



# Building GPT-SW3: The first LLM for the nordic languages.



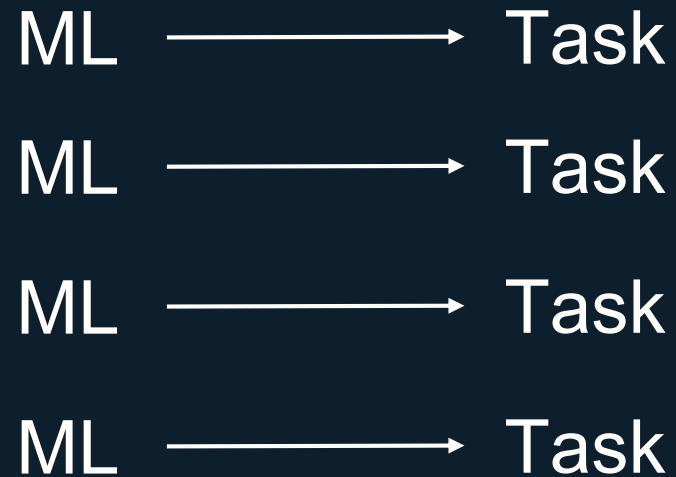
Language models learn language by reading text

Artificial neural networks (Transformers)

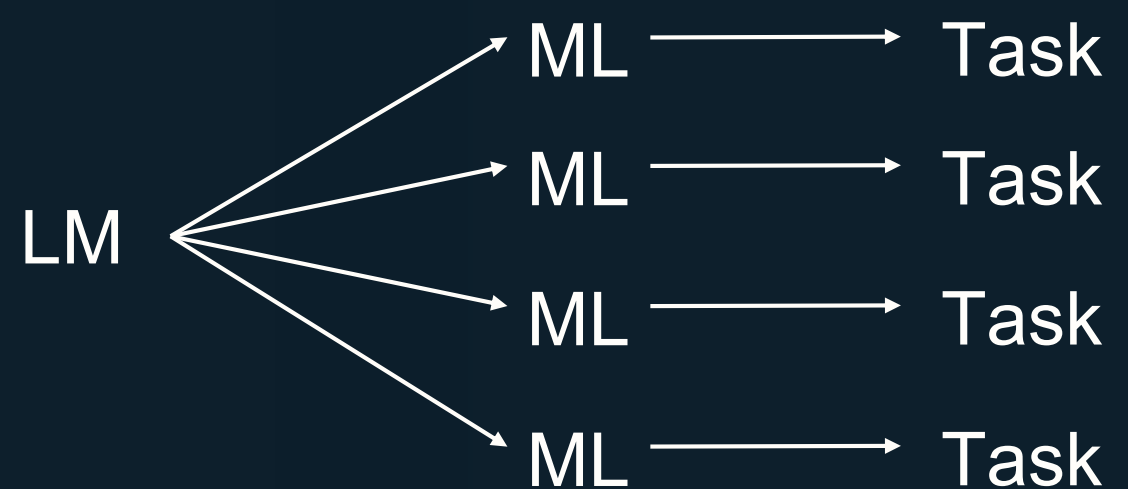
Can be used to solve (all) language processing tasks



## Before 2018



## After 2018



**Encoders FTW!**



# Language models for Swedish authorities

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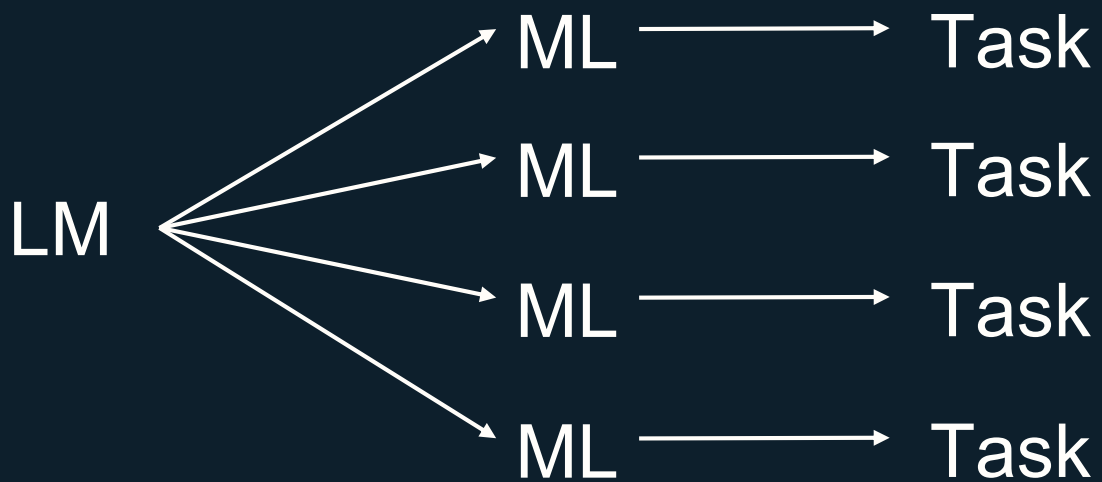
Provide the prerequisites for authorities to use LMs

Code, data, models and applications

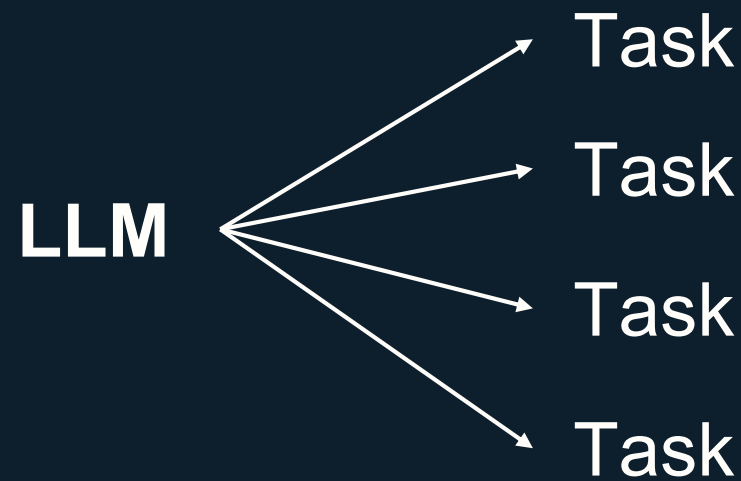
Most Swedish LMs have some connection to the project

All authorities in the project have built solutions based on LMs  
(Skatteverket, Arbetsförmedlingen, Tillväxtverket)

