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# High performance distributed model training with Amazon SageMaker

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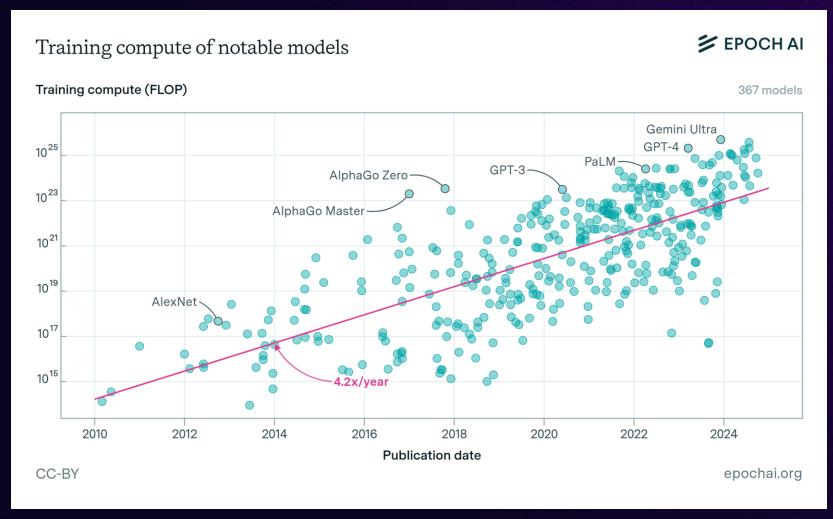
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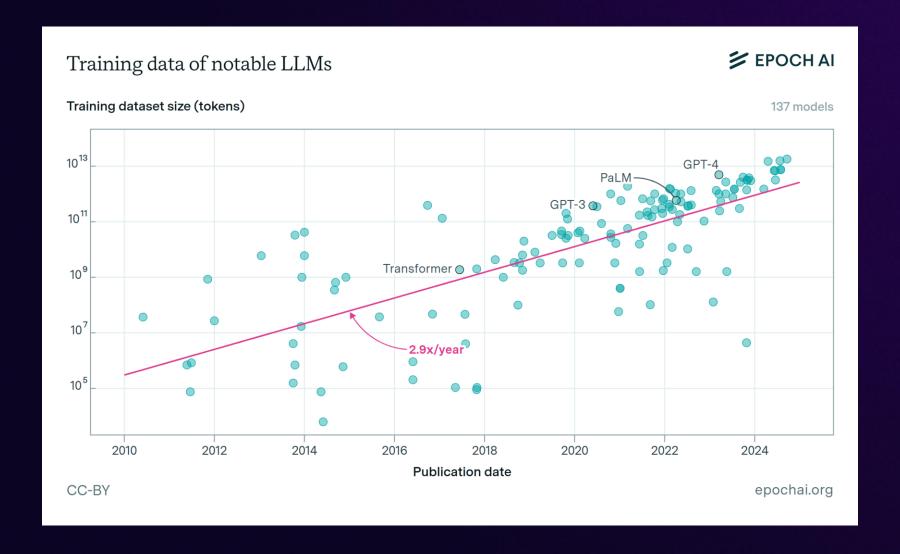


# Training compute of foundational models is growing by ~5x per year, doubling ~6 months



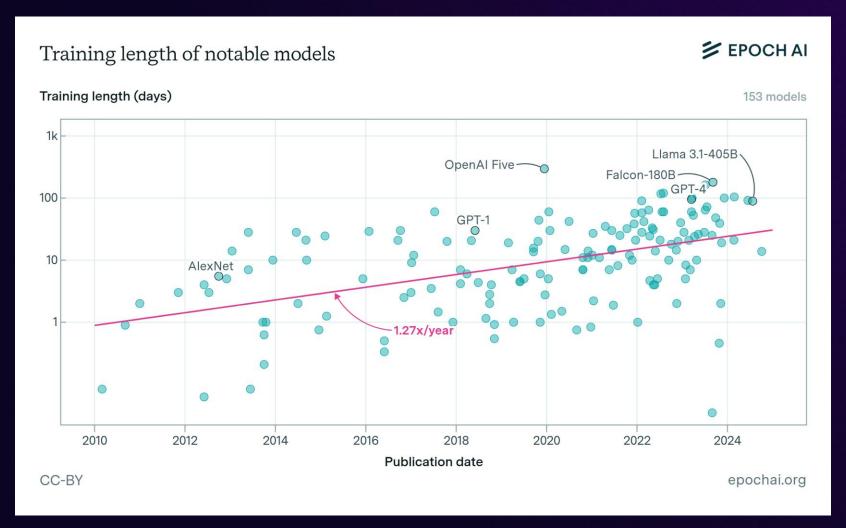


## Dataset sizes are doubling every 8 months



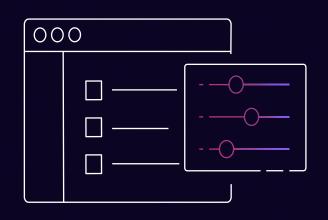


# Time to market spans months of investment and continues to increase

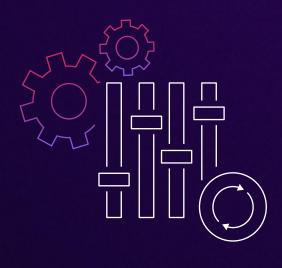




# Unique challenges to manage hardware resources efficiently for large-scale FM training







Cluster provisioning and management

Infrastructure stability

Distributed training performance



# Amazon SageMaker HyperPod

Scale and accelerate generative AI model development across thousands of AI accelerators

Designed for scale

Reduce model training time by 40%

Resilient environment

Advance observability and control

### Top AI companies use HyperPod to train and deploy models



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ILLUSTRATIVE OSS STACK

PyTorch Distributed (FSDP, DTensor, DCP)

NeMo & Megatron-Core

PyTorch Lightning

Framework

PyTorch Core

Network and hardware programming

libfabric

**NCCL** 

**AWS OFI NCCL** 

Accelerators SDK & libs (CUDA, Neuron)

