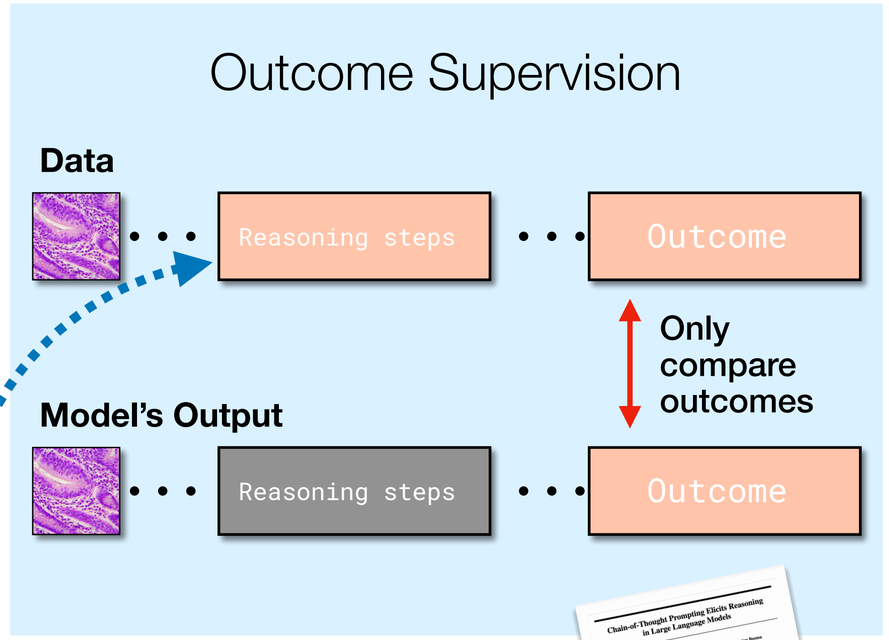

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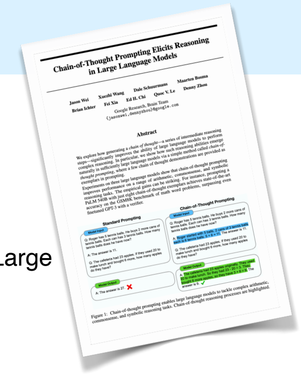
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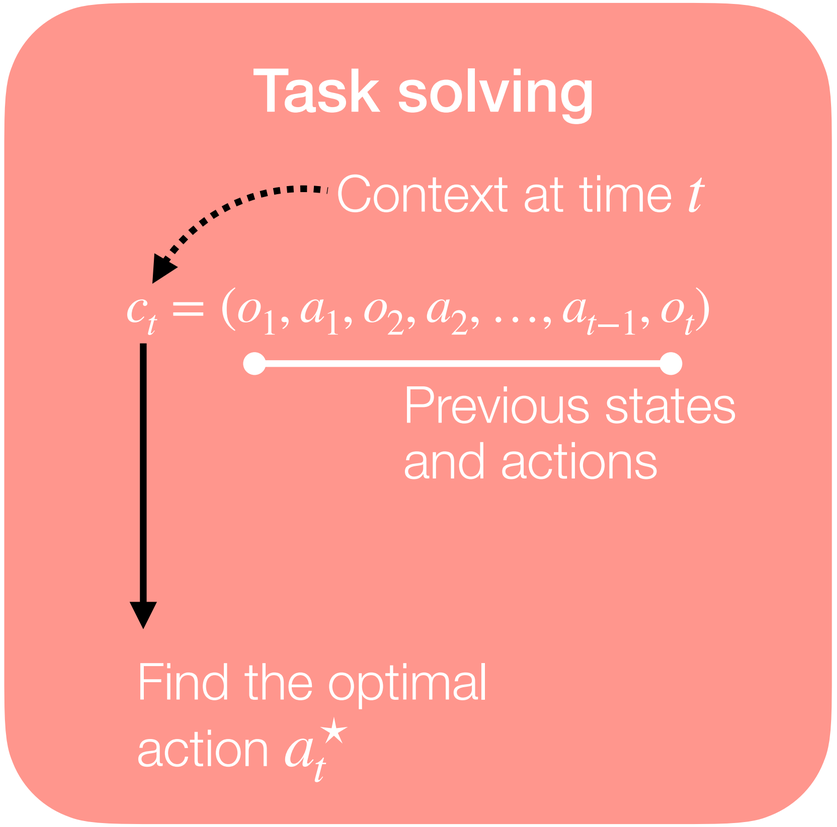

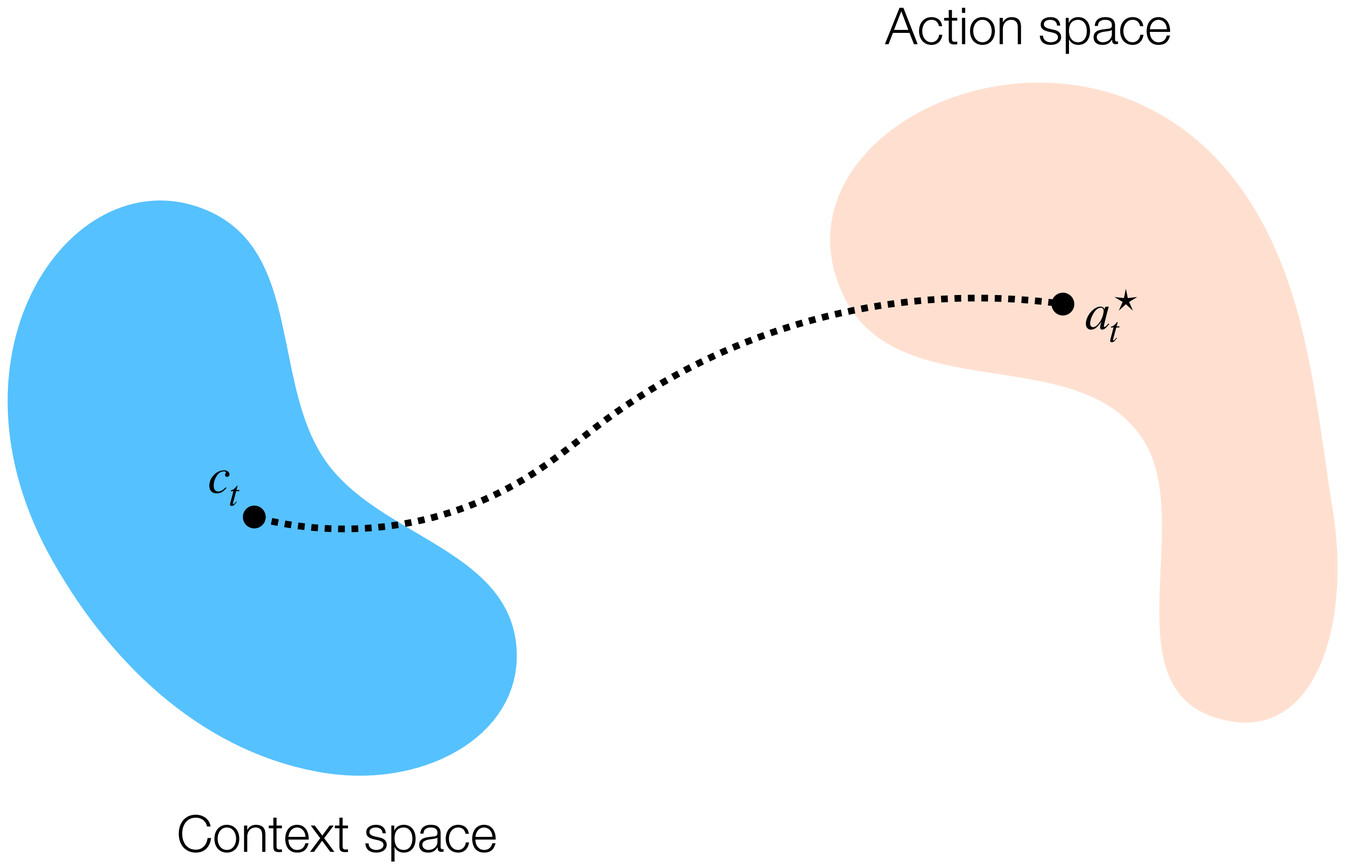

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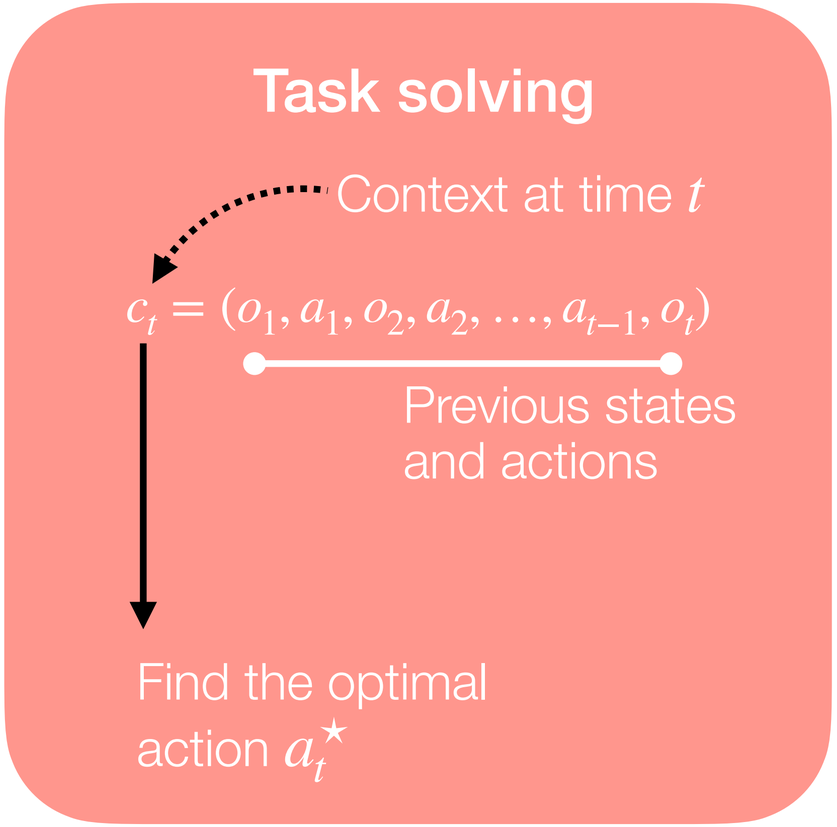

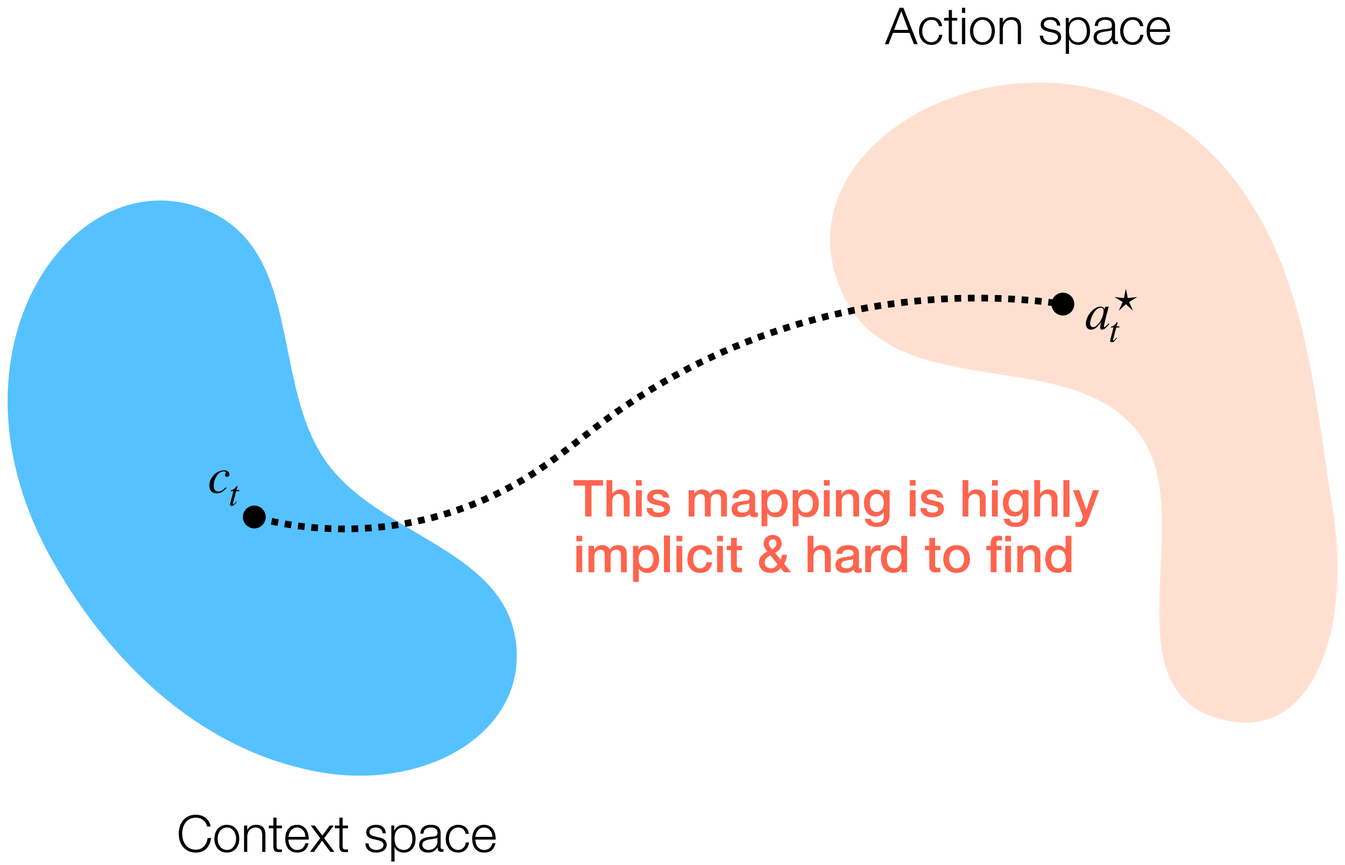

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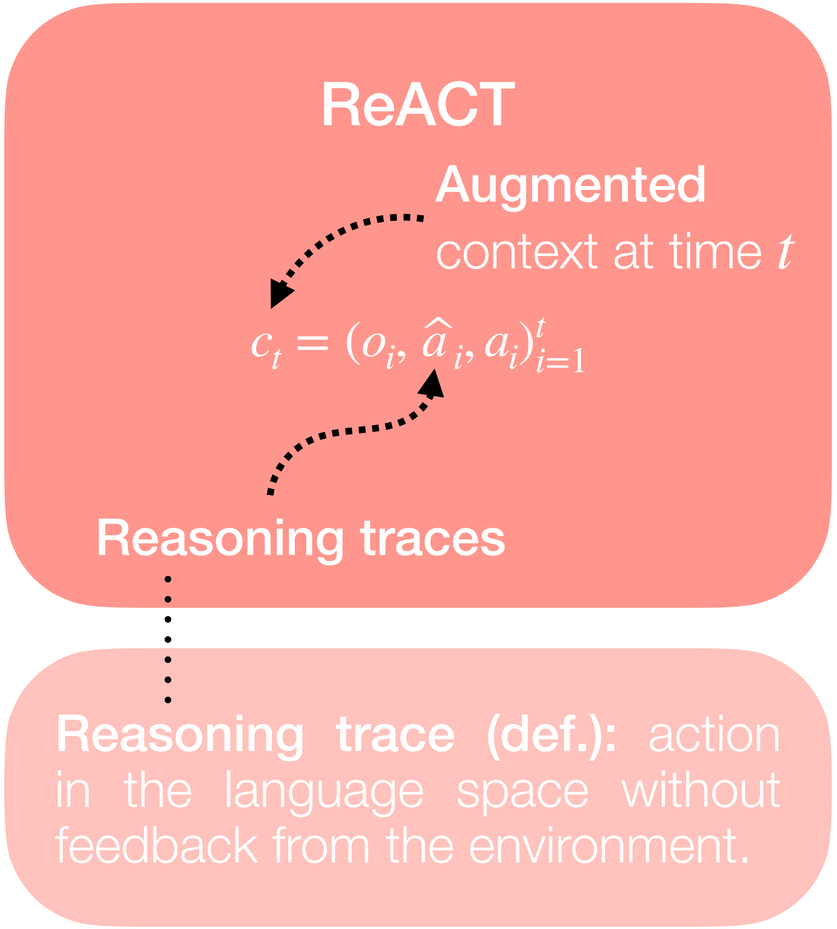

