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Towards more open LLM pretraining

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- ① Some questions about LLM training
- ② Concerns about openness
- ③ Model pretraining at LINAGORA/OpenLLM
- ④ Next steps in ANITI

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Some concerns (academic and industrial) about LLMs

They're (very) large.

They're black holes for (personal) data.

They're often opaque and hard to train.

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Can task-specific LLMs minimize these concerns?

Code, document understanding, classroom assistance, cobots, ...

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How do different kinds of data impact performance on different tasks?

(Even easier to wonder once you start looking at the data 🤯)

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Can externalizing (certain) knowledge help?

- RAG
- External modules (ALMs)

What knowledge can be externalized?

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To what extent can we separate language modeling capacities from the capacity to retain and exploit world knowledge?

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Hurdles to scientific study

Pretraining is crucial. We need ablation studies. But:

- hardware
- scaling questions
- quantity of pretraining data
- preprocessing and annotation
- conception of evaluation
- ...

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Open collaboration

Opening up the process is crucial for getting smaller actors involved.

Data!

- collection and preparation practices
- pretraining, fine-tuning, evaluation
- the most important factor, and the most difficult to get

Code: we can't keep reinventing the (engineering) wheel in our own corners



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Open collaboration

⚠ Data ! ⚠

BigScience



CroissantLLM



A12 Allen Institute for AI



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Lucie



- Causal decoder-only model ♦ 7B parameters
- 512 H100 80GB GPUs → ~550,000 GPU hrs on Jean Zay
- ETA for Lucie Instruct: mid-December



❖ Open data

❖ Open weights (+ checkpoints)

❖ Open code

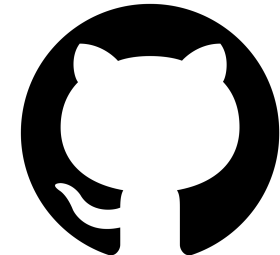
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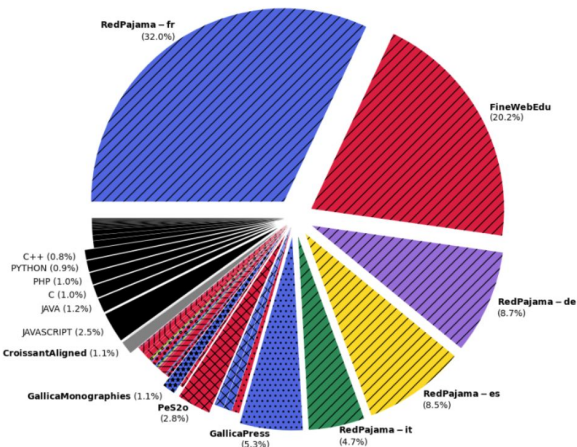
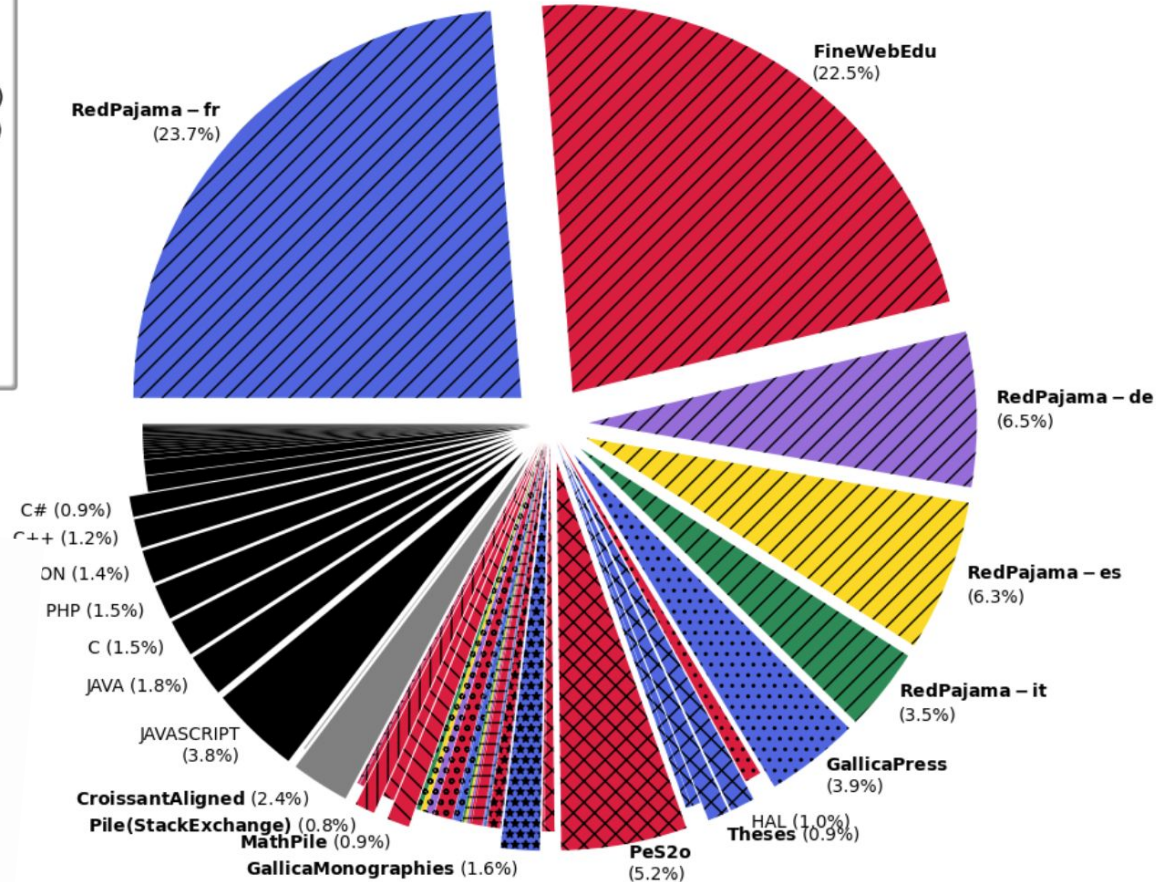
Balancing French and English

Composition of **original** training dataset (2320.616 B tokens)



Categories	Languages
Web (73.9%)	French (40.3%)
Newspaper (5.86%)	English (26.4%)
Technical (4.79%)	German (8.90%)
Book (1.36%)	Spanish (8.65%)
Legislative (1.00%)	Italian (4.83%)
Wiki (0.832%)	
Math (0.628%)	
Forum (0.536%)	
Dialogue (0.0779%)	
Multilingual (1.12%)	
Programming (9.87%)	

Composition of **final** training dataset (3121.743 B tokens)



weighting by language and category



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OpenLLM France

An open approach leads to a heavy bias towards certain types of data

LLMs for assisting students of French

- targeted instruction tuning
- task-specific evaluation
 - factuality
 - French
 - cultural norms
- exploiting RAG approaches



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Impact of data proportions and training approaches on model performance

- multilinguality (but not from a low-resource perspective)
- factuality (education) - overlap with Airbus

Starting points

- Lucie data
- Small English models (OLMO, Pythia)
- Lucie checkpoints - change data mixtures at the end

Multimodality: strengthening the language component

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Thank you!