**After 2018**



**After 2021**

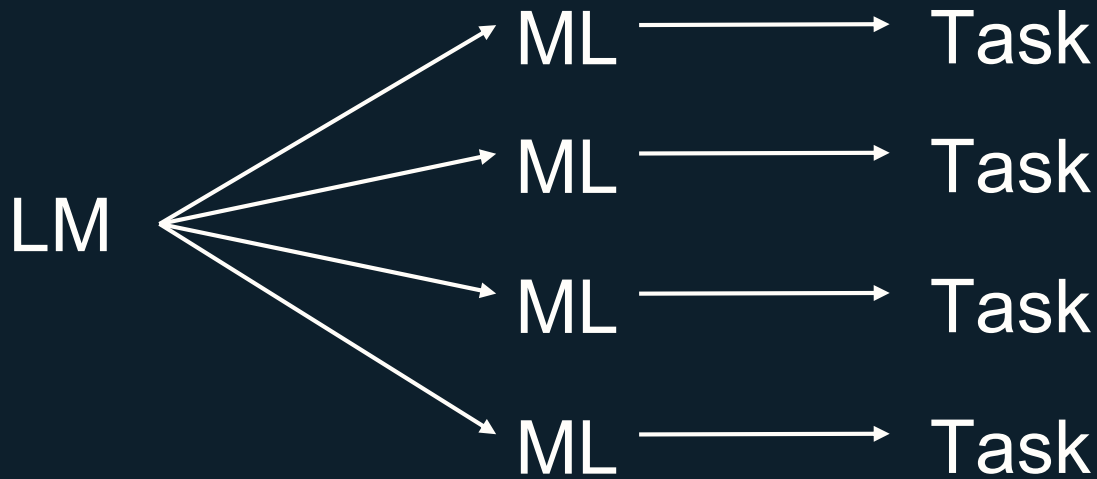


**Encoders**

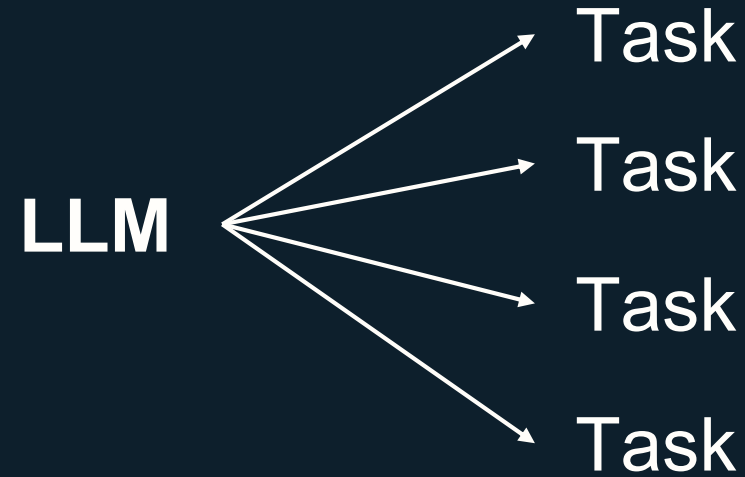


**Decoders**

## After 2018



## After 2021

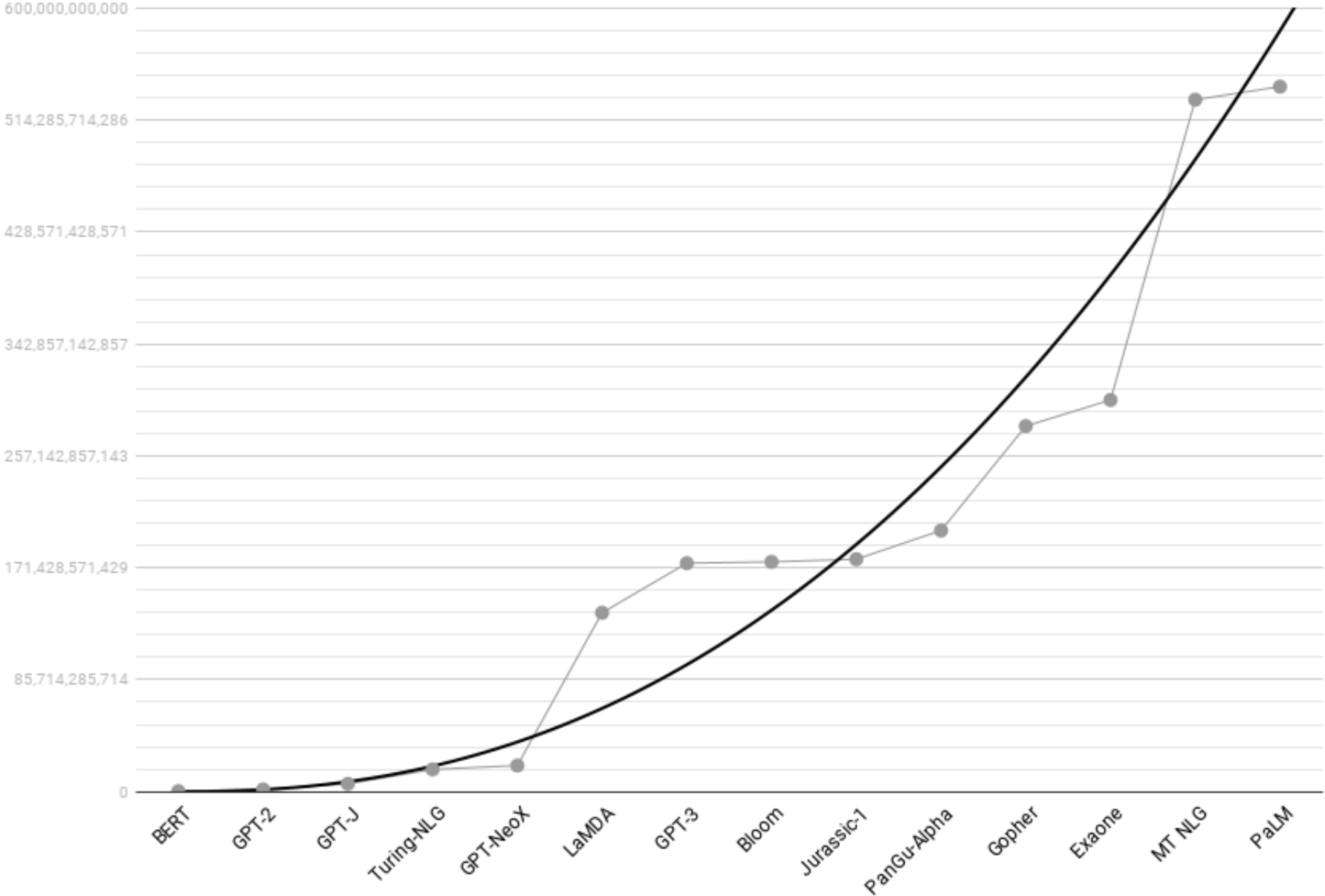


Encoders



**Decoders**

# Transformer model parameters



Bert large (340m): ~1000 GPUh  
GPT-SW3 (6.7b): ~27000 GPUh  
GPT-SW3 (40b): ~280000 GPUh