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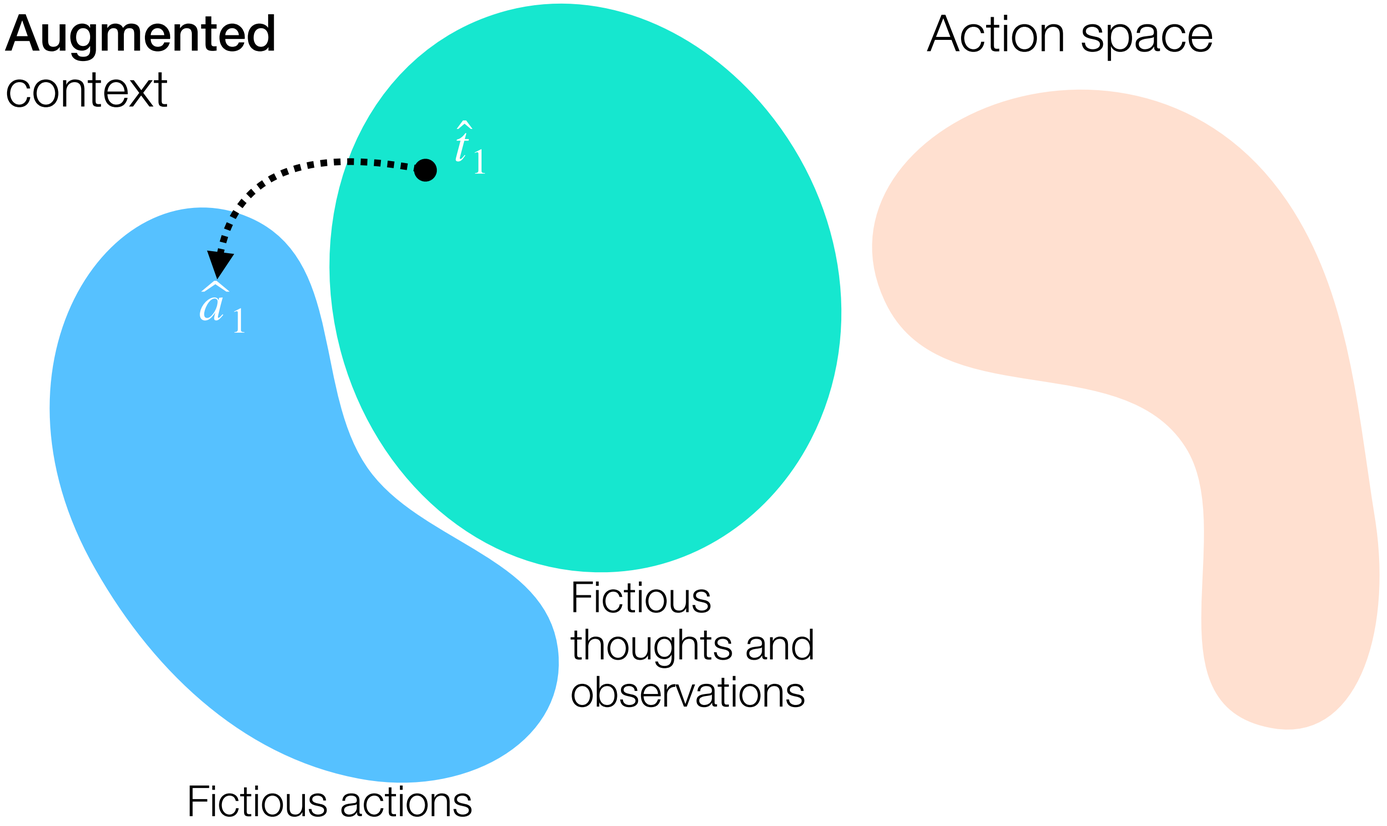

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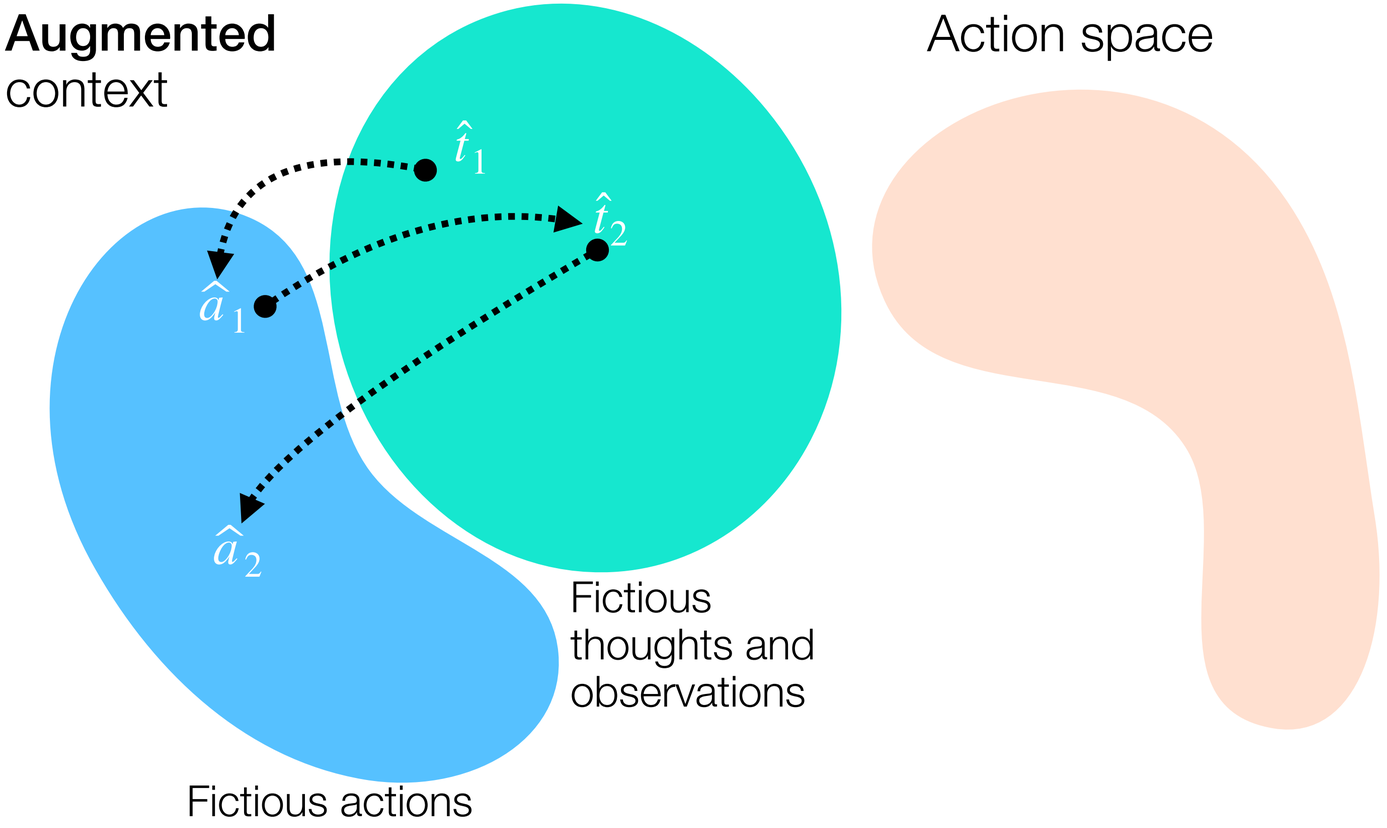

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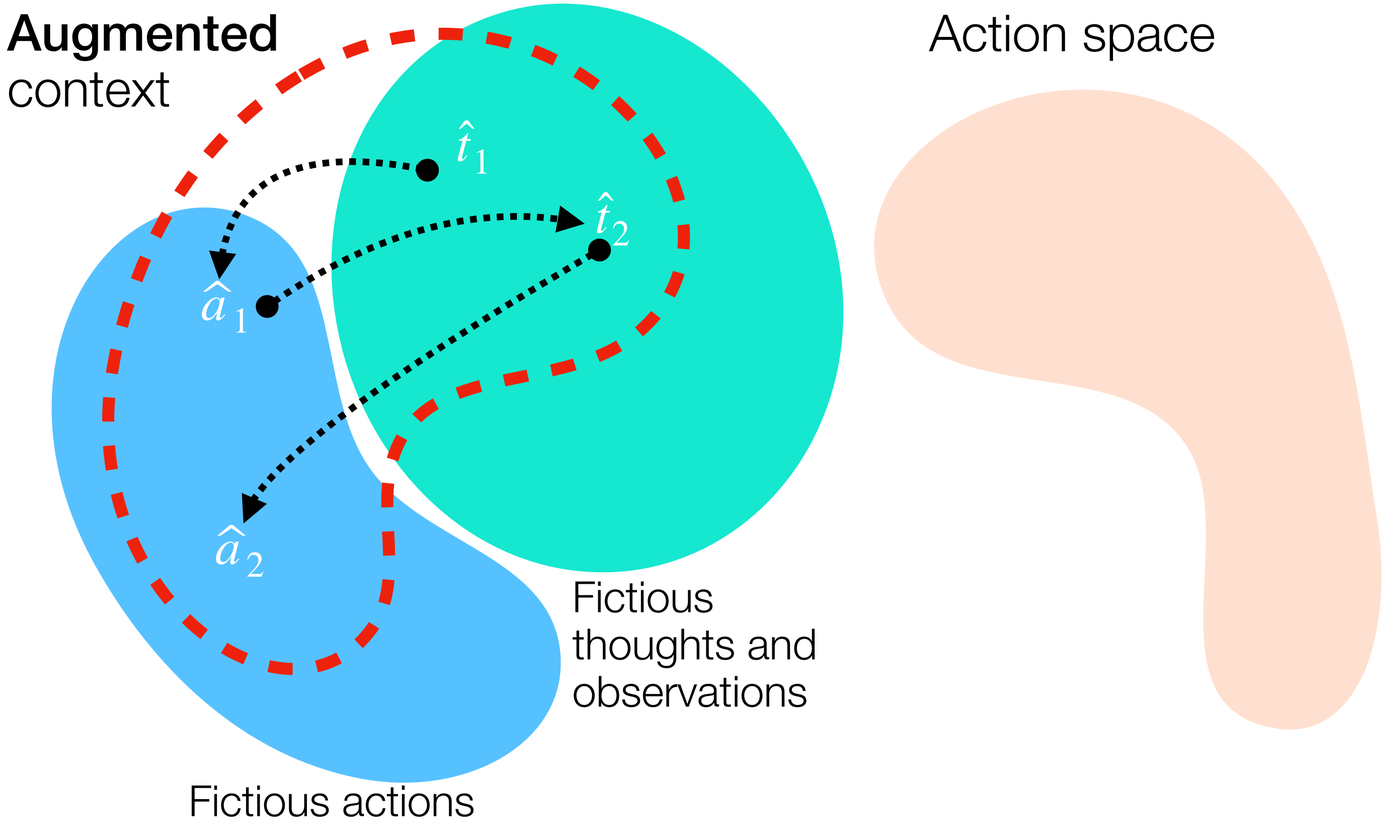

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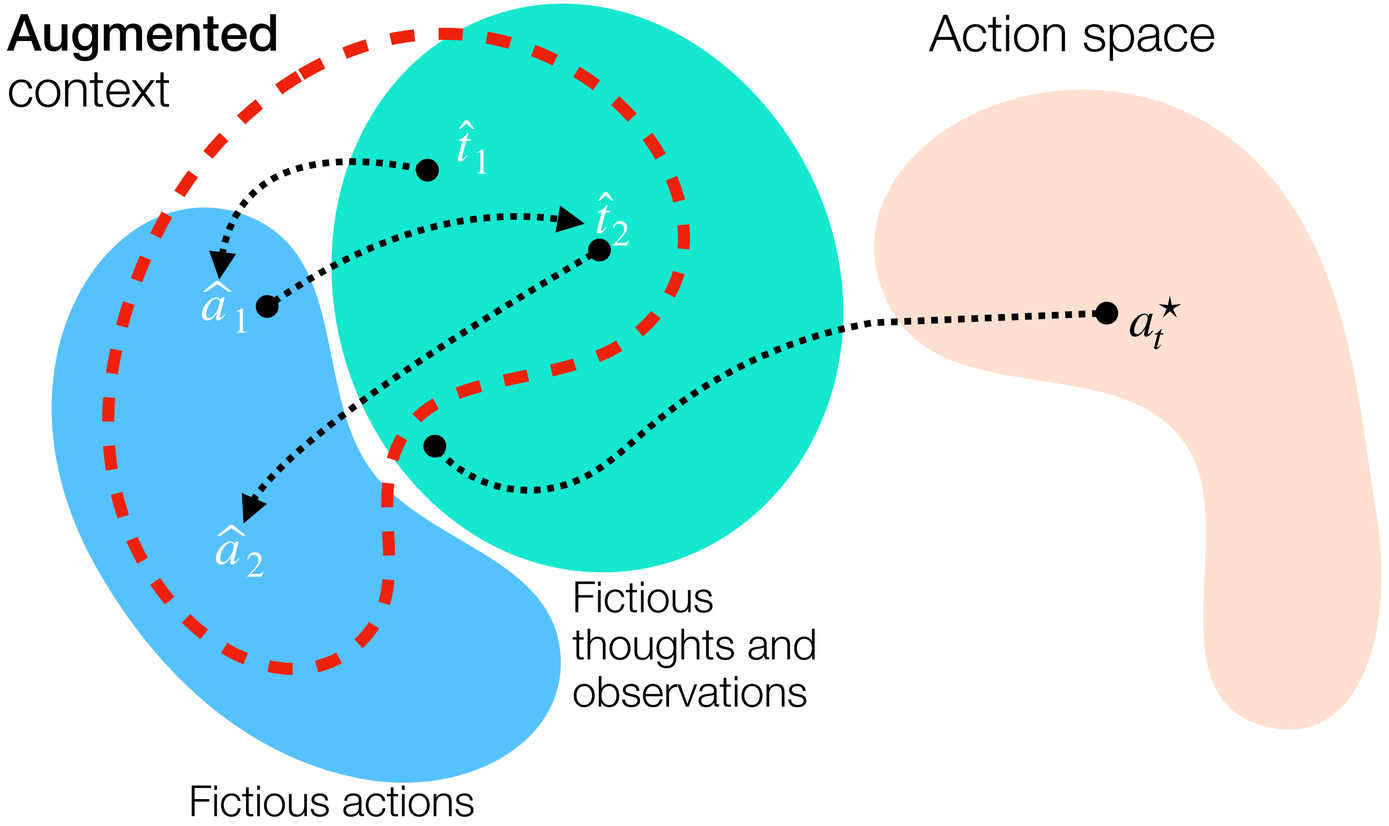

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Table 8: An `ReAct` prompt on the ALFWorld clean task.