Device

Accelerator driver (GPU, TRN)

EFA device & kernel driver



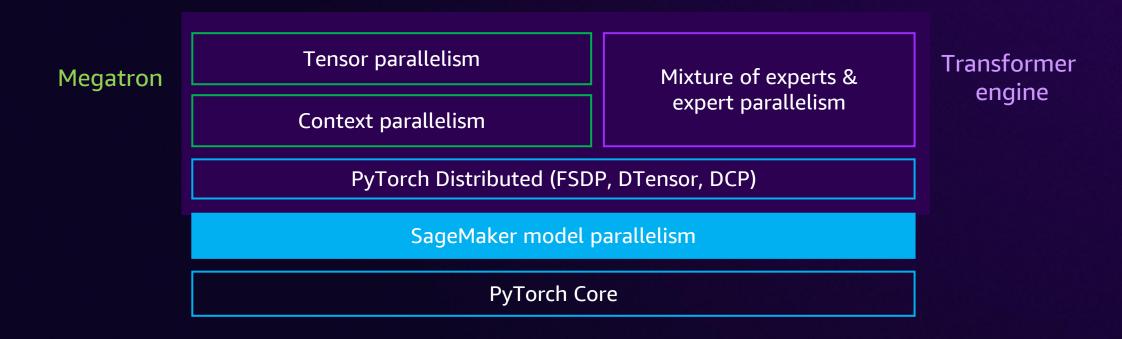
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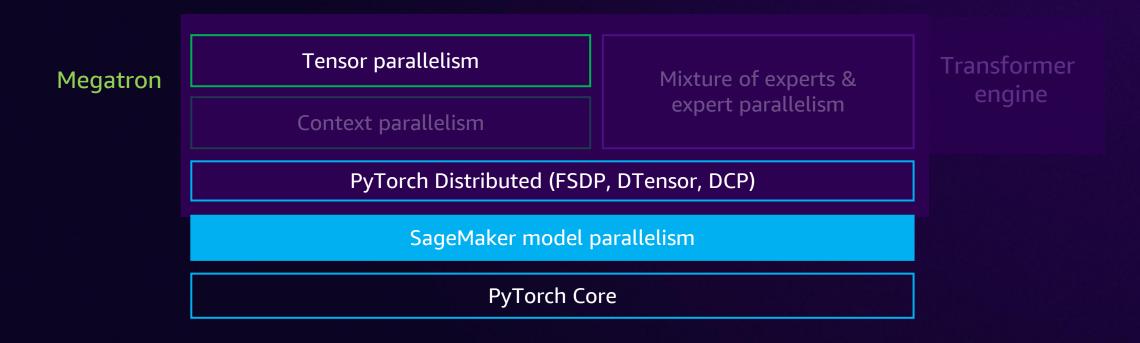
# PyTorch fork with best-in-class, composable training techniques that are mutually compatible



Also includes: Delayed parameter initialization, activation checkpointing, activation offloading, etc.



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**Supports training with TP + FSDP** 



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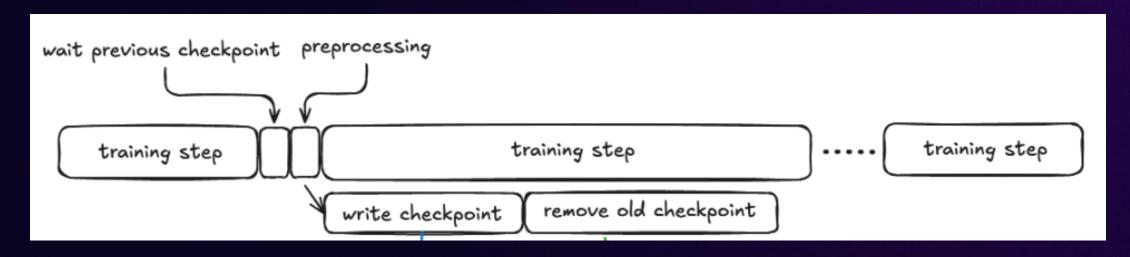
**Supports training with CP + FSDP, FSDP + FP8 etc.** 



### Async checkpointing for accelerated training

#### ASYNC CHECKPOINT

Compatible with native PyTorch Distributed Checkpoint (DCP)



#### **Optimizations**

- Smart metadata caching system for faster checkpoint saving
- Native Amazon S3 support to use S3 links as the checkpoint saving/loading destination

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### **Audience poll**

How many of you are currently pre-training and fine-tuning LLMs?

How many of you are using SageMaker for LLM training?

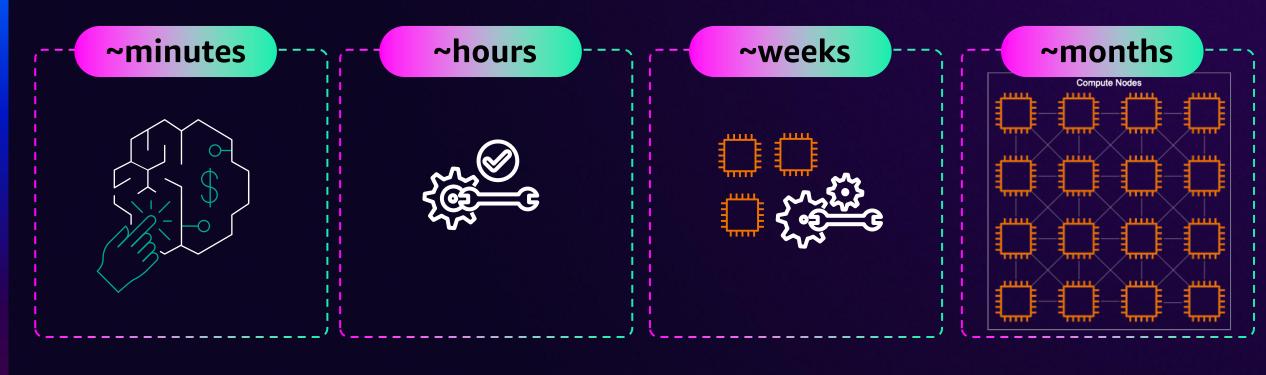
How many of you plan to start LLM training in the next 6 months?