Bert large (340m): ~1000 GPUh ~ 5 DGX-days  
GPT-SW3 (6.7b): ~27000 GPUh ~ 140 DGX-days  
GPT-SW3 (40b): ~280000 GPUh ~ 4 DGX-years



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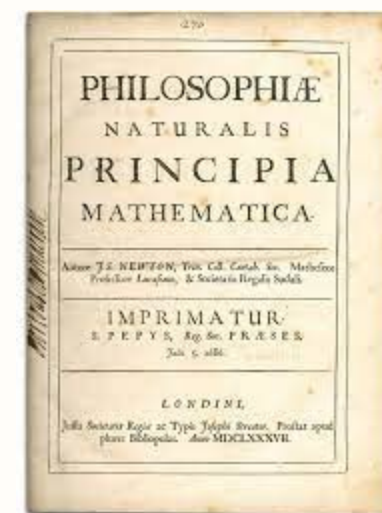
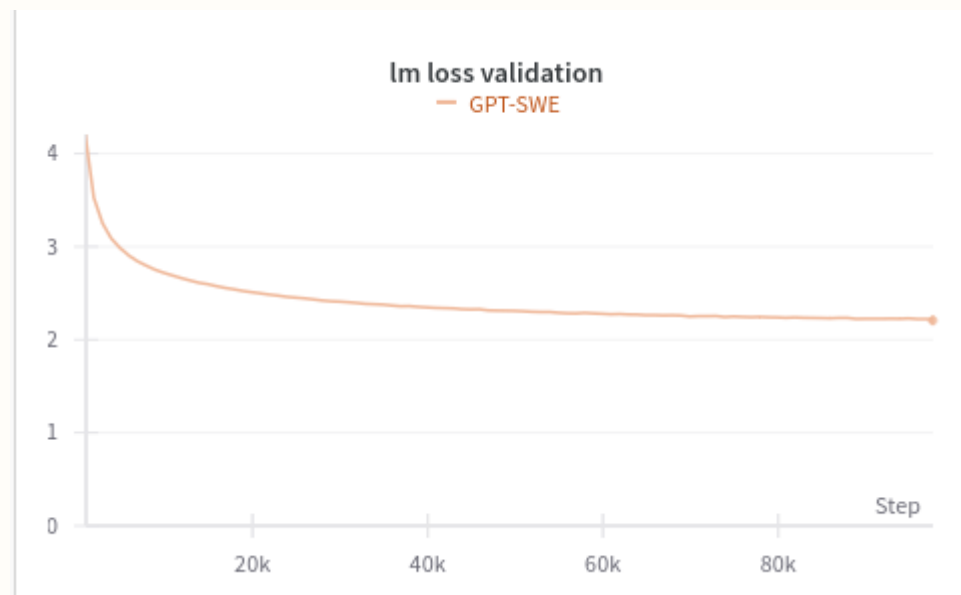
**NVIDIA SuperPOD:  
60 NVIDIA DGX-A100 compute nodes**