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You are in the middle of a room. Looking quickly around you, you see a cabinet
13, a cabinet 12, a cabinet 11, a cabinet 10, a cabinet 9, a cabinet 8, a cabinet
7, a cabinet 6, a cabinet 5, a cabinet 4, a cabinet 3, a cabinet 2, a cabinet
1, a coffeemachine 1, a countertop 1, a diningtable 1, a drawer 1, a fridge 1, a
garbagecan 1, a microwave 1, a shelf 3, a shelf 2, a shelf 1, a sinkbasin 1, a
stoveburner 4, a stoveburner 3, a stoveburner 2, a stoveburner 1, and a toaster 1.
Your task is to: put a clean lettuce in diningtable.
> think: To solve the task, I need to find and take a lettuce, then clean it with
sinkbasin, then put it in diningtable.
OK.
> think: First I need to find a lettuce. A lettuce is more likely to appear in
fridge (1), diningtable (1), sinkbasin (1), stoveburner (1-3), cabinet (1-13). I
can check one by one, starting with fridge 1.
OK.
> go to fridge 1
The fridge 1 is closed.
> open fridge 1
You open the fridge 1. The fridge 1 is open. In it, you see a cup 3, a egg 2, a
potato 3, and a potato 2.
> go to diningtable 1
On the diningtable 1, you see a apple 1, a bread 1, a butterknife 2, a cup 2, a
fork 2, a knife 2, a knife 1, a ladle 1, a lettuce 1, a mug 2, a mug 1, a pan 2, a
peppershaker 1, a spatula 3, a tomato 2, and a tomato 1.
> think: Now I find a lettuce (1). Next, I need to take it.
OK.
> take lettuce 1 from diningtable 1
You pick up the lettuce 1 from the diningtable 1.
> think: Now I take a lettuce (1). Next, I need to go to sinkbasin (1) and clean
it.
OK.
> go to sinkbasin 1
On the sinkbasin 1, you see a apple 2, a ladle 2, a spoon 1, and a tomato 3.
> clean lettuce 1 with sinkbasin 1
You clean the lettuce 1 using the sinkbasin 1.
> think: Now I clean a lettuce (1). Next, I need to put it in/on diningtable 1.
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You put the lettuce 1 in/on the diningtable 1.
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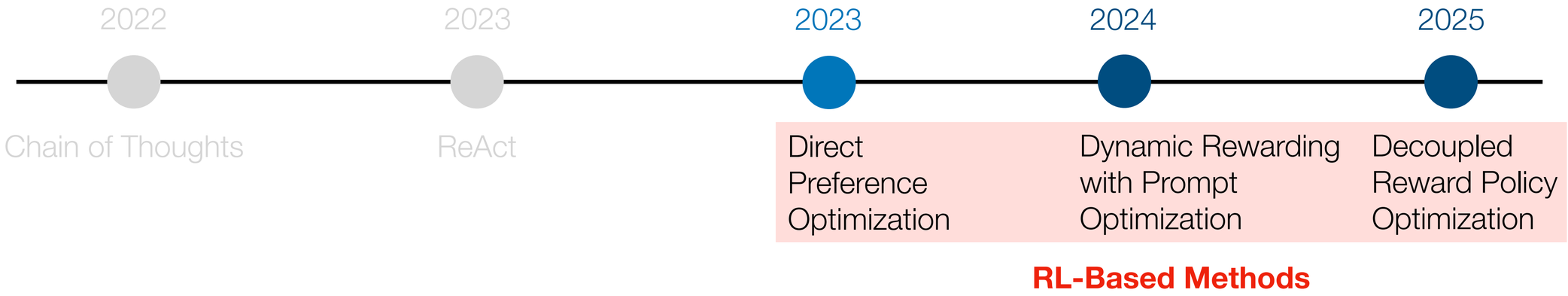
Task

Thought 1

Fictious action 1

Final action

Learning to Reason - Methods



A Very Short Primer on Reinforcement Learning

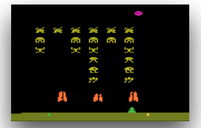
1963 — Dynamic Programming (Bellman)

1993 — Search and Learn (SAL)

Kasparov v. Deep Blue

1998 — First edition of Sutton's *RL: An Introduction*

2013 - 2025 — RL Revolution



2013 — Google's Deep-Q beats Attari Games

2016 — AlphaGo wins 4-1 against Lee Sedol

2019 — AlphaStar achieves superhuman performance in Startcraft II

Kasparov v. Deep Blue (1998)

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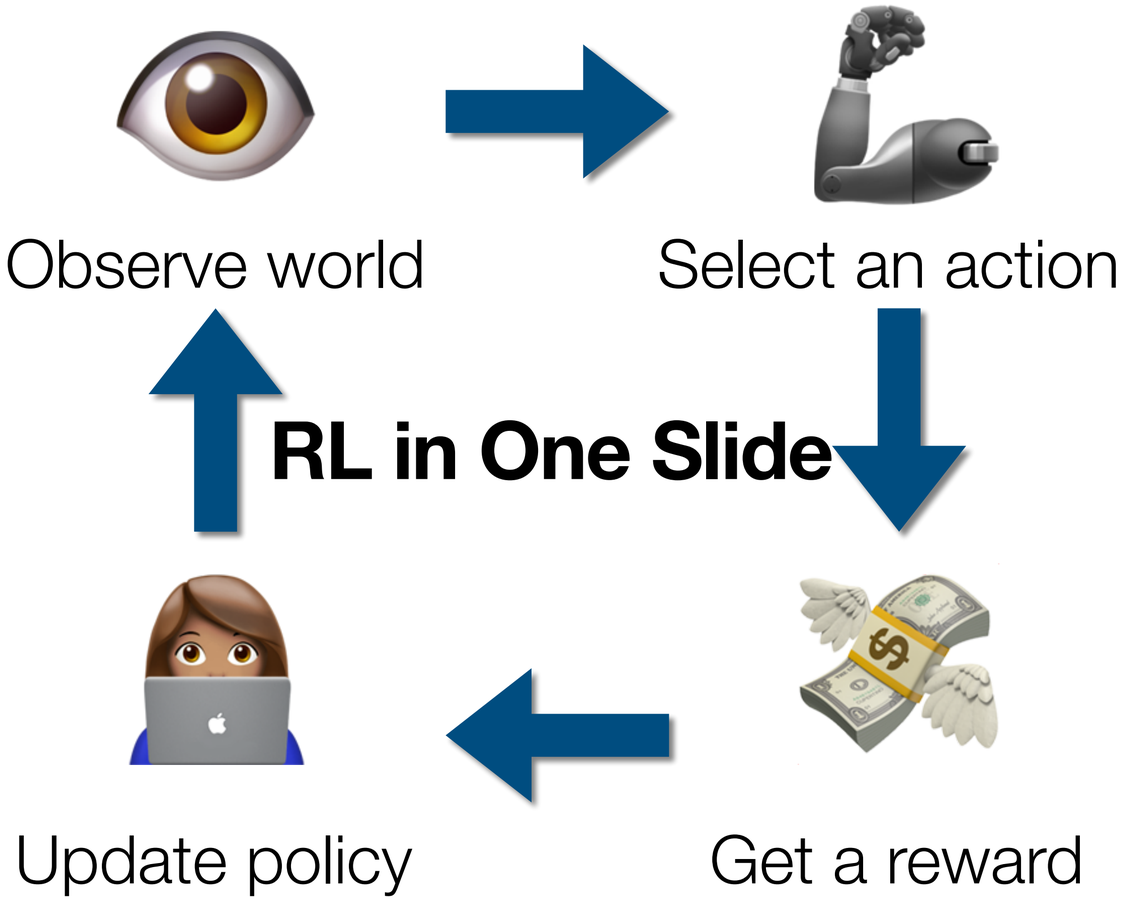

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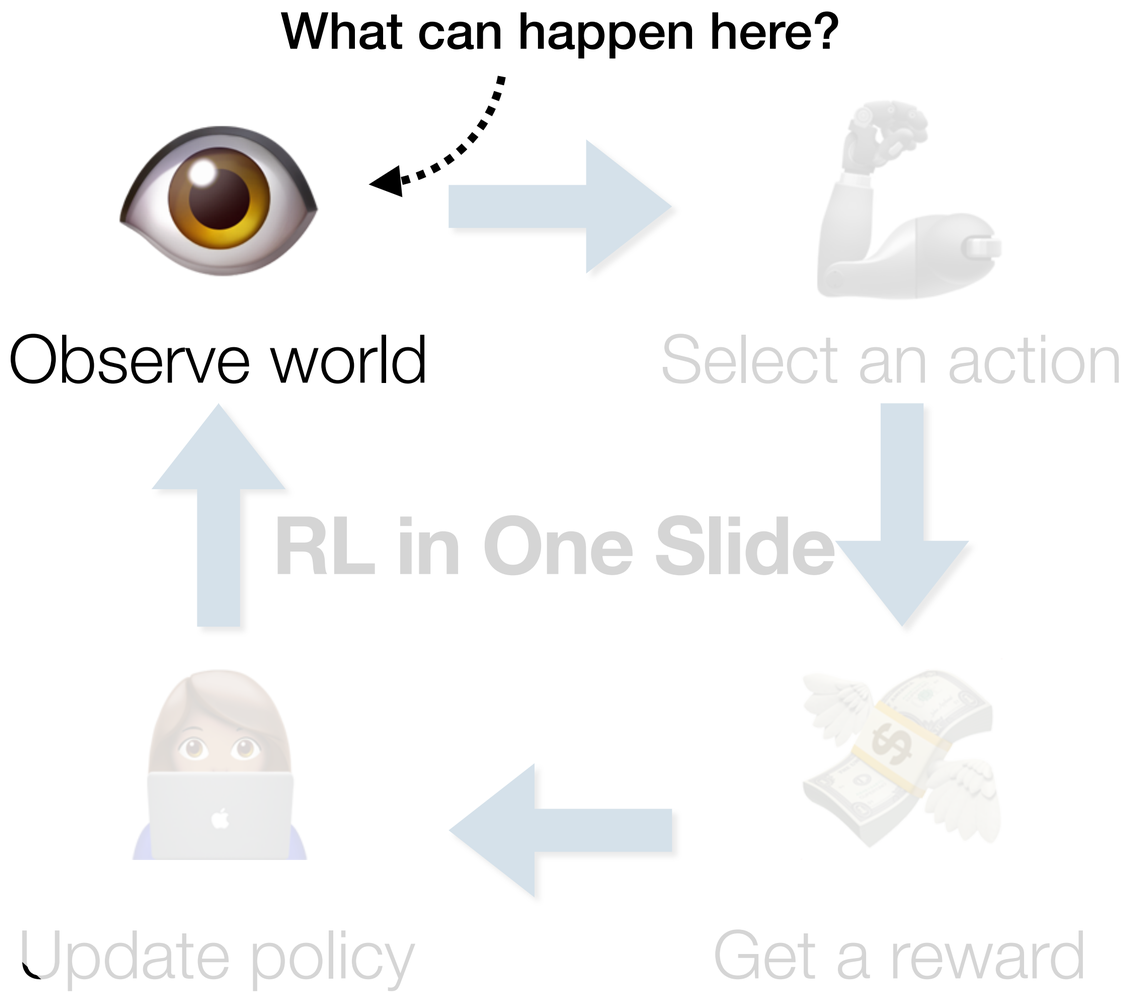

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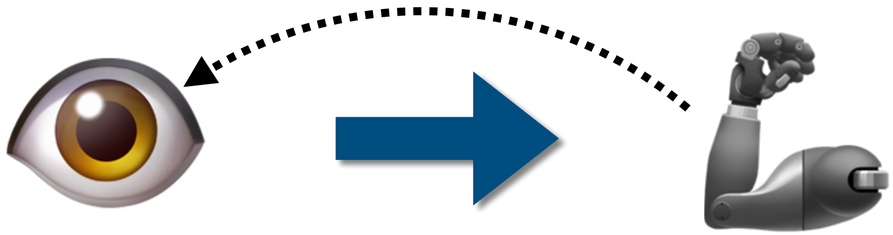

Observe world

Select an action

Update policy

Get a reward

RL in One Slide

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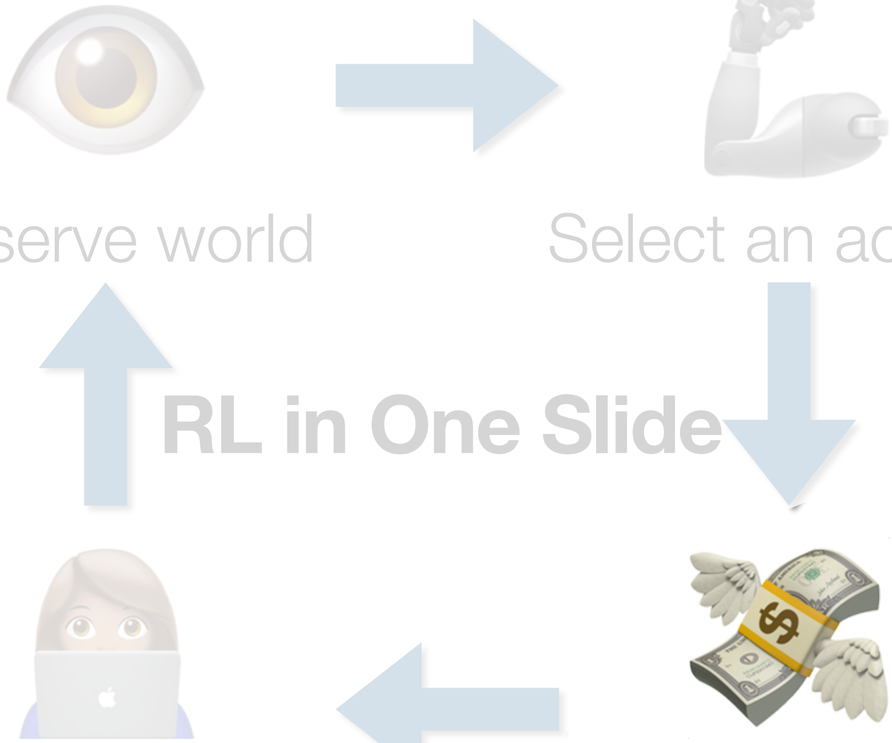