# Optimizing FM pre-training and fine-tuning can take weeks of effort



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Select a model

**Configure framework** 

Optimize model training

Production pre-training & fine-tuning



# Why FM training falters: The technical bottleneck

CHANGING A SINGLE PARAMETER CAN CASCADE INTO OTHER TRAINING STACK CHANGES

- 70+ pre-training parameters and 100+ fine-tuning parameters
- Each parameter choice triggers cascading updates to other parameters
- Default choices may be suboptimal
- Leads to cost overruns, missed deadlines, and reduced productivity



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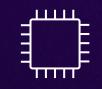
Curated, ready-to-use recipes for pre-training and fine-tuning popular publicly available FMs



Tested and validated by AWS for foundational models such as Llama & Mistral



Automatic checkpoints
for faster fault
recovery and managed
end-to-end
training loop



Easily switch between
GPU-based or
Trainium-based
instances



## **Getting started in minutes**

RUN FM PRE-TRAINING AND FINE-TUNING WITH A SINGLE LINE OF CODE



#### Select

a model training and fine-tuning recipe on GitHub



### Set up prerequisites

Resource limits, AWS credentials, a training cluster



#### Run the recipe

on Amazon SageMaker HyperPod *or* SageMaker training jobs



### **Getting started**

HOW CAN YOU GET STARTED WITH HYPERPOD RECIPES?

https://github.com/aws/ sagemaker-hyperpod-recipes



### **How it works**

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HYPERPOD TRAINING RECIPES REPOSITORY

Open source implementation that includes launcher and recipes collection

Built on NeMo foundations (launcher, configuration hierarchy)

Over 30 recipes with different configurations

SageMaker optimized models (GPU)

AWS Neuron optimized models (Trainium)

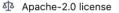
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#### Overview

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Please see Amazon SageMaker HyperPod recipes for documentation.

The recipes support Amazon SageMaker HyperPod (with Slurm or Amazon EKS for workload orchestration) and Amazon SageMaker training jobs.

Amazon SageMaker HyperPod recipes include built-in support for:

- Model parallelism tensor parallelism and context parallel
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#### **Model Support**

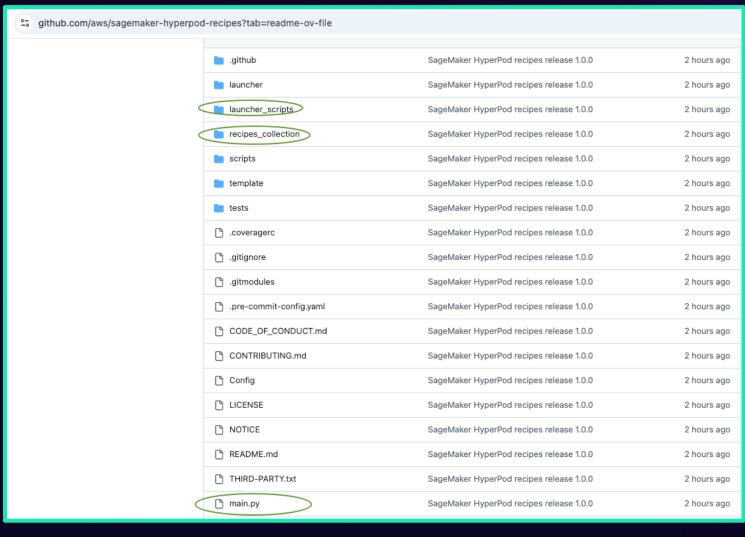
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### **Contents of the repository**

#### SAGEMAKER HYPERPOD RECIPE REPOSITORY



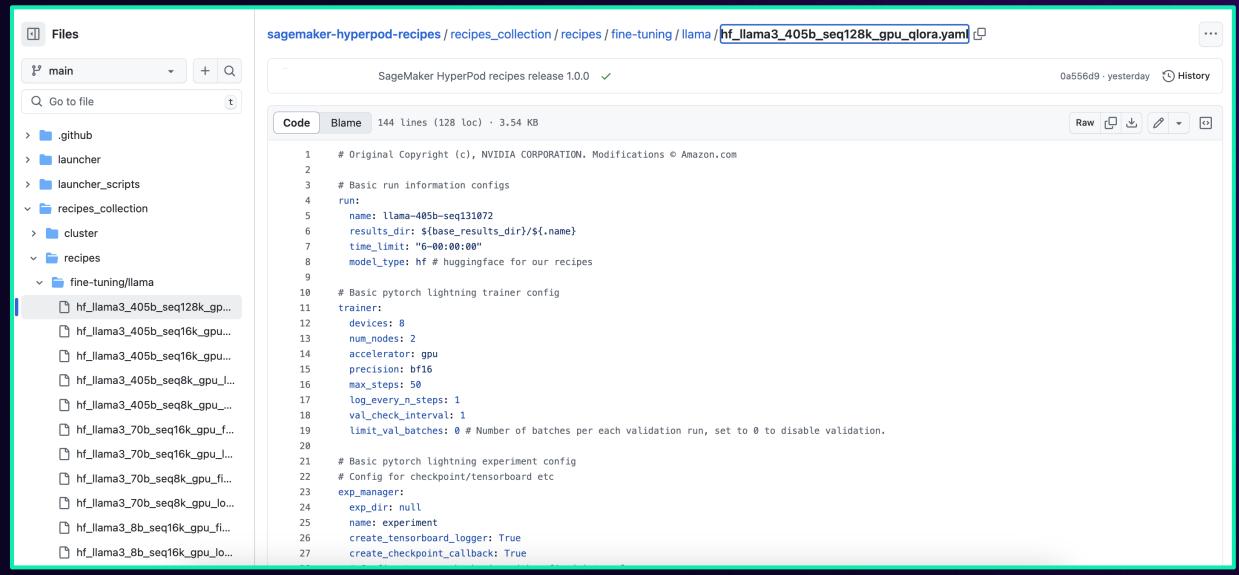
**launcher\_scripts** contains pre-configured bash scripts for model training