**Each DGX-A100:  
8 NVIDIA A100 Tensor Core GPUs**

**Each A100 GPU:  
40 GB on-board HBM2 VRAM**

**Nvidia Mellanox Infiniband networking**

**Nvidia NeMo Megatron software stack**

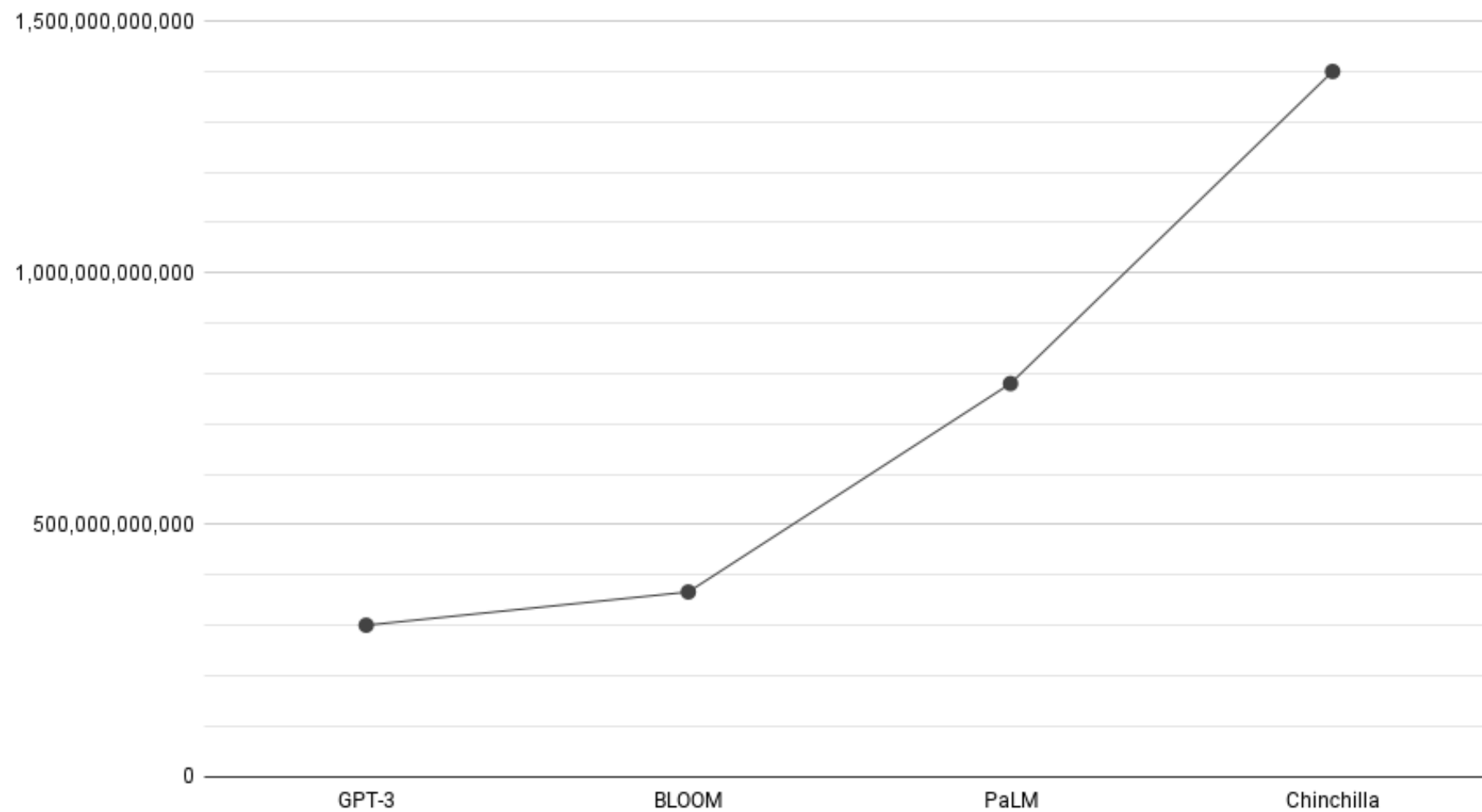


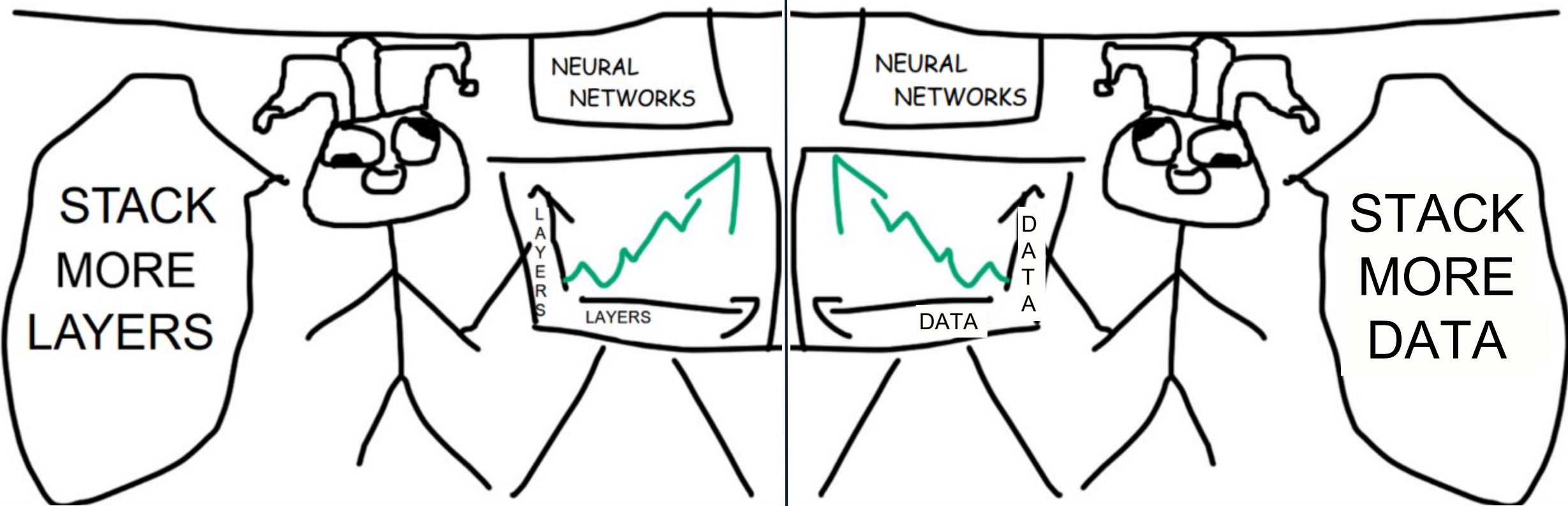


# GPT-SWE

- A 1.3 B parameter model trained using Megatron-LM
- Trained on found data: Oscar, MC4, Swedish parliamentary debates, et.c.
- Familiarity with HPC