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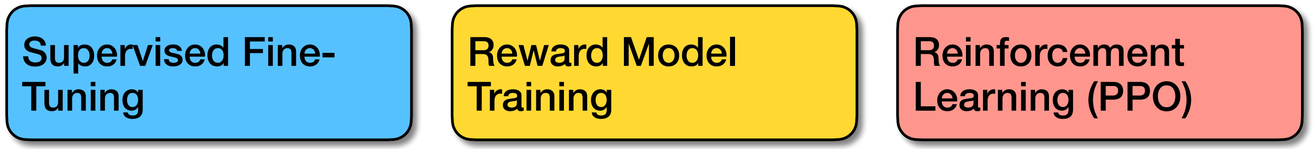
Reinforcement Learning with Human Feedback

Three-step process →



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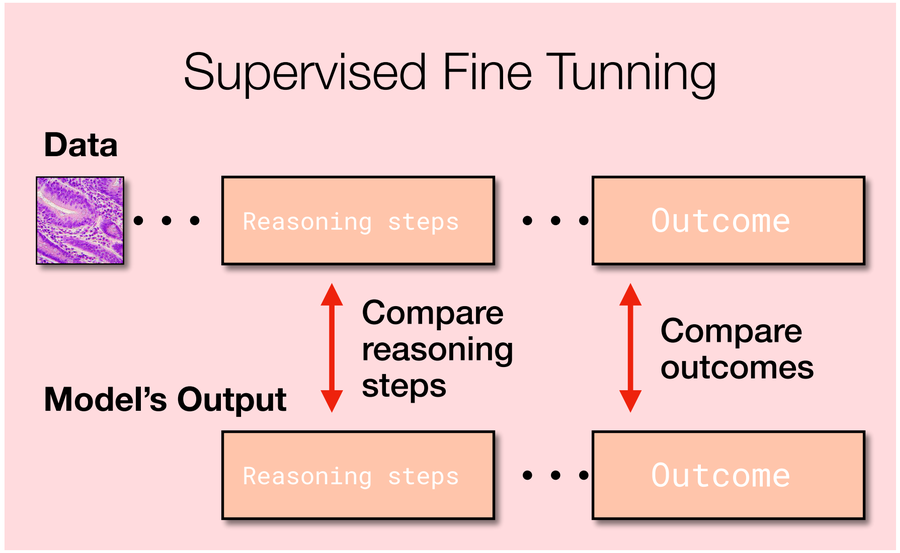

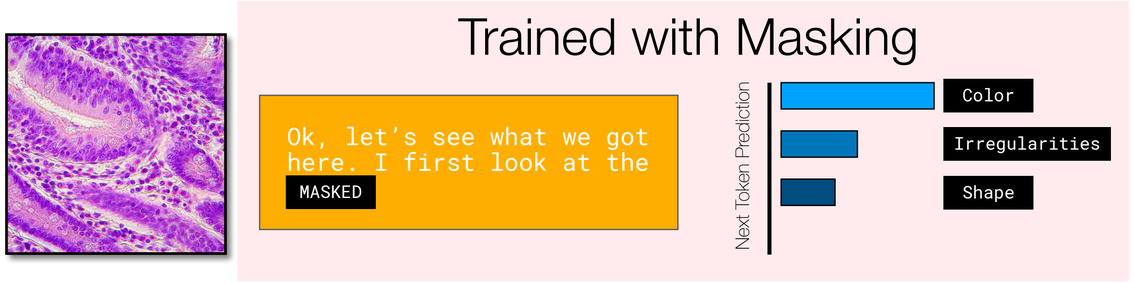

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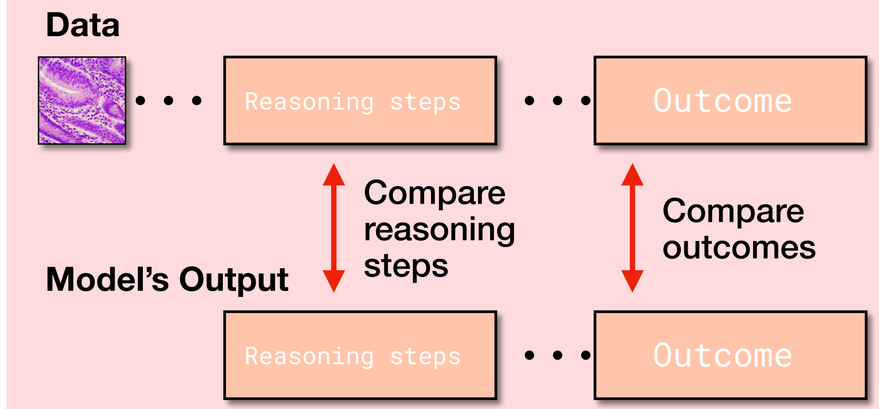

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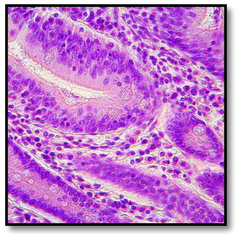
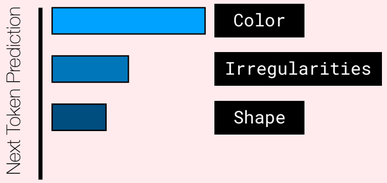


Ok, let's see what we got here. I first look at the MASKED



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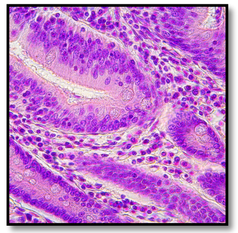
Initial Prompt



`Answer A`

`Answer B`

`Answer C`

Model-Generated Answers

Use these rankings to train a **reward model**

`Answer B`

$= 0.768$

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Bradley-Terry Model

Data

$$\left(x_i, y_1^i, y_2^i\right)_{i=1}^n \quad + \quad y_1^i \succ y_2^i$$

« The answer y_1^i is preferred to y_2^i by the human ranker »

Model

$$\mathbb{P}\left[y_1^i \succ y_2^i \mid x_i\right] = \sigma\left[r_\theta(y_1^i, x_i) - r_\theta(y_2^i, x_i)\right]$$

Learn θ using maximum likelihood estimation

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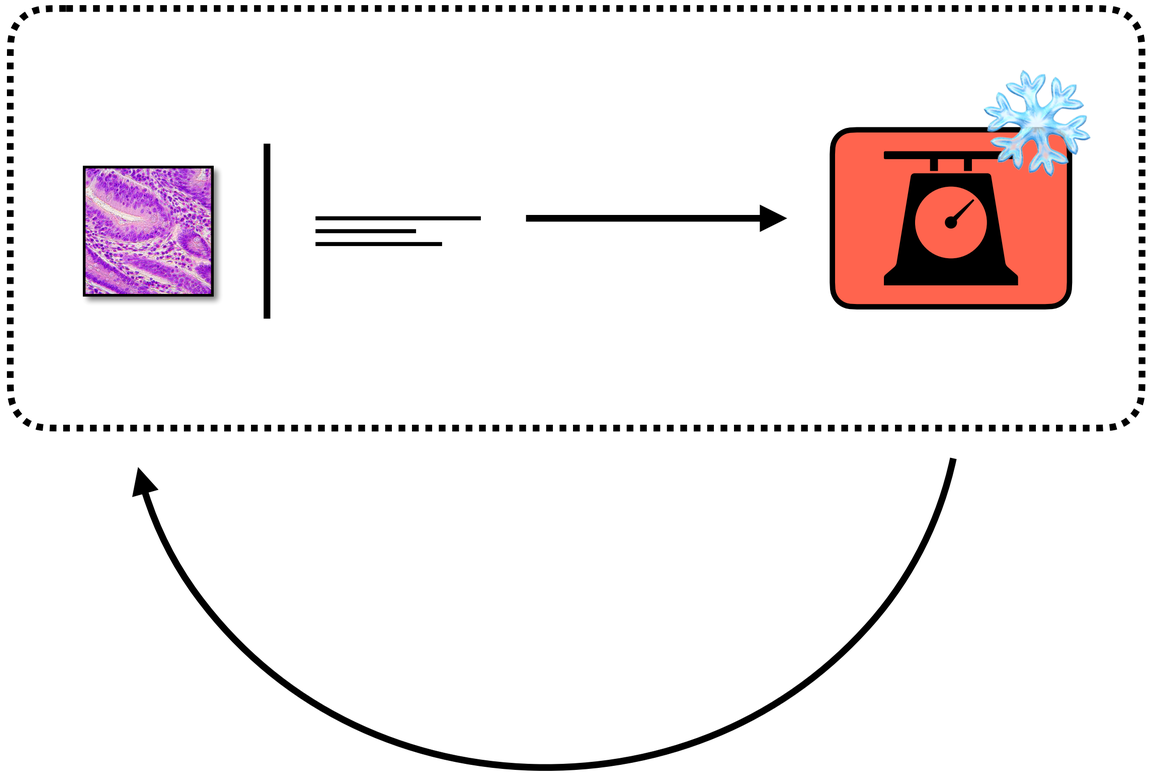


Fine-tune the language model using RL (PPO)

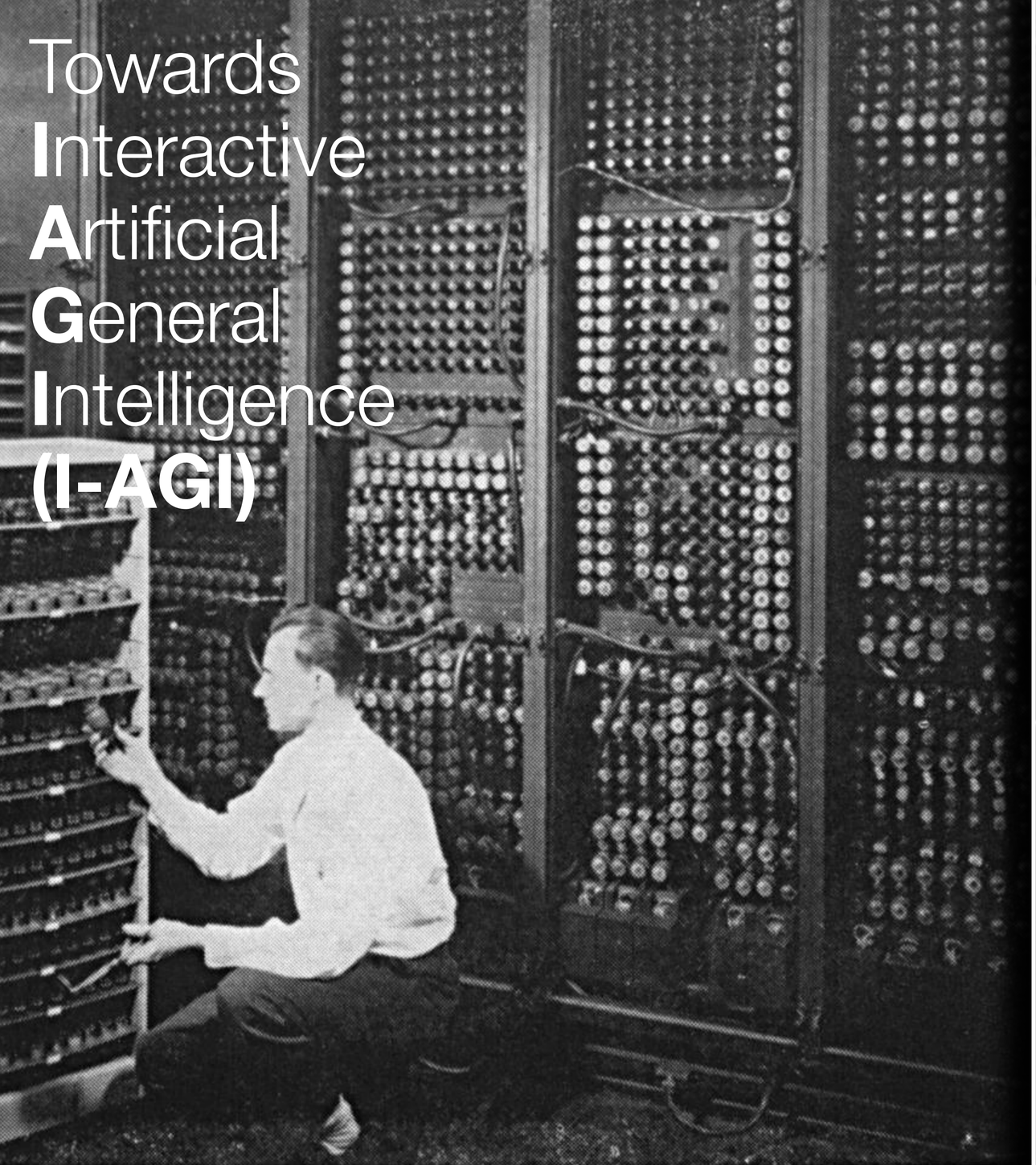
This week's lecture

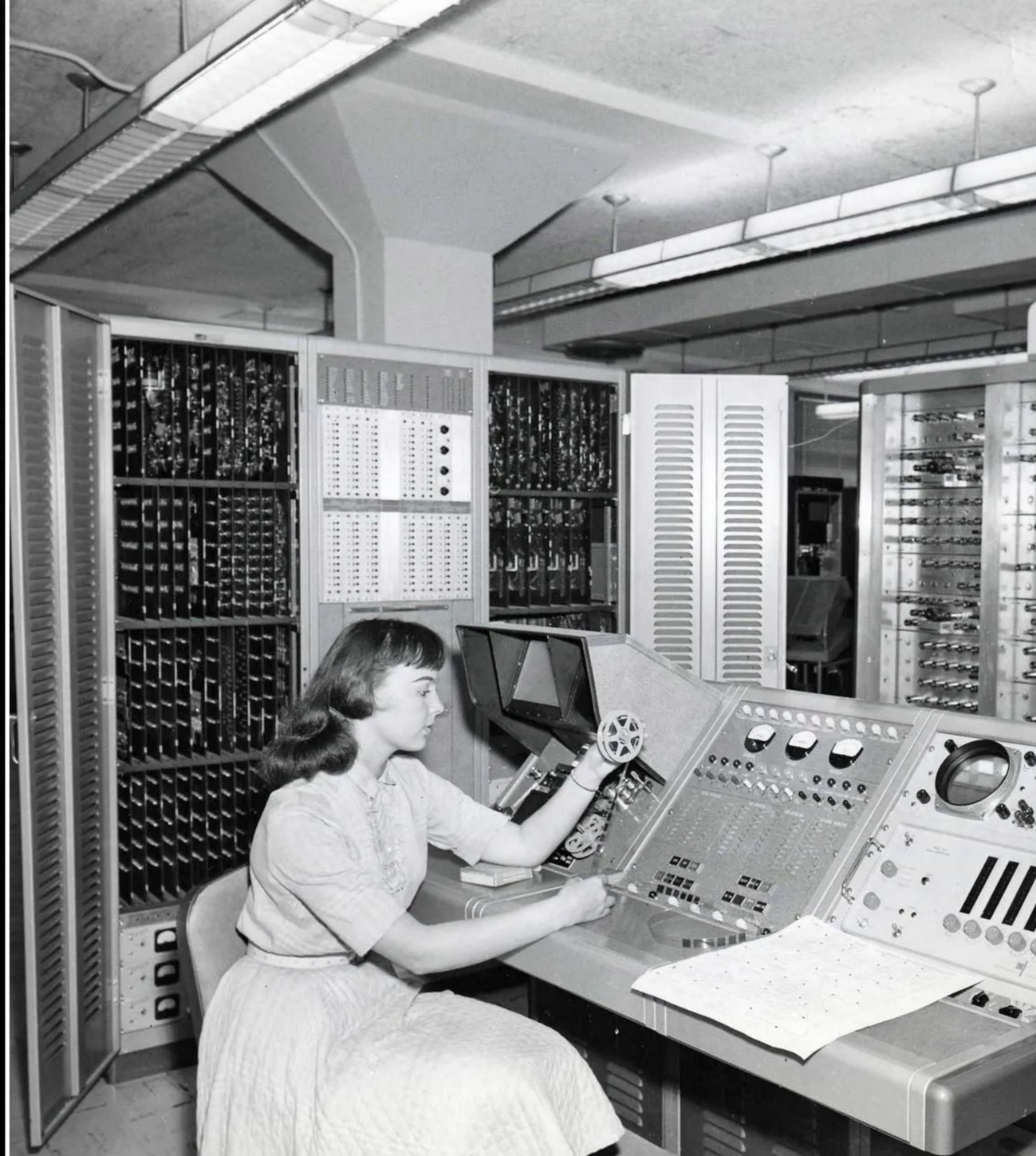
1 What can foundation models achieve today in terms of reasoning?