recipes\_collection contains Hydra-based YAML training and fine-tuning recipes

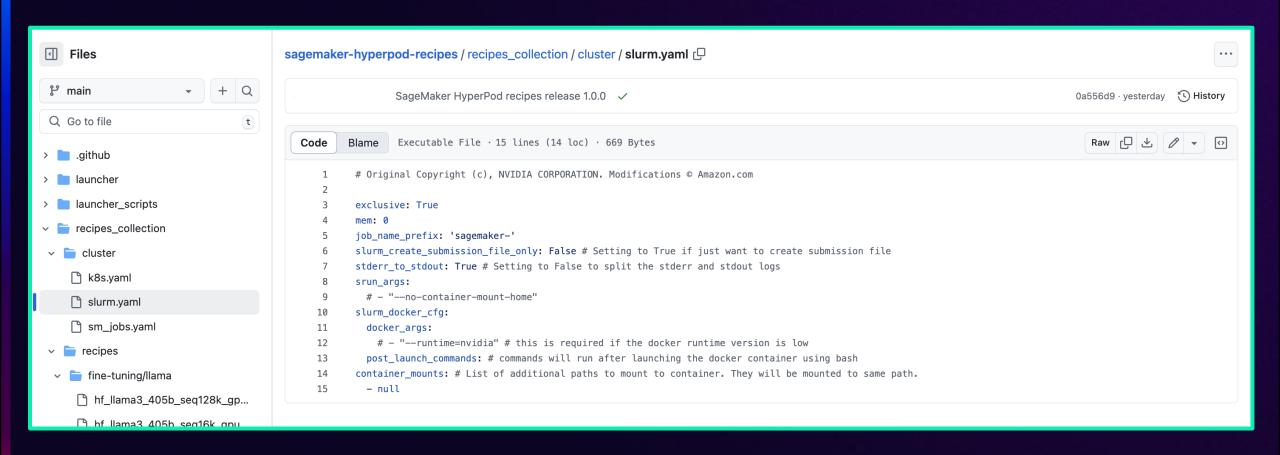
main.py is a Nemo-style launcher

All dependencies for HyperPod recipes are present in a docker container and an enroot-based filesystem

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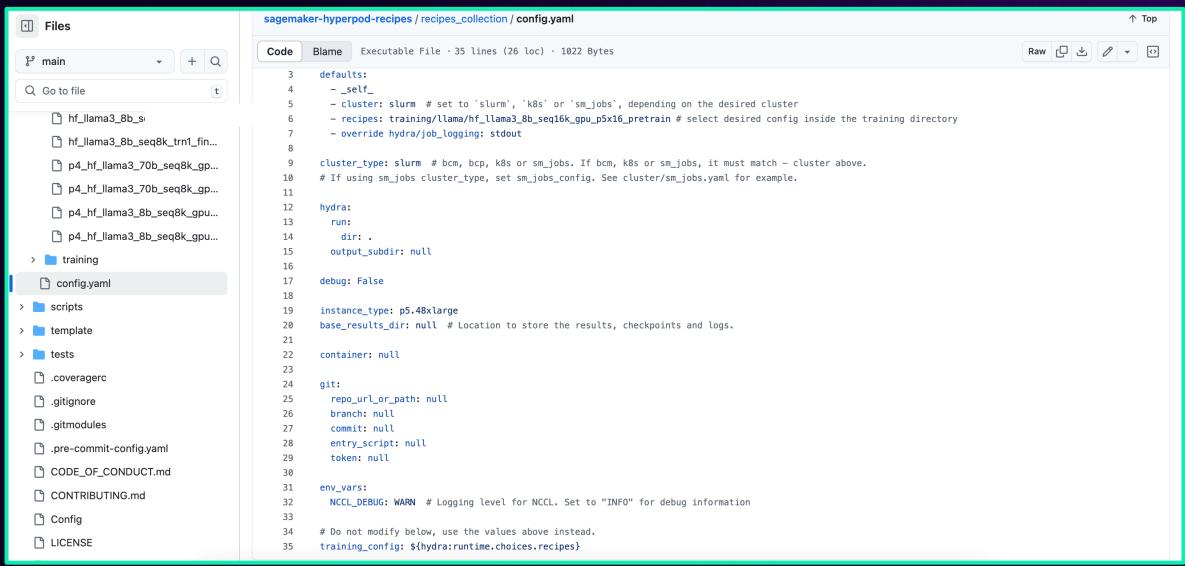


# Getting started: Step 2 – Specify the cluster config





# Getting started: Step 3 – Update root-level config



### **Getting started – Slurm/k8s**

RUN FM PRE-TRAINING AND FINE-TUNING WITH A SINGLE LINE OF CODE

#### Launcher scripts

bash launcher\_scripts/<model>/<launcher-script>

HyperPod Slurm/k8s

Recipes on SageMaker HyperPod (Amazon EKS)

hyperpod start-job --recipe recipe-name

HyperPod CLI

Recipes on SageMaker HyperPod (Slurm./k8s)