## Number of training tokens





Kaplan et al. (2020) Scaling laws for neural language models

Hofman et al. (2022) Training compute-optimal large language models





# GPT-SW3: a foundational resource for Nordic NLP

# Why?

Build competence

Digital and linguistic  
sovereignty

Democratize access to LLMs

# How?

Collaboration

Transparency

# GPT-SW3 consortium

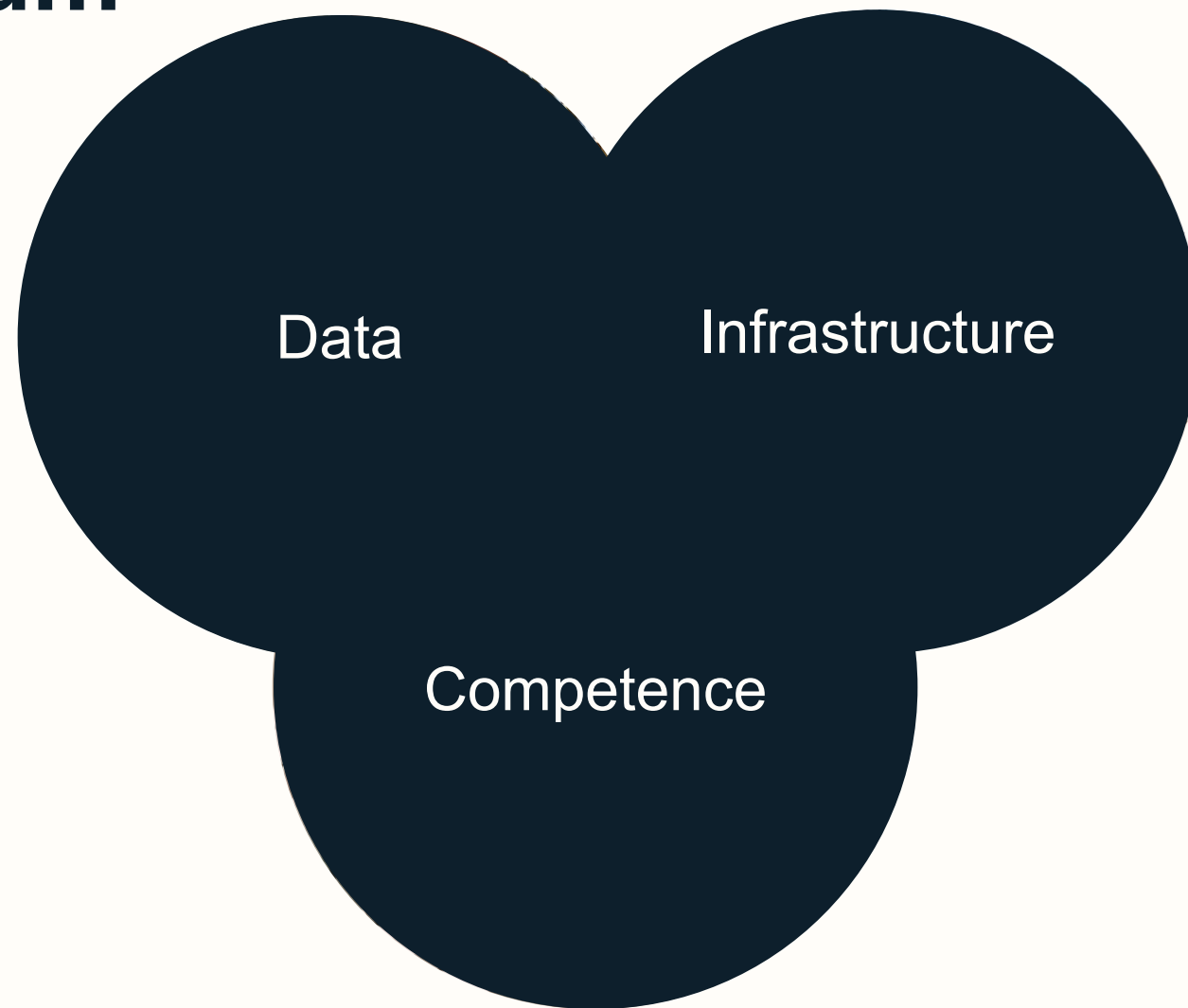


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AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS  
AND SOFTWARE PROGRAM



AI Nordics community on Discord

Data platform and deployment partners:





### Number of training tokens



**How do we find enough data in Swedish?**



Swedish is a small language, but with close friends

Pool resources from typologically similar languages

The Nordic Pile: Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Icelandic,  
English

Based on existing corpora and open sources

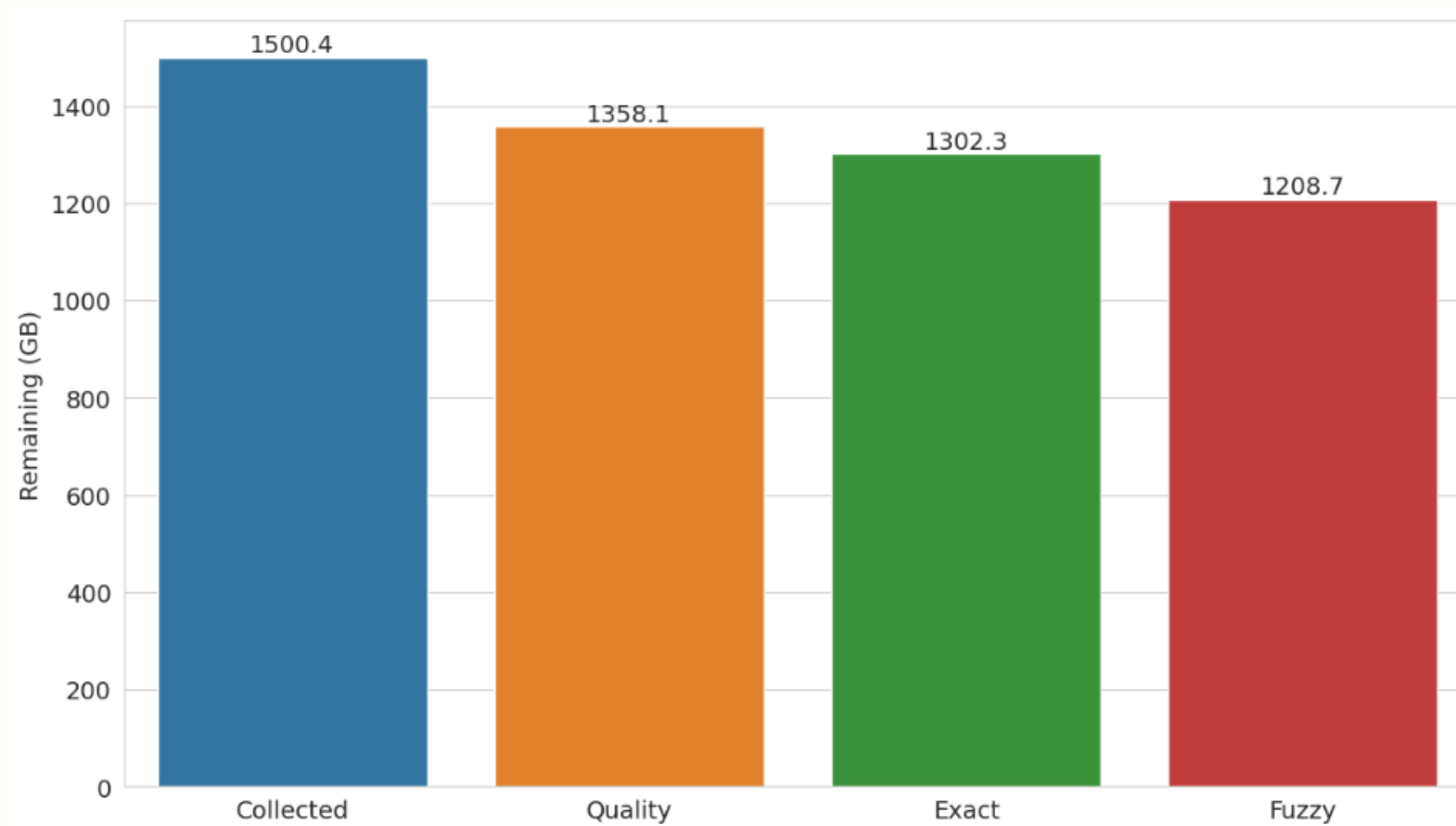


- Normalization (whitespace, character encoding)
- Quality filtering
- Exact deduplication
- Fuzzy deduplication (intra-language LSH)
- Weighting of data sources