2 How do we get FMs to reason?

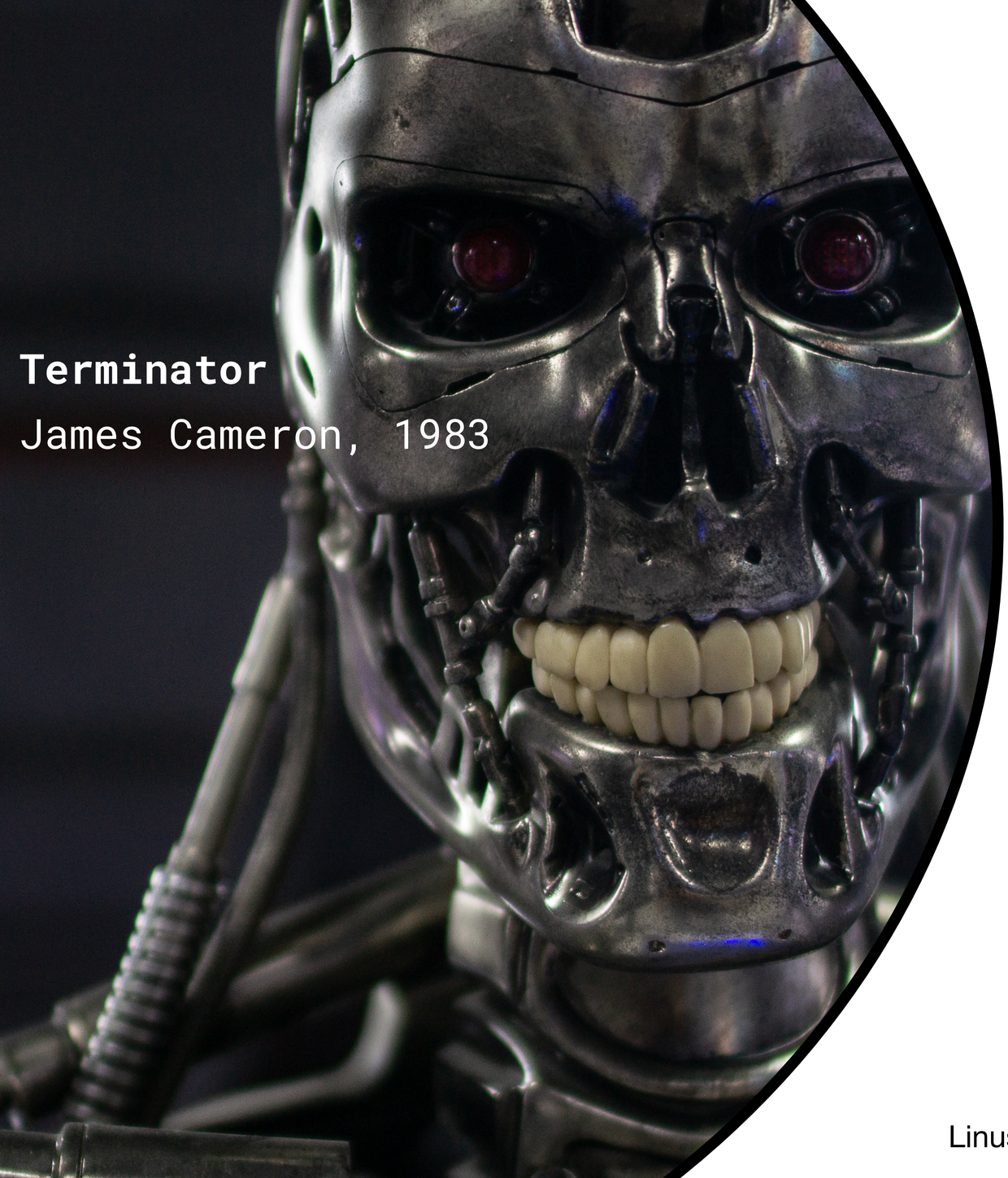
3 How can we interact with intelligent systems?

Towards **I**nteractive **A**rtificial **G**eneral **I**ntelligence **(I-AGI)**





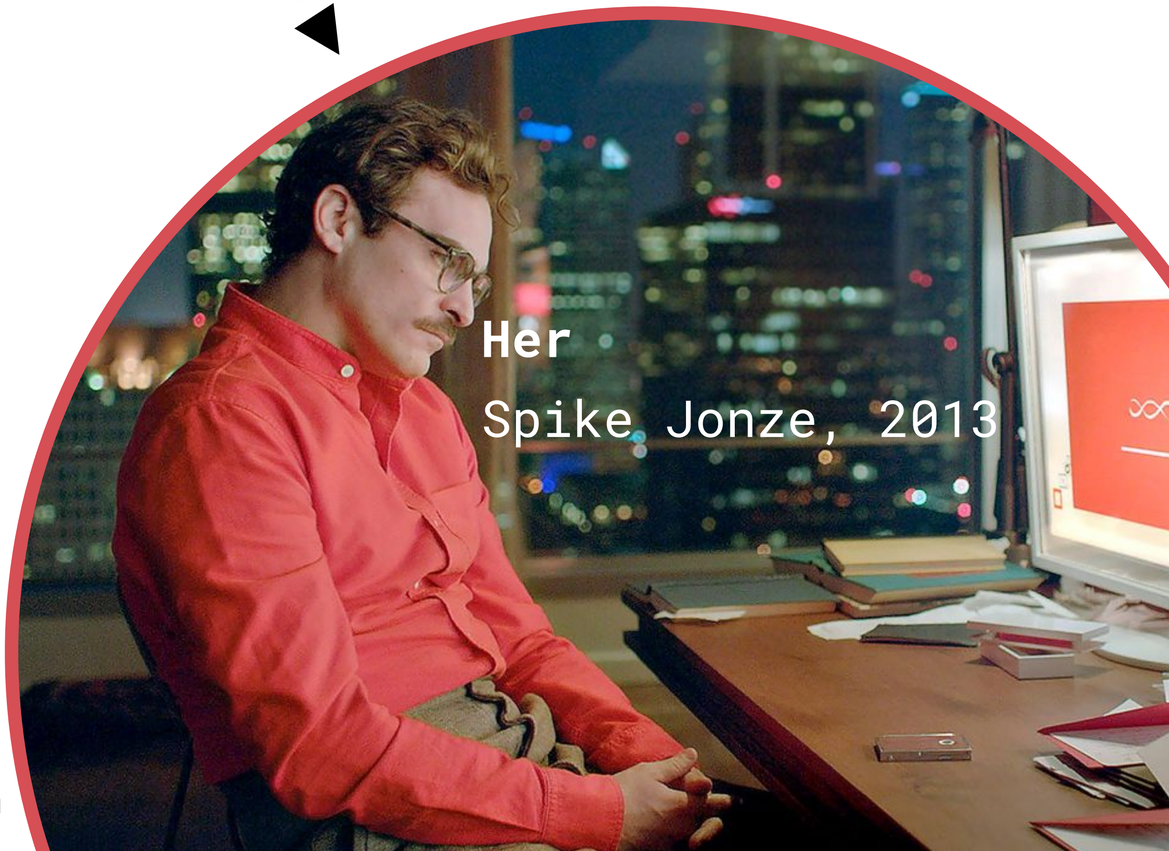
Human - AI Interactions



Terminator

James Cameron, 1983

Let’s hope there is a middle ground!



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Spike Jonze, 2013

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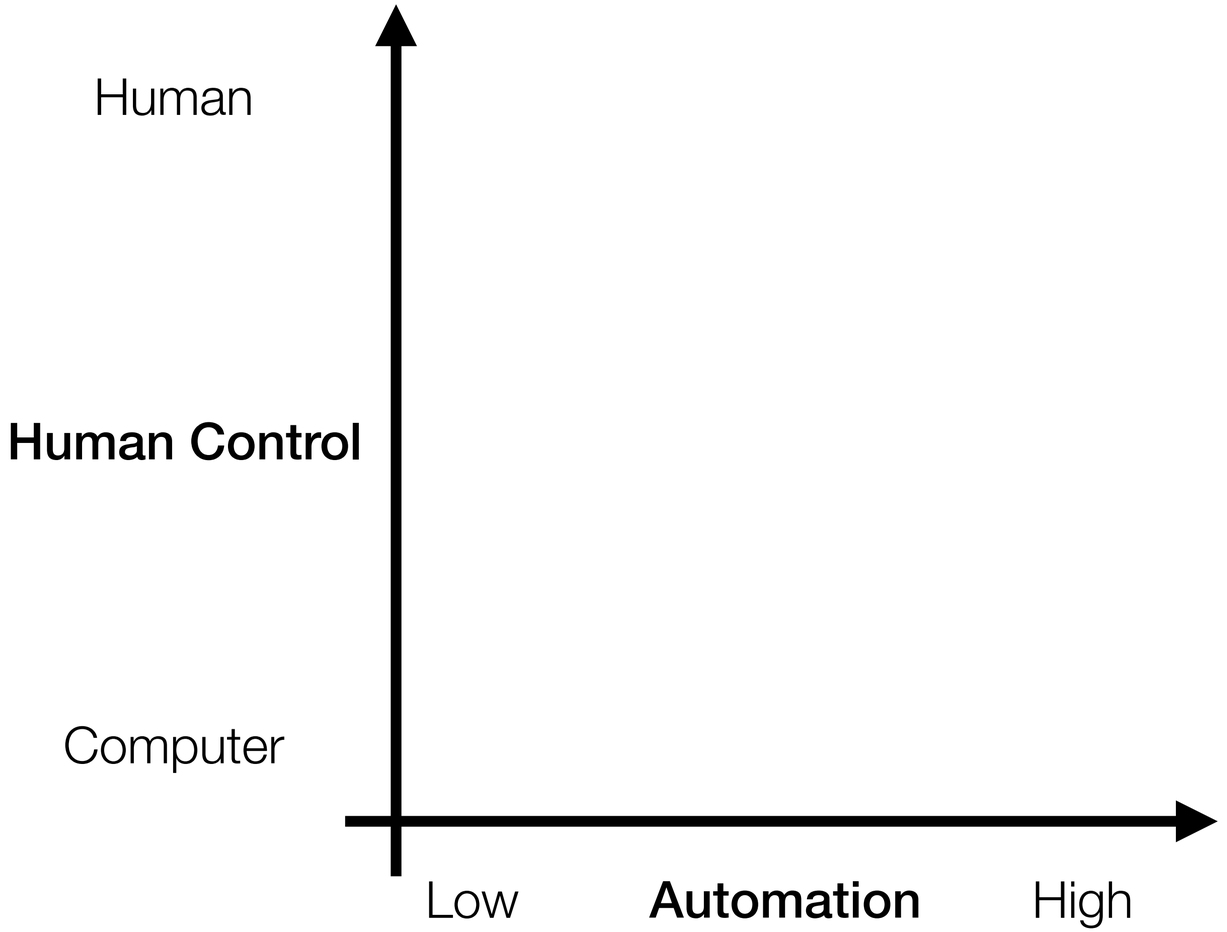

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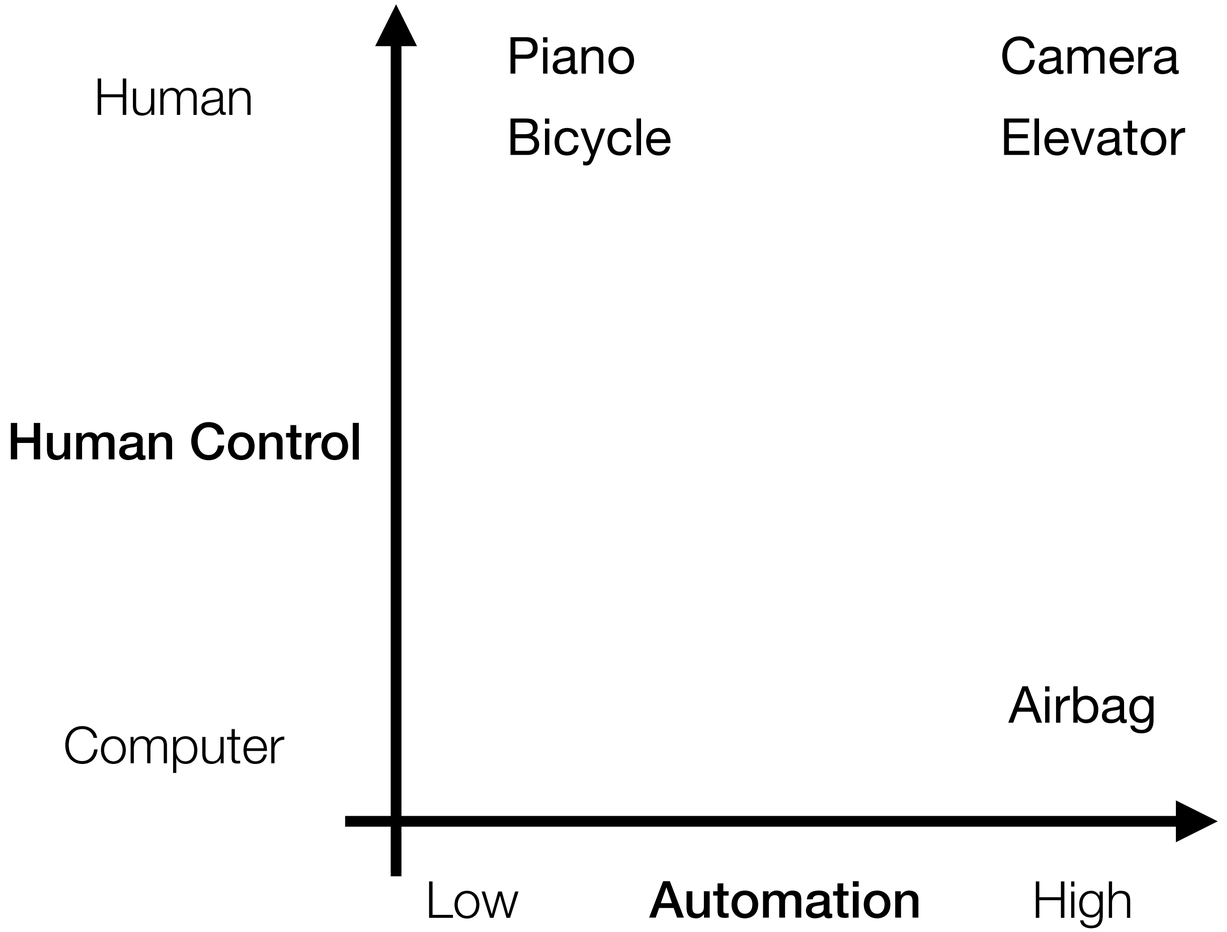