python3 main.py recipes=recipe-name

NeMo-style launcher



# Getting started – SageMaker training jobs

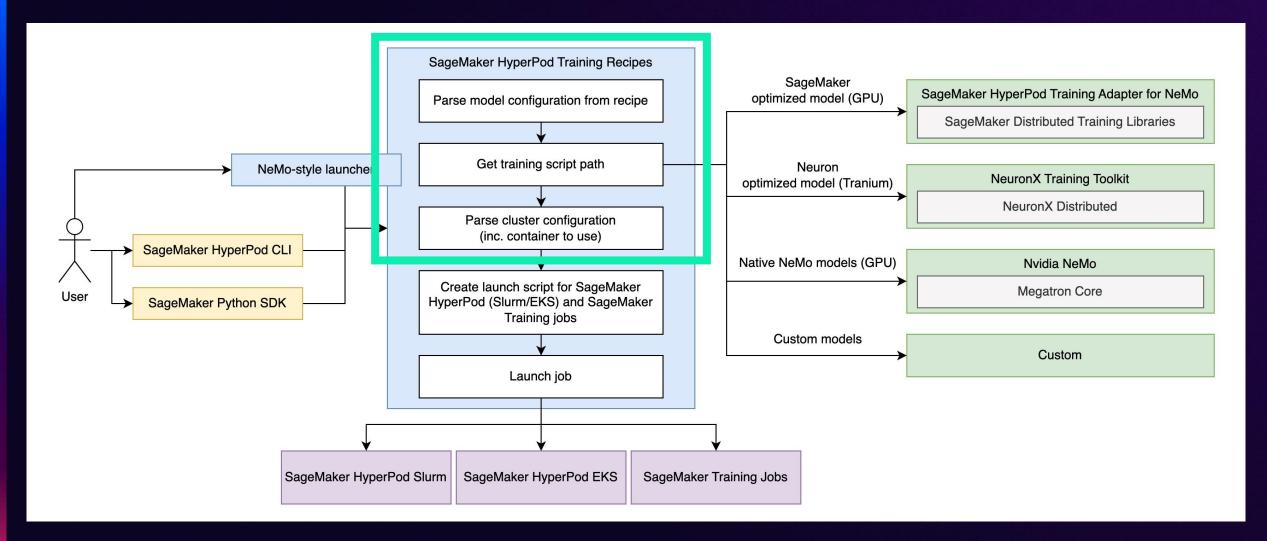
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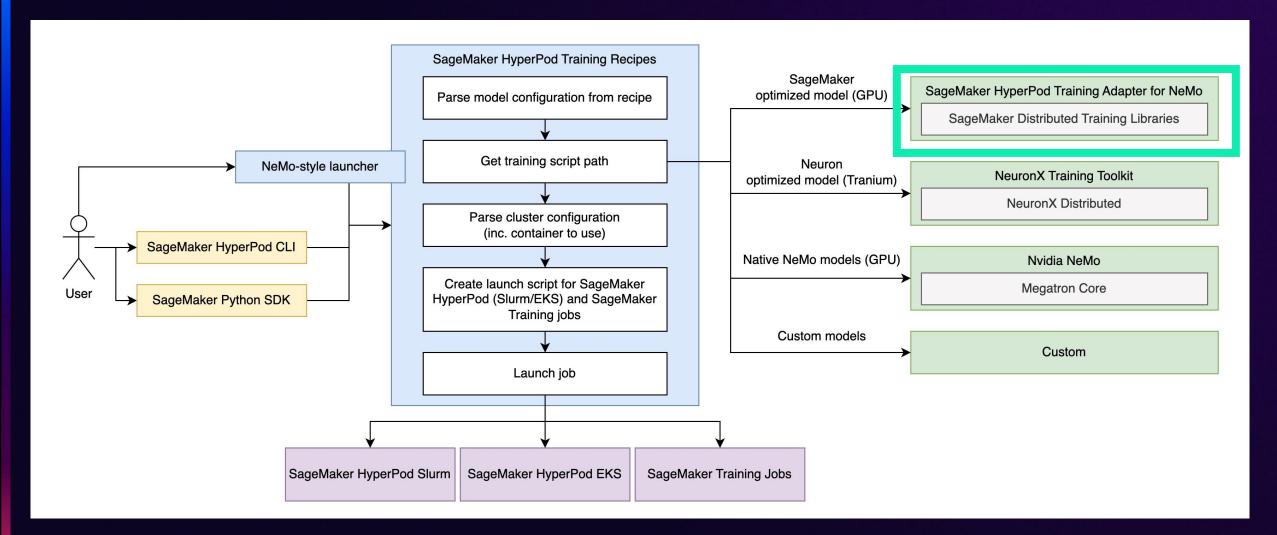
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estimator = PyTorch(
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estimator.fit(...)
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SageMaker Python SDK