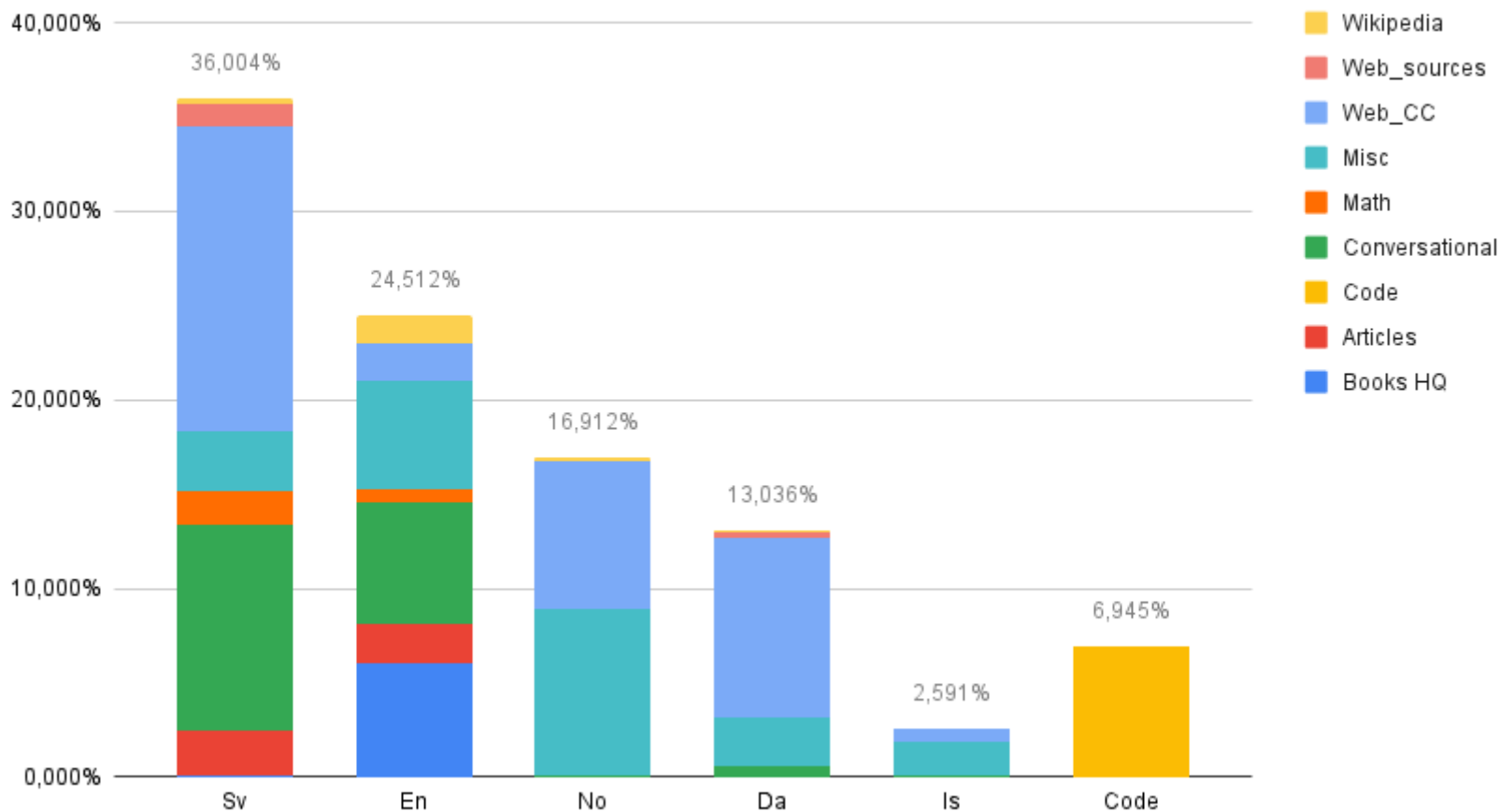
Tokenizer: SentencePiece  
Vocabulary size: 64k