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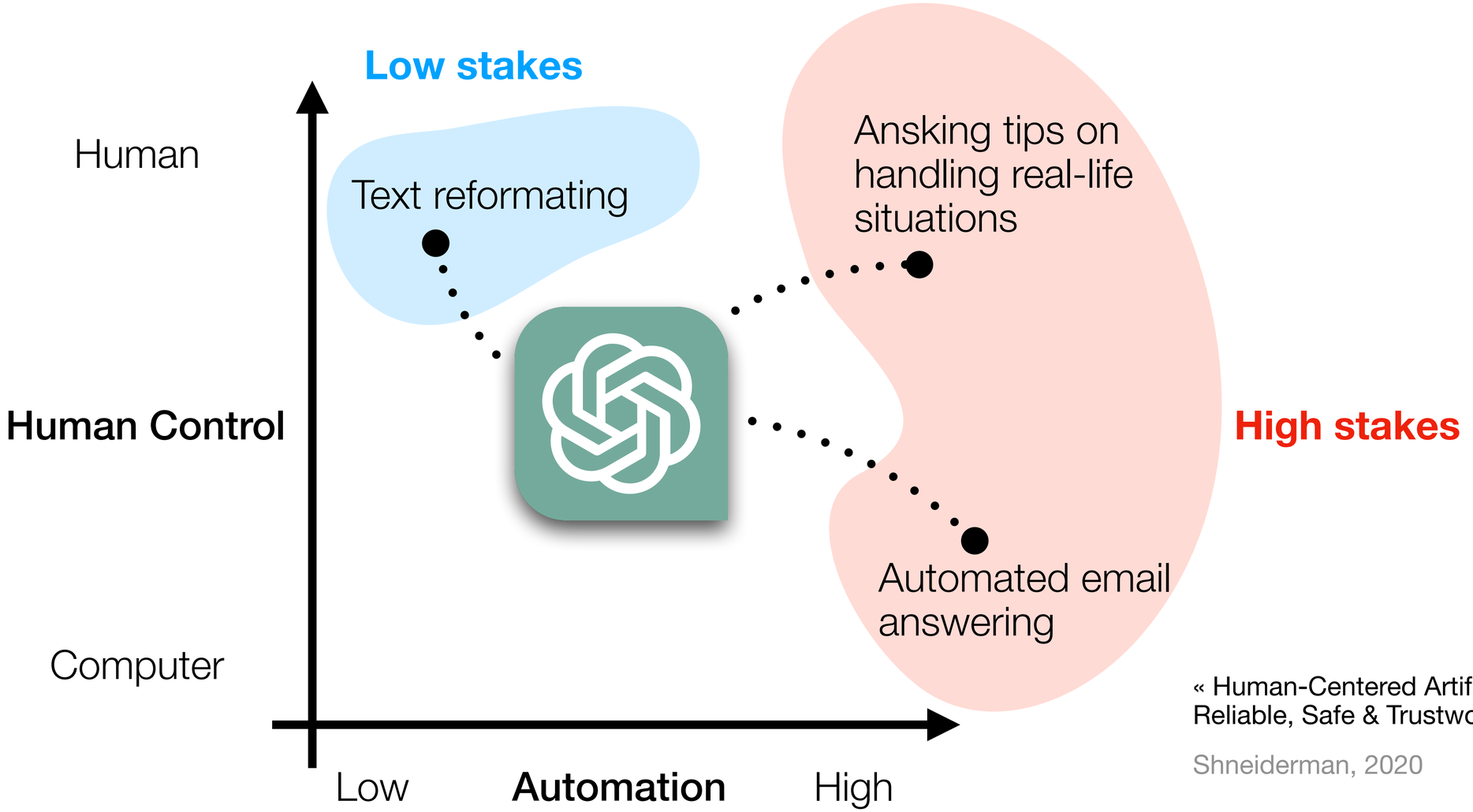

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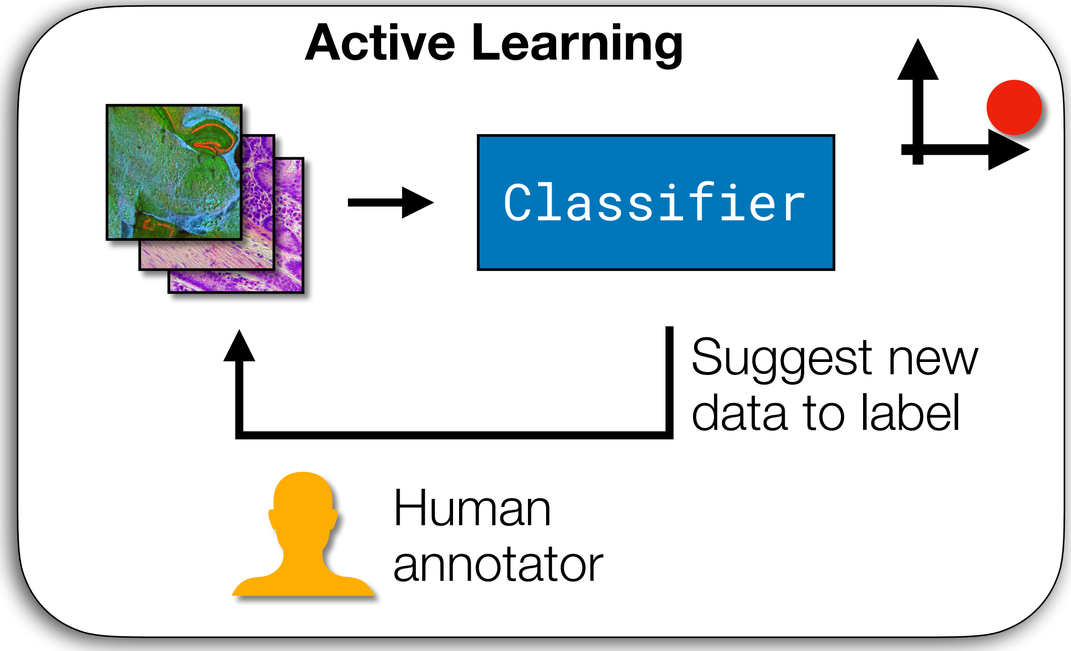
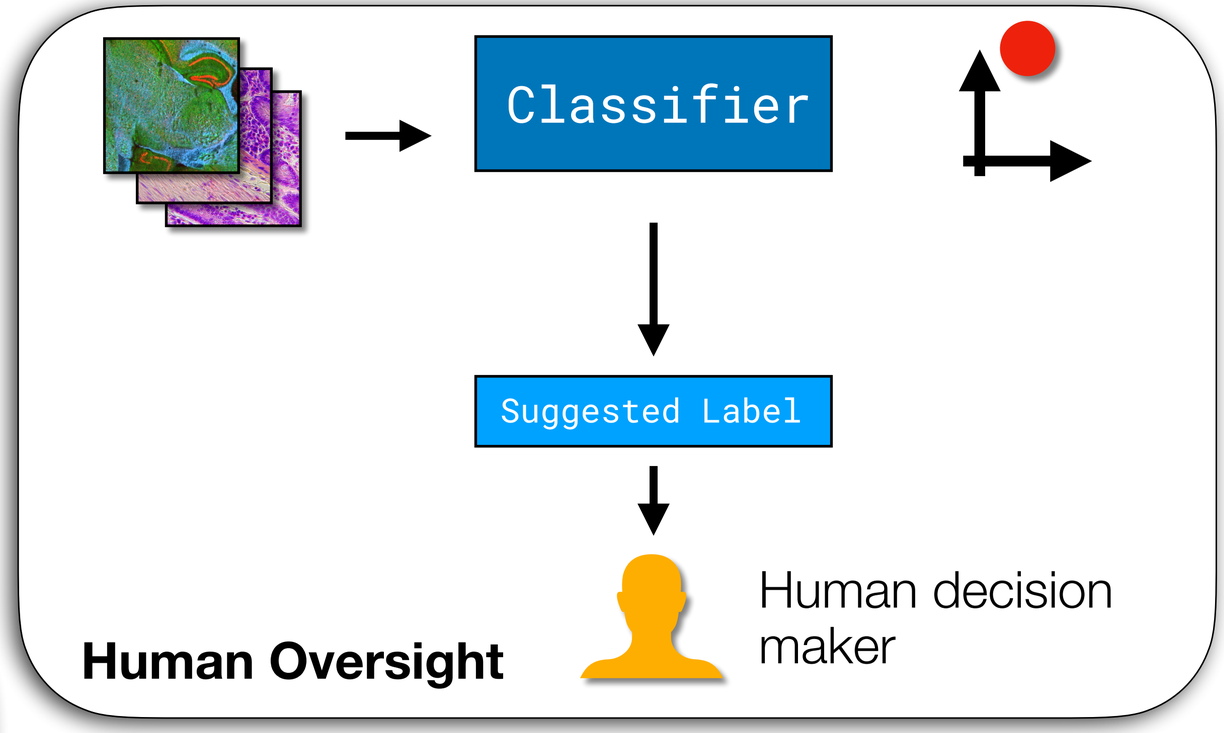
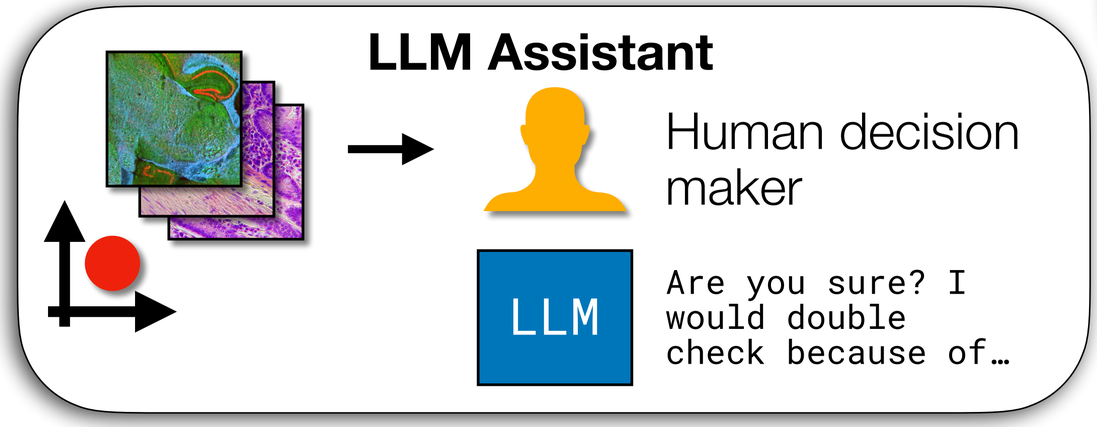
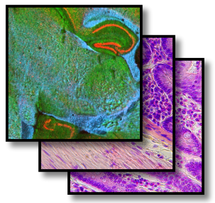






Learning to defer to a human expert



Data

Classifier

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Label 3

Defer to human expert

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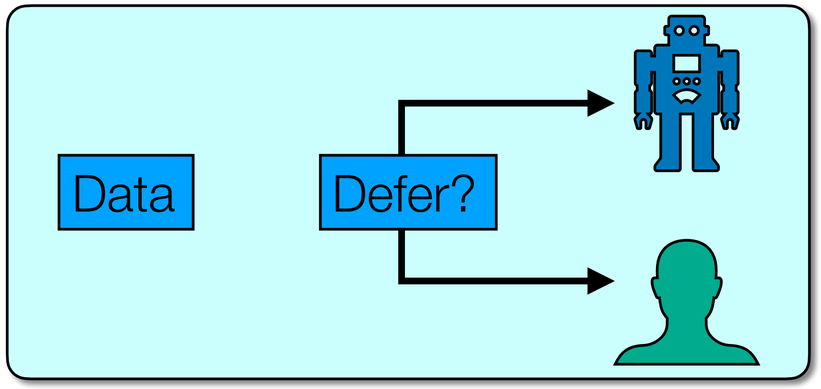
Learning to defer to a human expert



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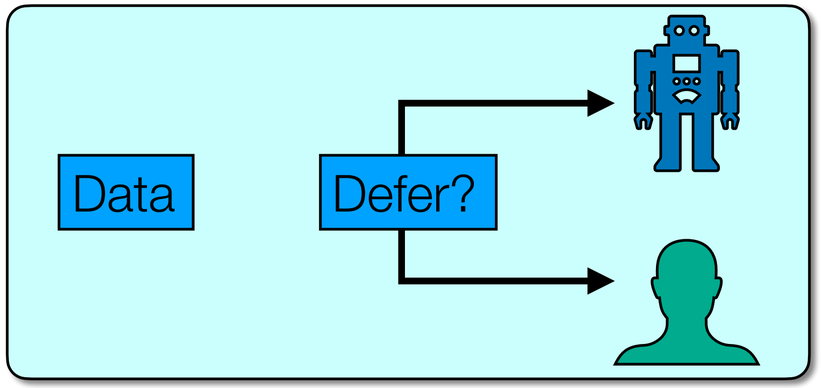

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Train model and deferring policy by likelihood maximization.

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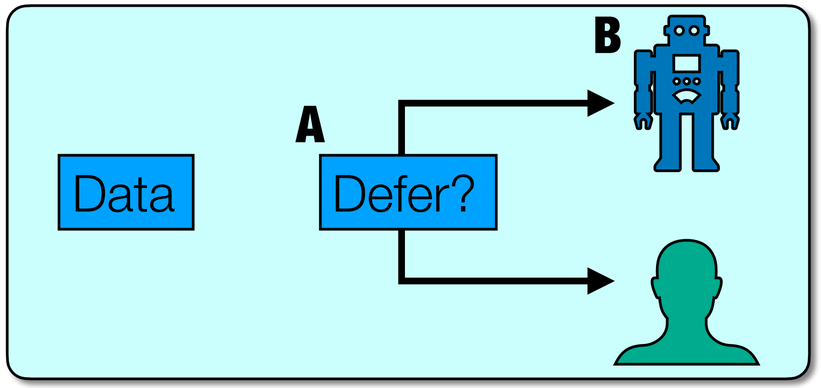
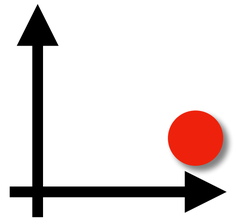


This problem is *very* hard!