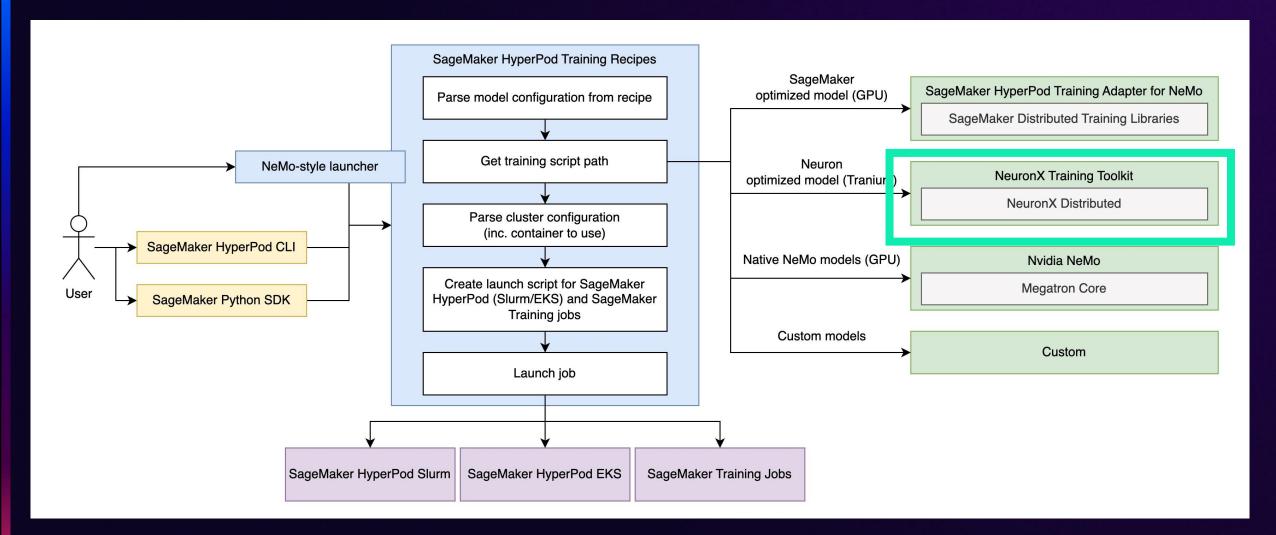




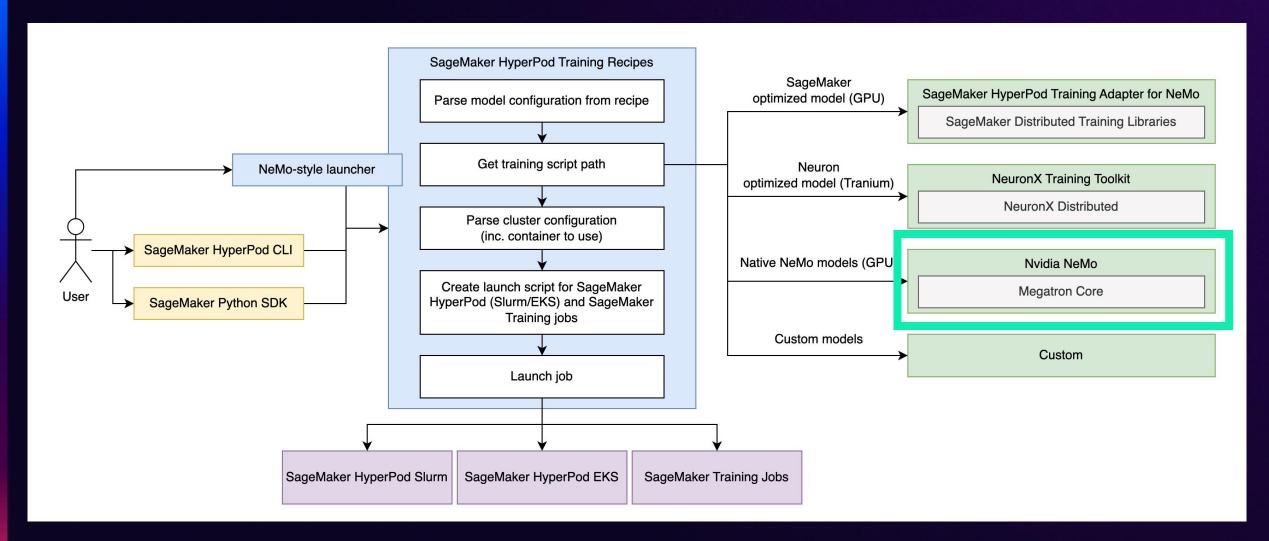


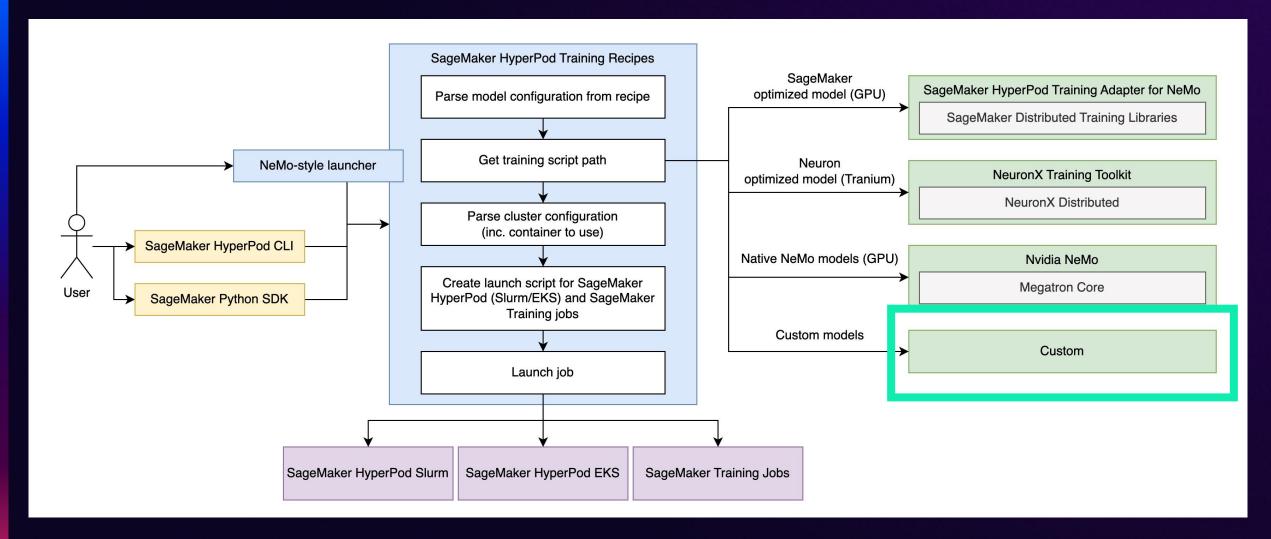


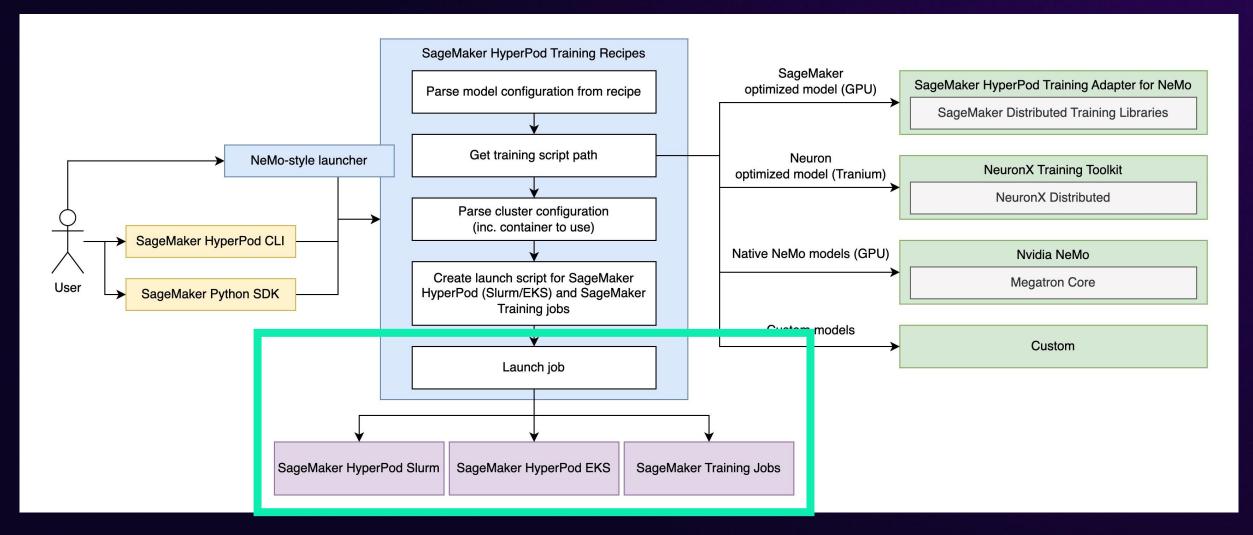












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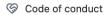
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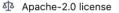
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### Salesforce AI research



### A little bit about Salesforce Al Research ....

### We are Salesforce's AI Research org

- Foundational R&D
   Pushing forward state-of-the-art models for enterprise AI
- Customer incubation
   Customer-centric pathfinding with cutting-edge AI for high-value use cases
- Product innovation
   Incorporating AI models and technologies into generally available features



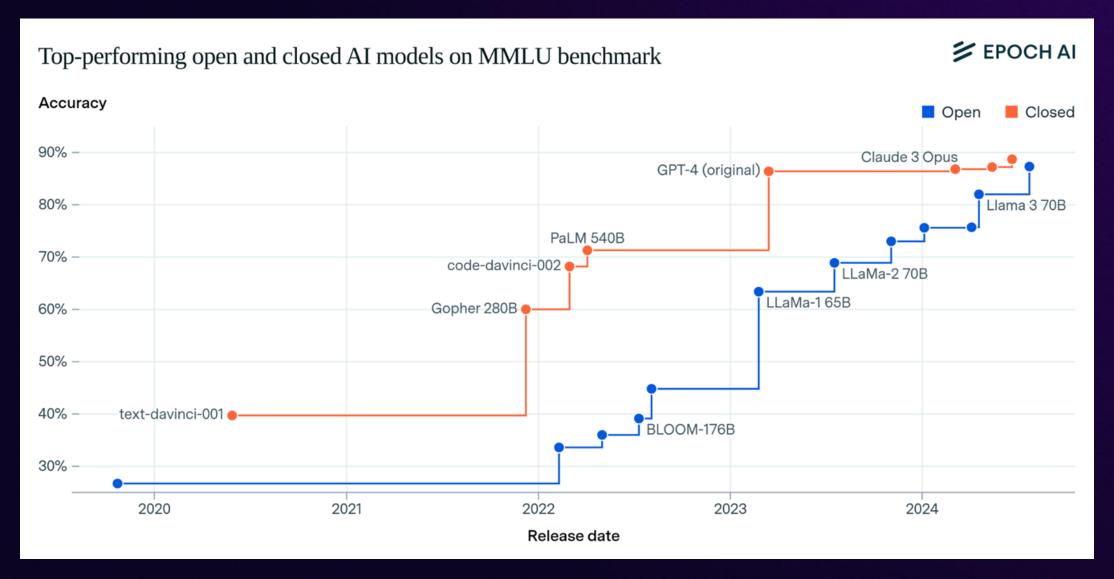
# Salesforce AI & Amazon SageMaker HyperPod

We're big users of SageMaker for years

This year, we've leveraged HyperPod

"Supercomputer at our fingertips"