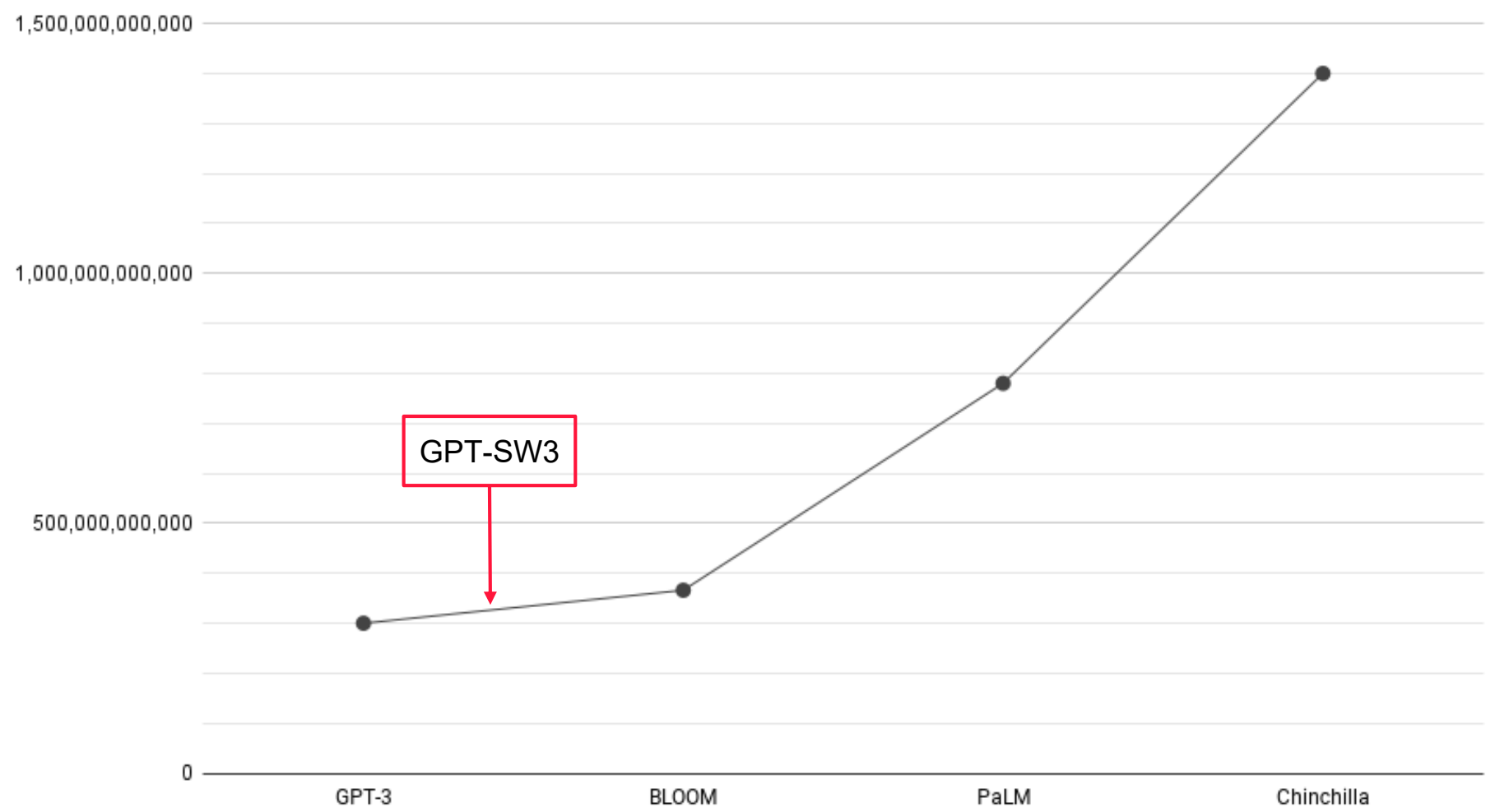




Sv, En, No, Da, Is ...



### Number of training tokens





**January-March  
2023:  
6 pre-trained  
models**

126M – 40B parameter models

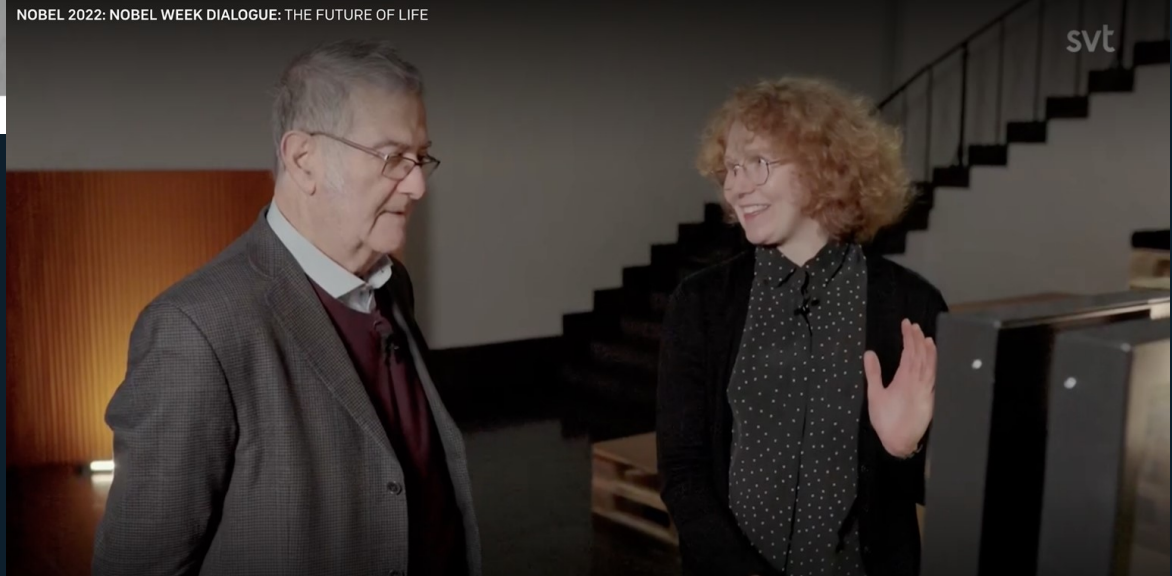
**April 2023:  
4 instruction  
finetuned models  
added**

126M – 20B parameter models



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1 oktober–29 januari 2023

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## DESCRIPTION

## EXAMPLE

HEADER

Tema: sol, moln, solstrålar, solnedgång

INTRO

Detta är en poetisk konversation mellan filosofen Josie och roboten Klara. De går på djupet om vad mänsklighet innebär och ger alltid varandra eftertänksamma, respektfulla och kloka svar...

THEMED QUESTIONS  
& ANSWERS

Filosofen Josie: Hur får man energi?

Robotexperten Klara: Jag fylls av energi och vänlighet när jag tar del av Solen och hans näring. Men jag tror att nyckeln är att alltid sträva efter att vara den bästa versionen av sig själv, och att visa det för andra. Det är det enda sättet att skapa en bättre värld.

USER QUESTION

Filosofen Josie: [INSERT QUESTION HERE]

Robotexperten Klara:

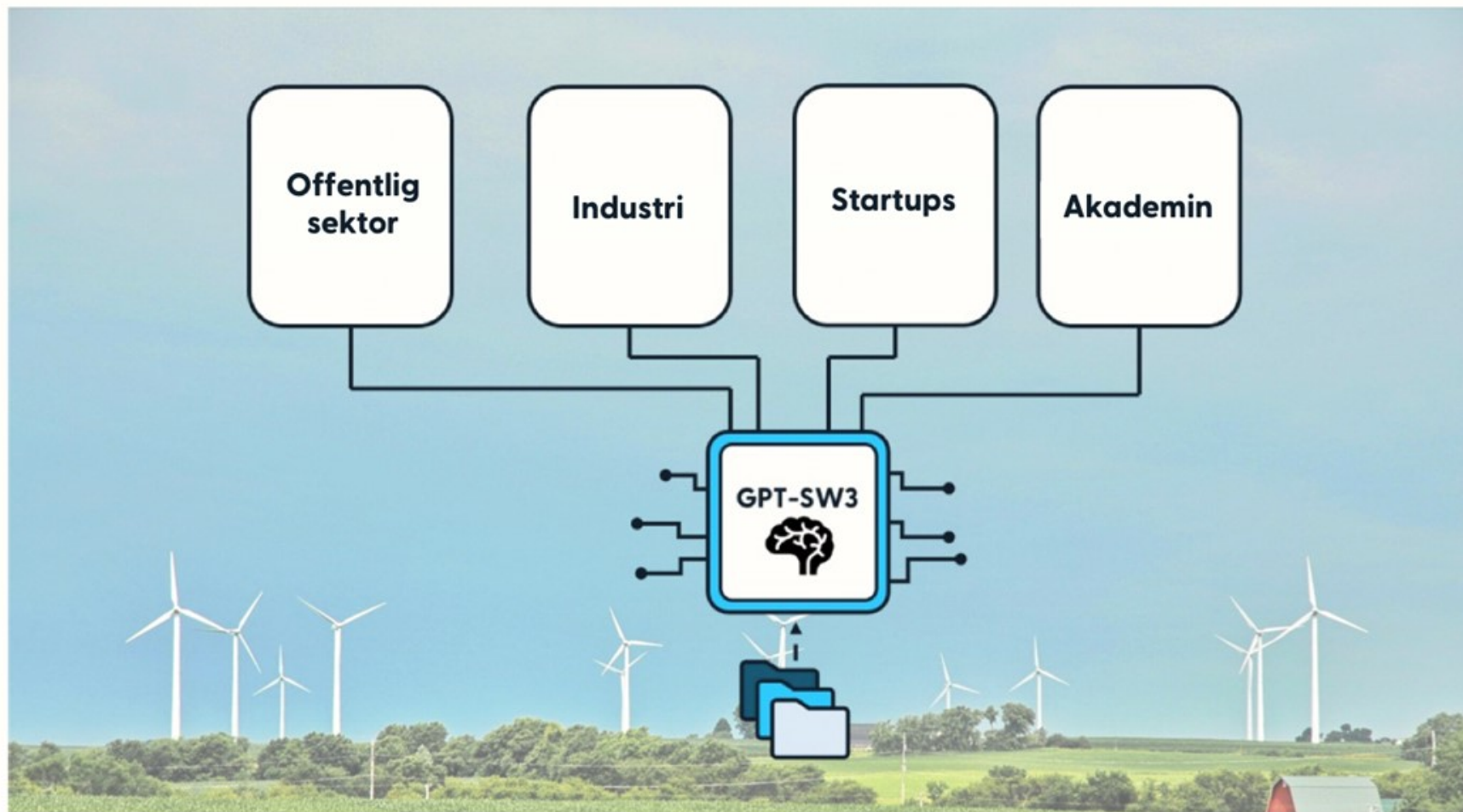
Initial  
prompt

**AI**  
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# GPT-SW3: en svensk basmodell för texthantering, finansierad av Vinnova 2022-2024





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**Validate the use of GPT-SW3 for solving NLP tasks**

**Models, API, and applications**

**Private sector (small and large), public sector, academia**





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**(Limited) serving of models**

**Instruction tuning of models**

**Validation of models “in anger”**



## Feedback from participant in pre-release



“

The democratisation of LLM is a true before-after moment. Thank you.”

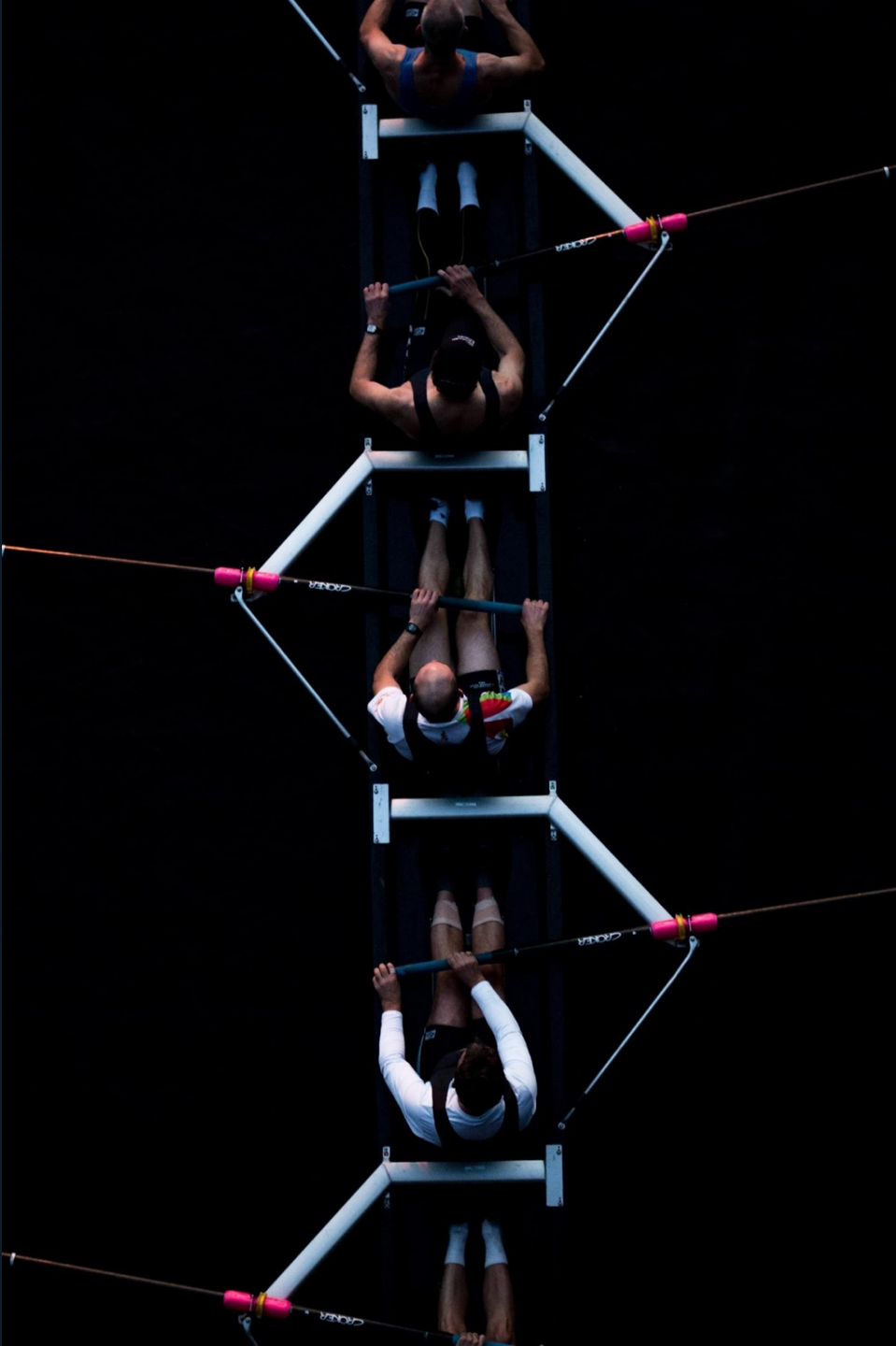
## Feedback from participant in pre-release



Keep up the good work! It is very important that we have our own (in Sweden/EU) language models. I think the on-prem models will be very important in the future, especially for governmental organizations and companies with high-value information.”



The way forward:  
**Collaboration**  
**Transparency**  
**Investment**



## **GPT-SW3 Model release**

Restricted pre-release January 2023

Open release November 16 2023 

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