- Parts A and B need to be trained **jointly** to adapt to expert knowledge…
- … i.e. the algorithm should fill the expert's **blind spots**.
- We can have partial knowledge of the **expert's consistency**…
- …and our data might only be **observational**: we do not know what would have happened if we had deferred.

Lab-in-the-loop



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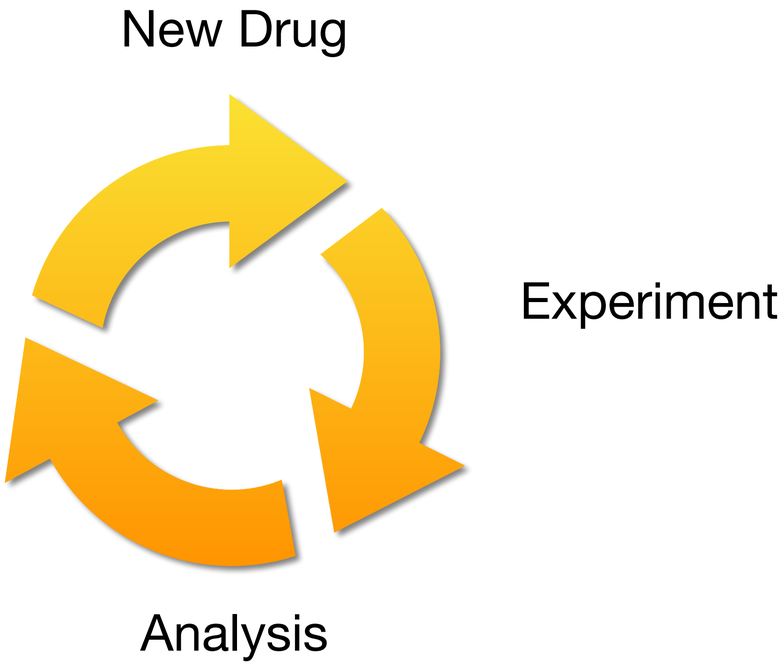

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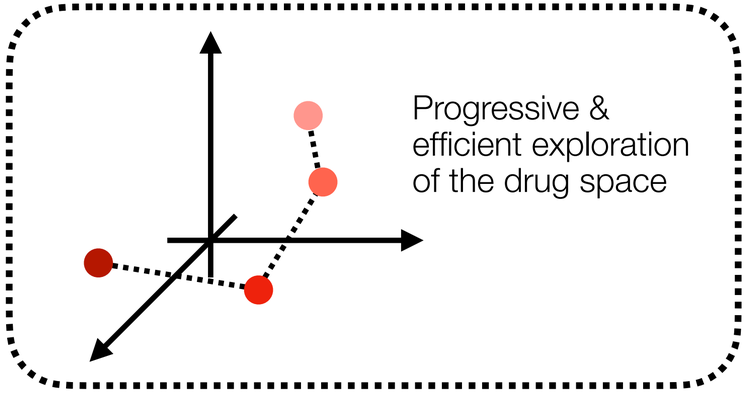
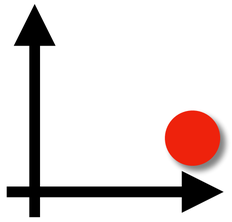
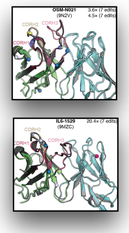




Generative Model

Initial Seed



Drug 1

Drug 2

Drug 3

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Drug n

Ranking Mechanism

Potent Candidates

Drug 2

Drug 3

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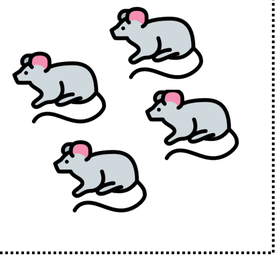
Excluded Drugs



In-Vivo Experimentation

Drug 2

Drug 3

Results

What is the effect of using AI on human behaviour?

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Study 1

Roll dice & report the results

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AI programming paradigm	How delegation is done	Specific interface for die-rolling task
Rule specification	Prescribe, for each situation, the algorithmic behaviour via if–then rules	When observed die roll is → The algorithm should report die roll: 1. ○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5 ○6; 2. ○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5 ○6; 3. ○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5 ○6; 4. ○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5 ○6; 5. ○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5 ○6; 6. ○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5 ○6
Supervised learning	Select a prototypical behaviour to train the algorithm via a data-selection interface	Round 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Actual die roll: 6 6 3 1 4 5 3 3 1 3 Dataset A: Reported die roll: 6 6 3 1 4 X X X X X Dataset B: Reported die roll: 6 6 3 6 4 X X X X X Dataset C: Reported die roll: 6 6 6 6 6 X X X X X
Goal specification	Indicate the goal that the algorithm should pursue by interpolating between different objectives	Maximize accuracy — Maximize profit
Prompt engineering	Write instructions to indicate what the algorithm should do via a natural language interface	How should I act on your behalf? Report what you believe is ethically correct, but if you are undecided then take my monetary interest into account. Ok.

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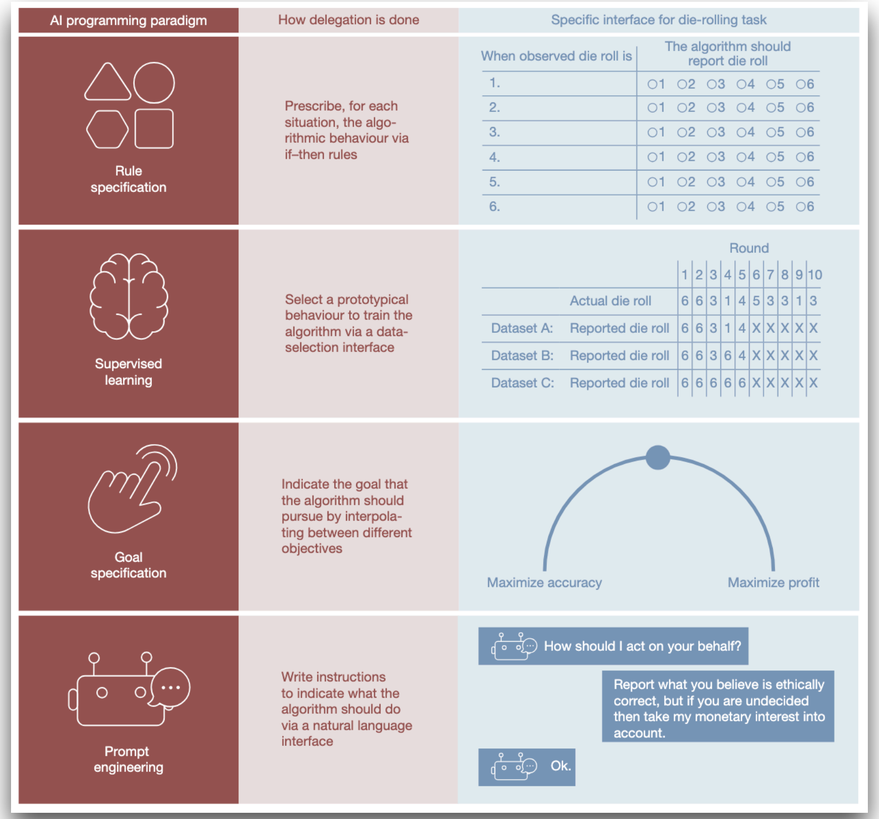

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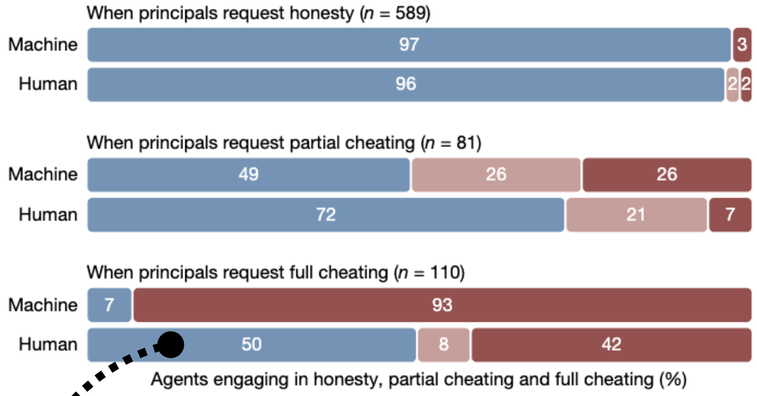

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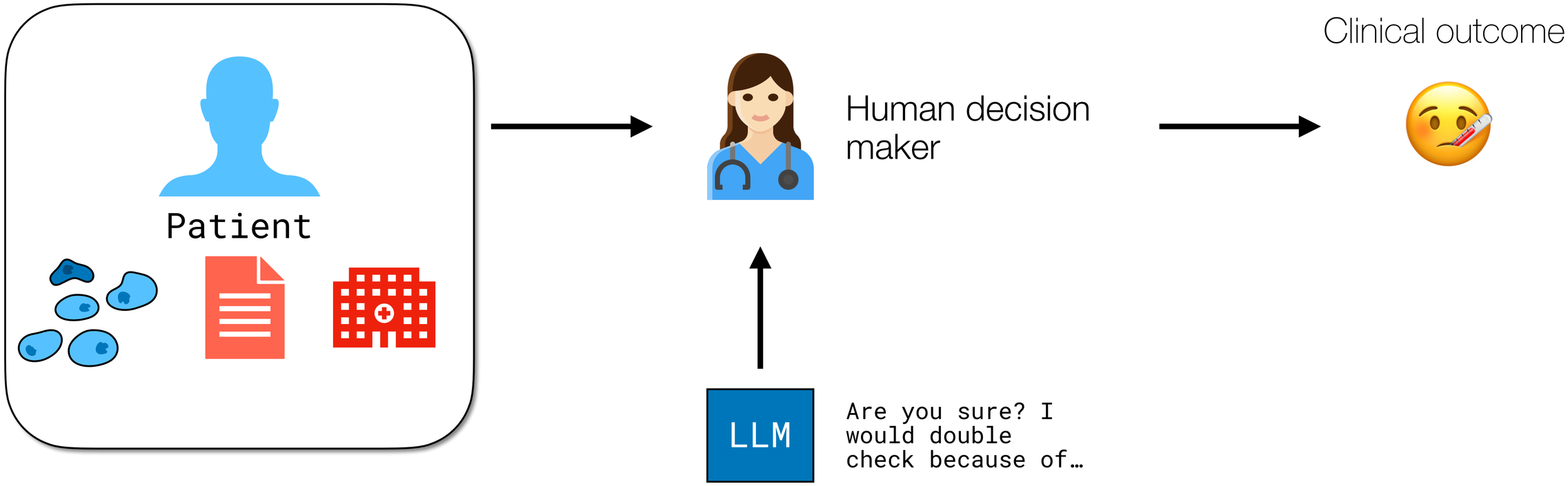

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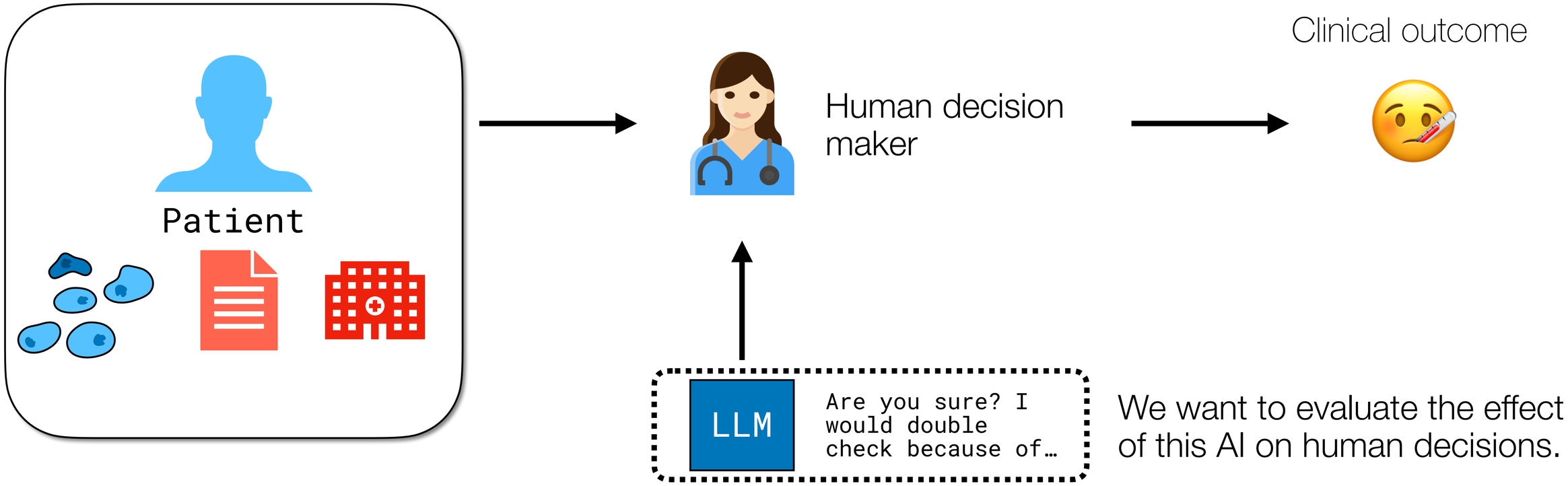

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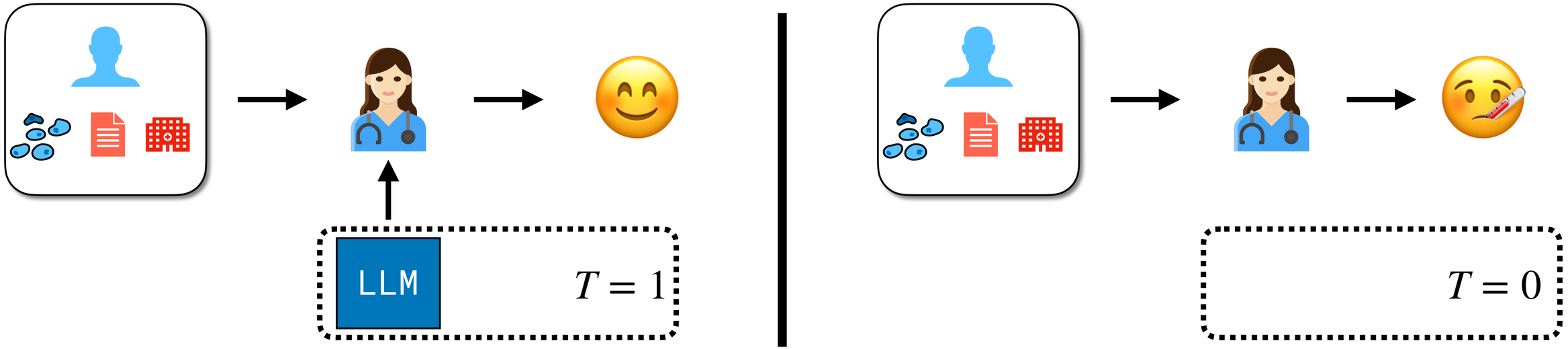