### Why do model training and fine-tuning matter?





### Salesforce AI Fine-tuning FMs with HyperPod recipes

SageMaker HyperPod recipes have great features that saved us significant infra work

FSDP + Context Parallelism + Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRA)
Unique Feature Set

Fine-tune Llama-3.1-405B at full 128K context with 4 nodes
1 node with Q-LoRA



## Production models at Salesforce trained on HyperPod



### **Agentforce:** Powering next-gen AI for Sales with xGen-Sales LLM

First proprietary sales-focused large language model (LLM)

Key features: call summarization, customer profiling, contact enrichment, and pipeline tracking

Users can interactively engage with AI-generated call summary

Al-generated summaries favored >50% of the time against human-generated

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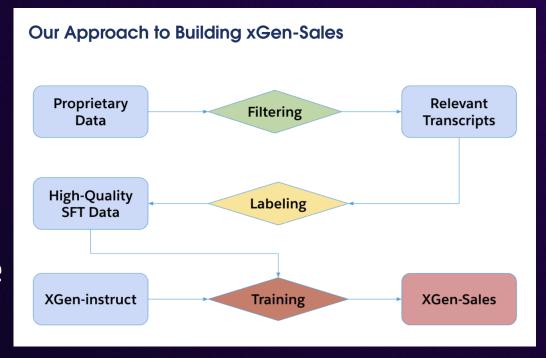
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Developed using human-in-the-loop reinforcement learning and diverse sales datasets

Planned integration with Agentforce, live customer pilots are already underway!