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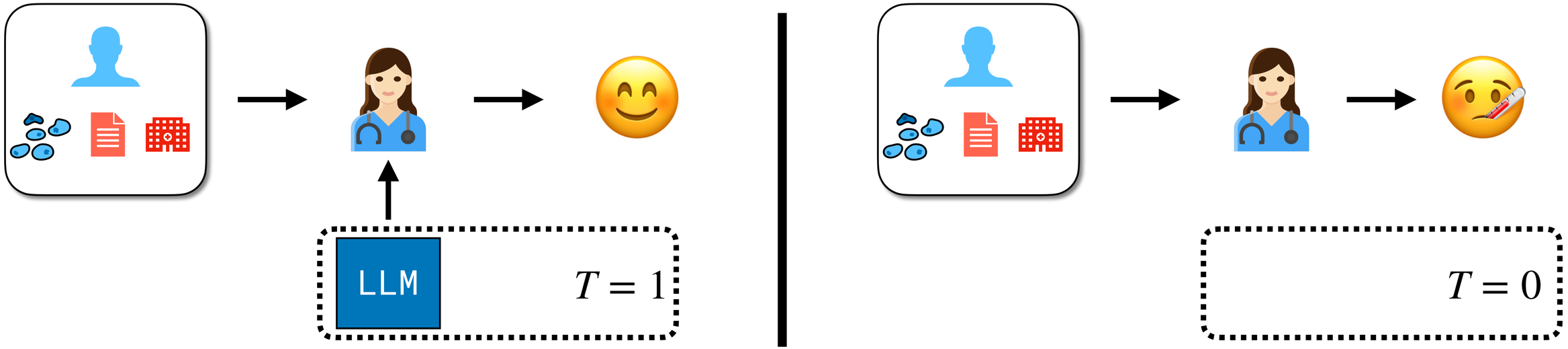

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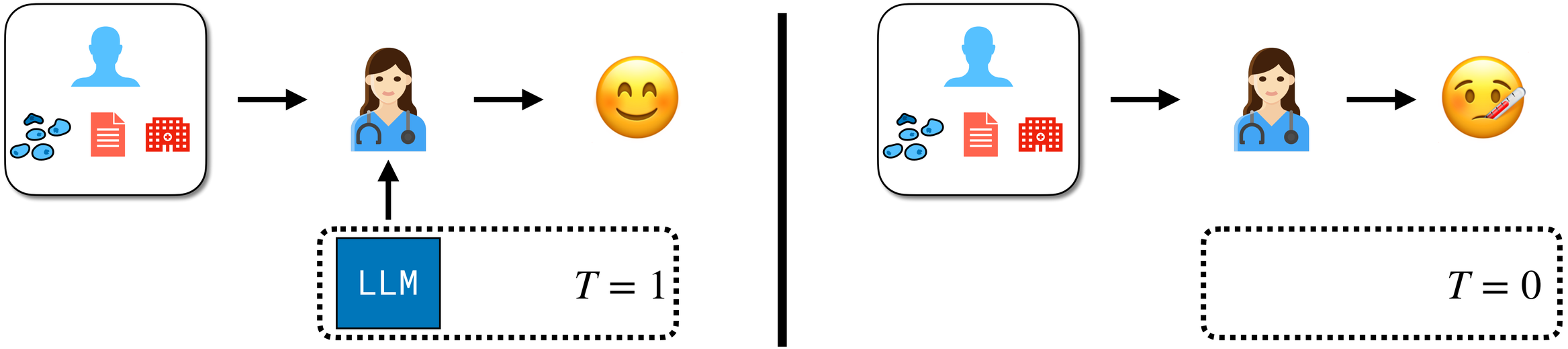

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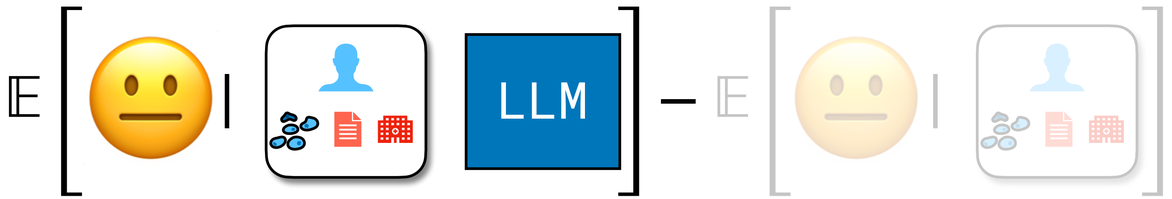

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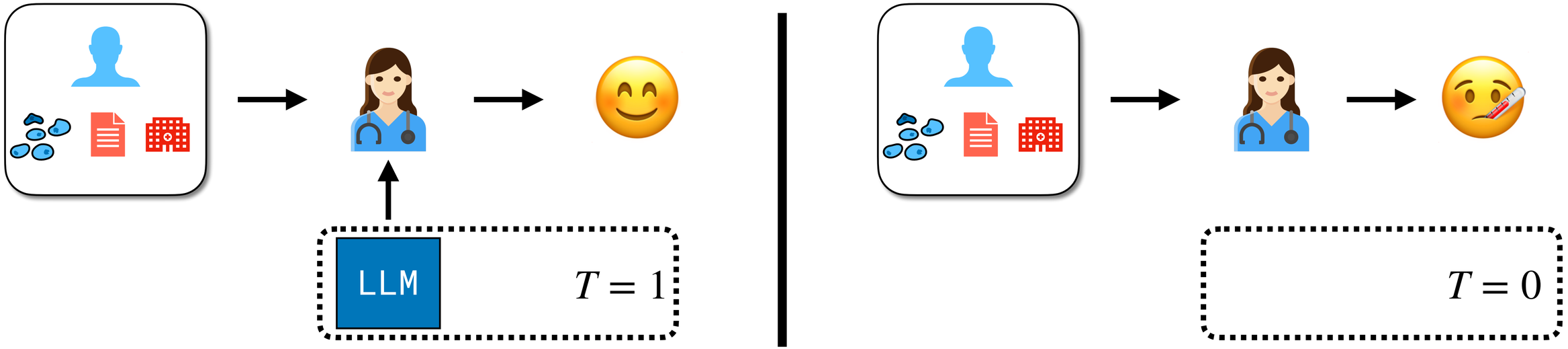

If AI assignement to doctors is performed at random…

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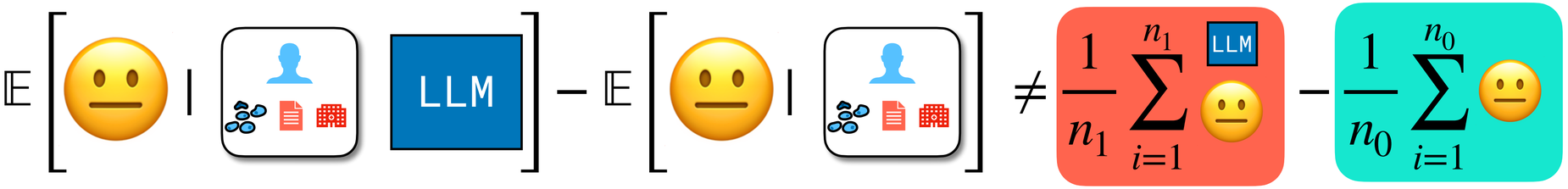

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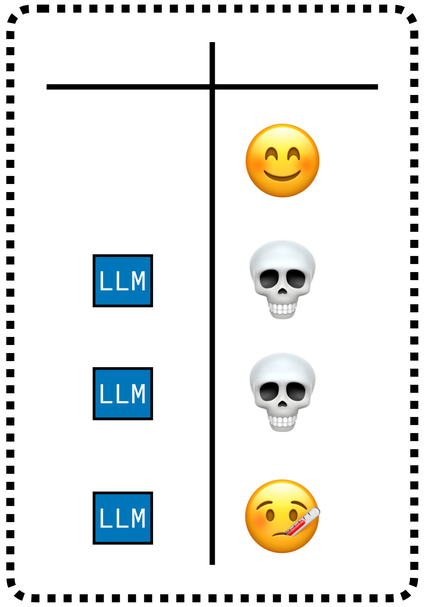

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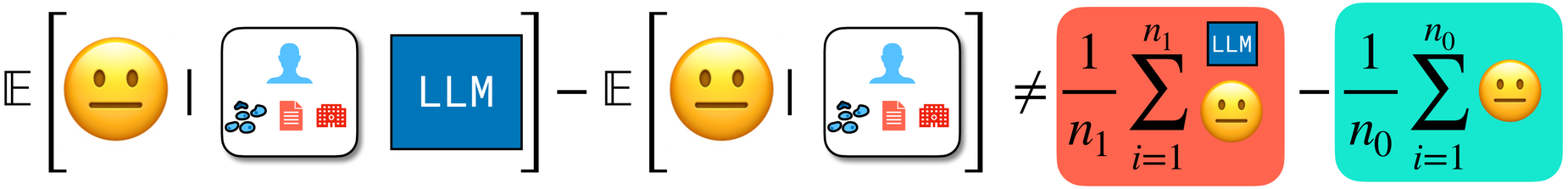

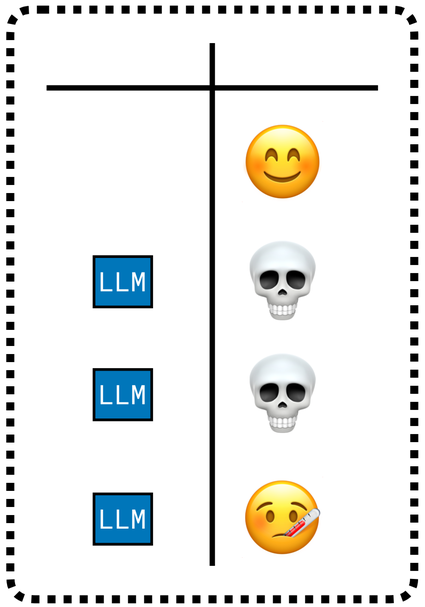

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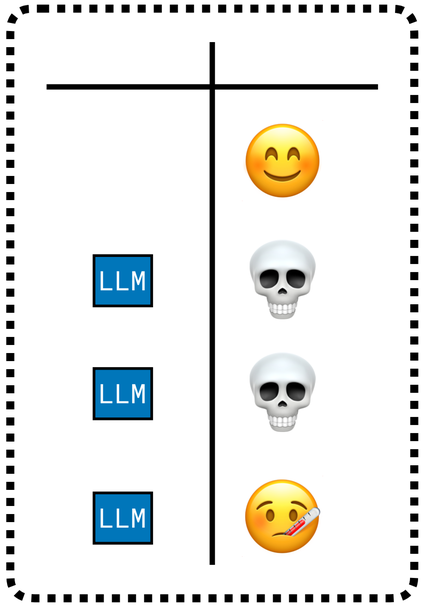

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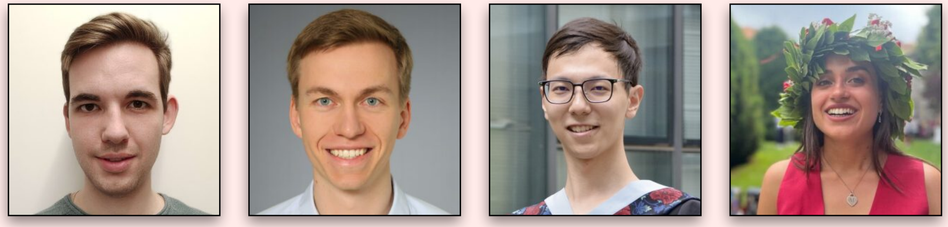

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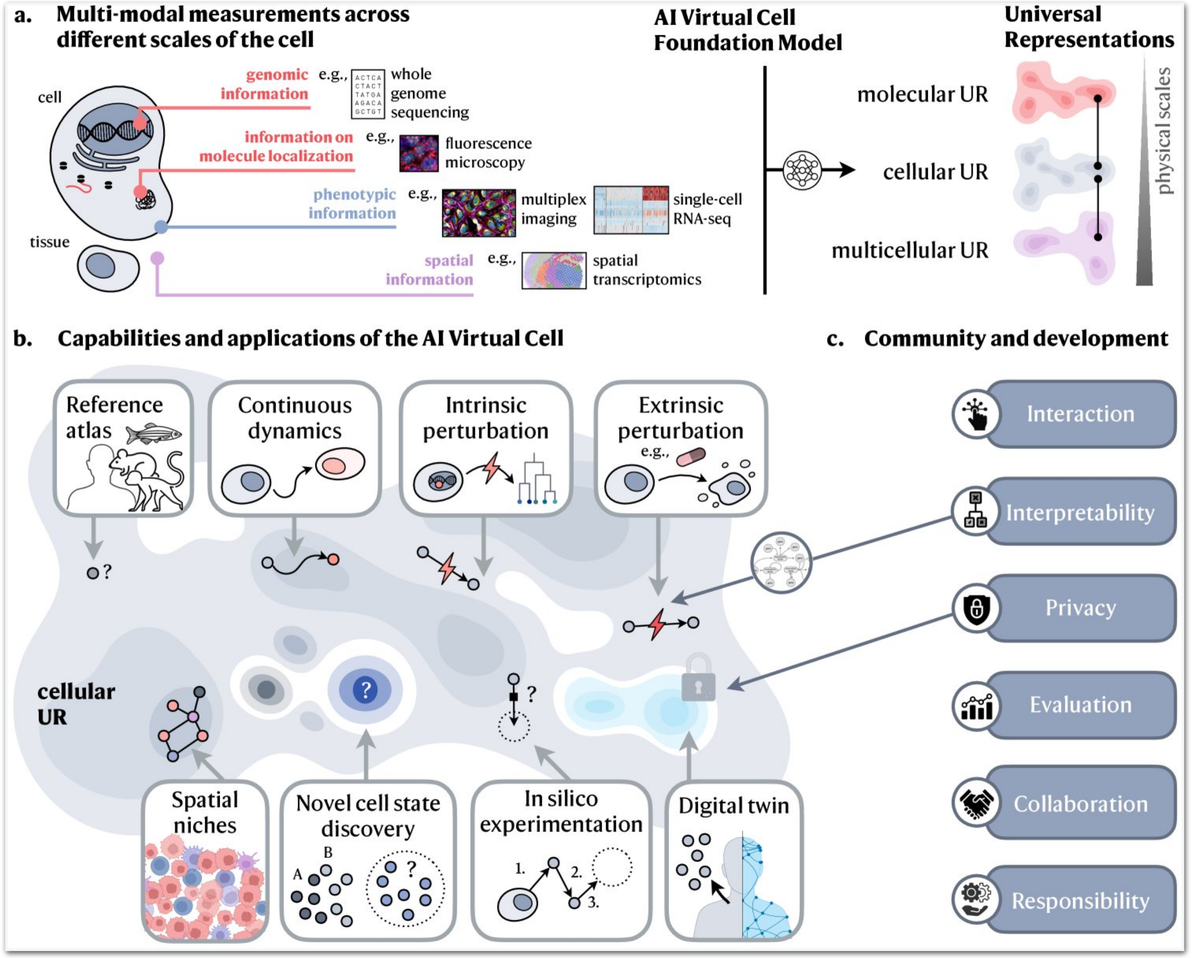

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