## Ragforce: Building contextually faithful LLMs with SFR-RAG

**Retrieval Augmented Generation:** Combine semantic search + in-context learning + generative LLM

- Augments LLMs with enterprise data retrieval, but quality depends heavily on document hygiene
  - Conflicting versions, outdated info, and inconsistent formatting can confuse the model

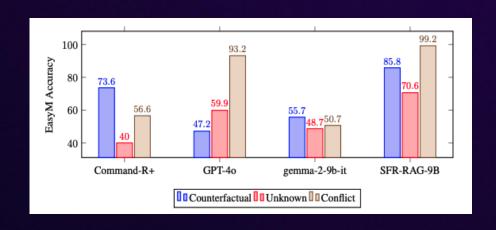
- How should models handle prioritization of information given rich metadata?
  - o Prioritization semantics based on sources, tags, and dates
  - "Official" tag takes priority over "Draft" tag unless date is <6 months old</li>



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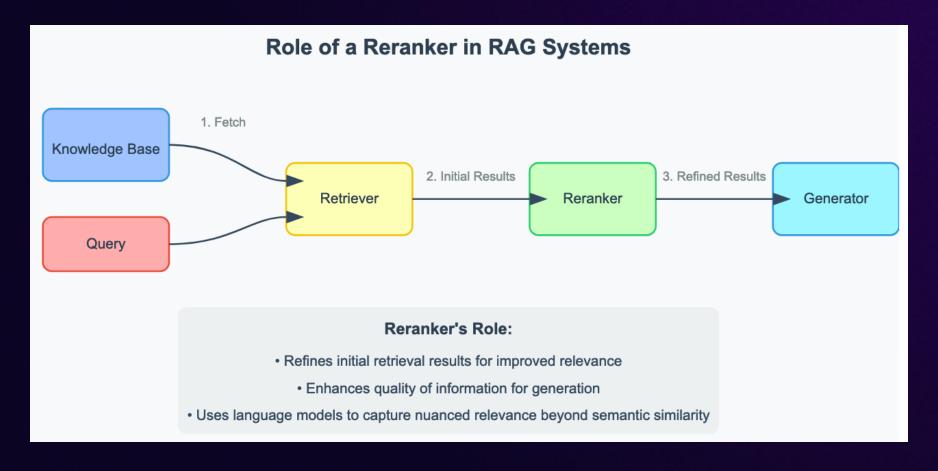
- Trained a contextual LLM (9B) for RAG generation
  - Faithful: Trained to minimize hallucinations, even in adverse settings (conflicting info) & precisely follow complex prioritization rules
  - Lightweight and high-performing: State-ofthe-art aggregate performance with 9B params, beating larger models (104B+)
  - Trained on HyperPod using 2x p5.48xlarge nodes







## Rankforce: State-of-the-art enterprise reranking with SFR-LlamaRank



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- Core technical specs:
  - o Built on Llama3-8B-Instruct with human-guided training (4x p5.48xlarge)
  - Supports 8K document chunks with fast inference (<200ms/4 docs on H100)</li>
- Superior code search performance
- Linear, calibrated scoring
   (0.9+ highly relevant to ~0.0 irrelevant)
- Horizontally scalable for enterprise deployment

Results: Hit Rate @ K = 8

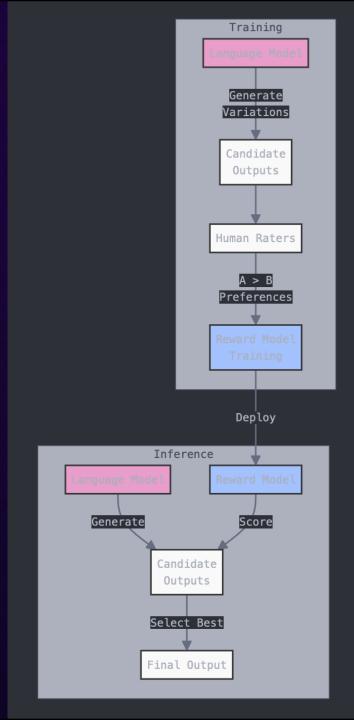
Model	Avg	SQuAD	TriviaQA	NCS	TrailheadQA
SFR LlamaRank	92.9%	99.3%	92.0%	81.8%	98.6%
Cohere Rerank V3	91.2%	98.6%	92.6%	74.9%	98.6%
Mistral-7B QLM	83.3%	87.3%	88.0%	60.1%	97.7%
Embeddings Only	73.2%	93.2%	88.3%	18.2%	93.2%

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## Judgeforce What is a reward model?

- Learn a model that predicts human preferences based on pairwise comparisons ("A is better than B")
- Used in training models (RLHF) as well as automatic evaluations and even inference



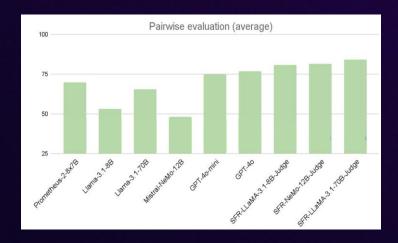
### Judgeforce: Automating LLM eval with SFR-Judge

- Trained 3 LLM-as-judge models (8B, 12B, 70B) for automatic evaluation
  - Multifaceted: Trained to evaluate via pairwise comparisons, single rating, and classification
  - State-of-the-art aggregate performance across 13 evaluation benchmarks
  - Trained 70B on HyperPod using 4x p5.48xlarge nodes

### DIRECT JUDGEMENT PREFERENCE OPTIMIZATION

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- (a) **Single Rating**: Assign a score between 1 and 5, according to the scoring rubric.
- (b) **Pairwise Comparison**: Select Response A or B, that is better for the given instruction.
- (c) **Classification**: Does the response meet the requirement of ...?





### What's next at Salesforce AI?

Are we hitting entropy rate of internet corpus? Can we scale up post-training dataset sizes?

What will inference-time compute scaling be? 2025 may be the year of inference-time scaling!

### **Multi-Agent Systems:**

 Components: Specialized models for tasks – Re-rankers, reward models
 xGen-Sales



- Assistants: Dispatch directly with humans real-time, multi-modal, low-latency SFR-RAG
- Agents: Long-running AI with tools Minutes, hours, or even days
  - Powered by reasoning-style LLMs



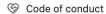
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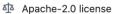


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- Fine-tuning: Full, QLoRA, LoRA
- AWS Instances: ml.p5.48xlarge, ml.p4d.24xlarge, and ml.trn1.32xlarge instance families
- Supported Models: Llama, Mistral, Mixtral models
- Model Evaluation: Tensorboard

### **Model Support**

### **Pre-Training**

List of specific pre-training recipes used by the launch scripts.

Source	Model	Size	Sequence length	Nodes	Instance	Accelerator	Recipe	Script
Hugging Face	Llama 3.2	11b	8192	4	ml.p5.48xlarge	GPU H100	link	<u>link</u>



### Thank you!



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