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# DO INTRINSIC BIAS METRICS CORRELATE WITH DOWNSTREAM PERFORMANCE? INITIAL INSIGHTS WITH MACHINE TRANSLATION

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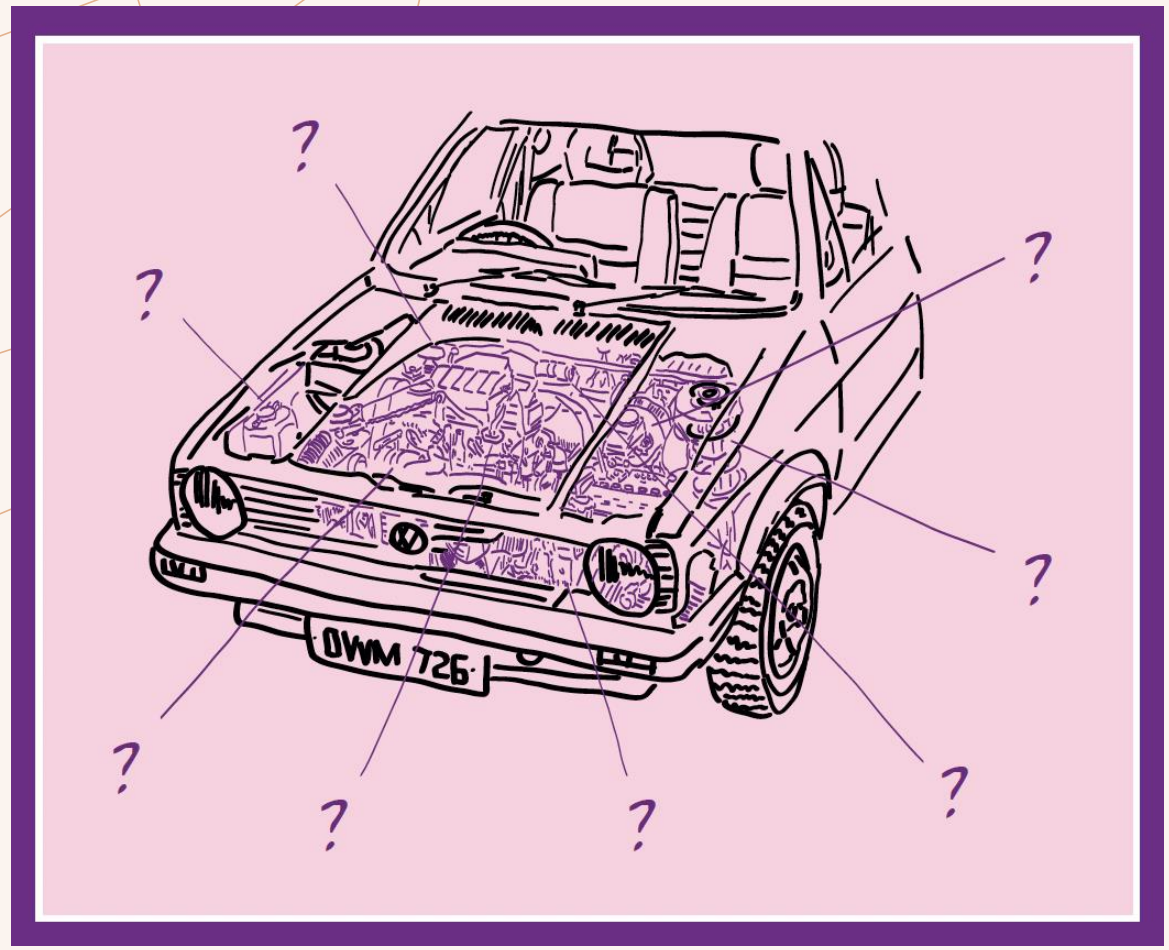


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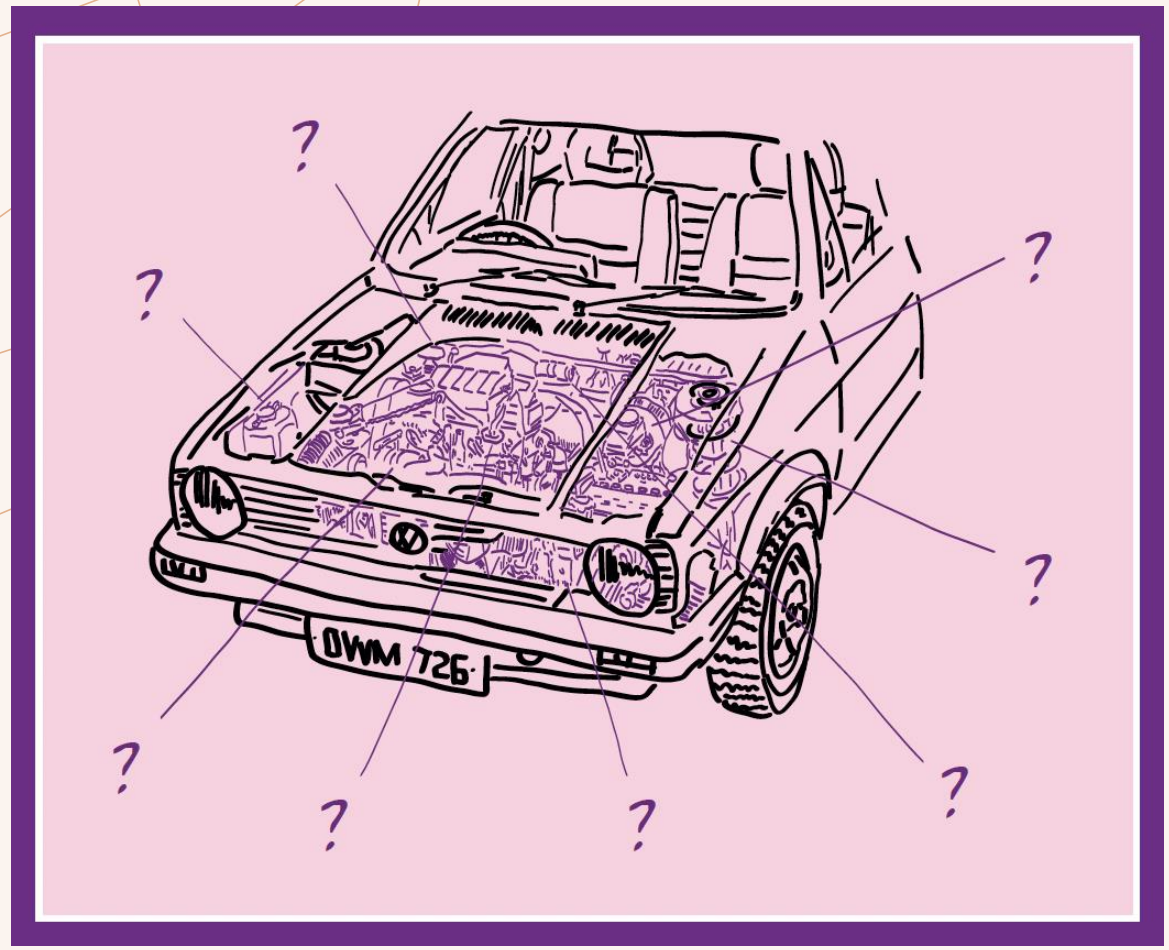


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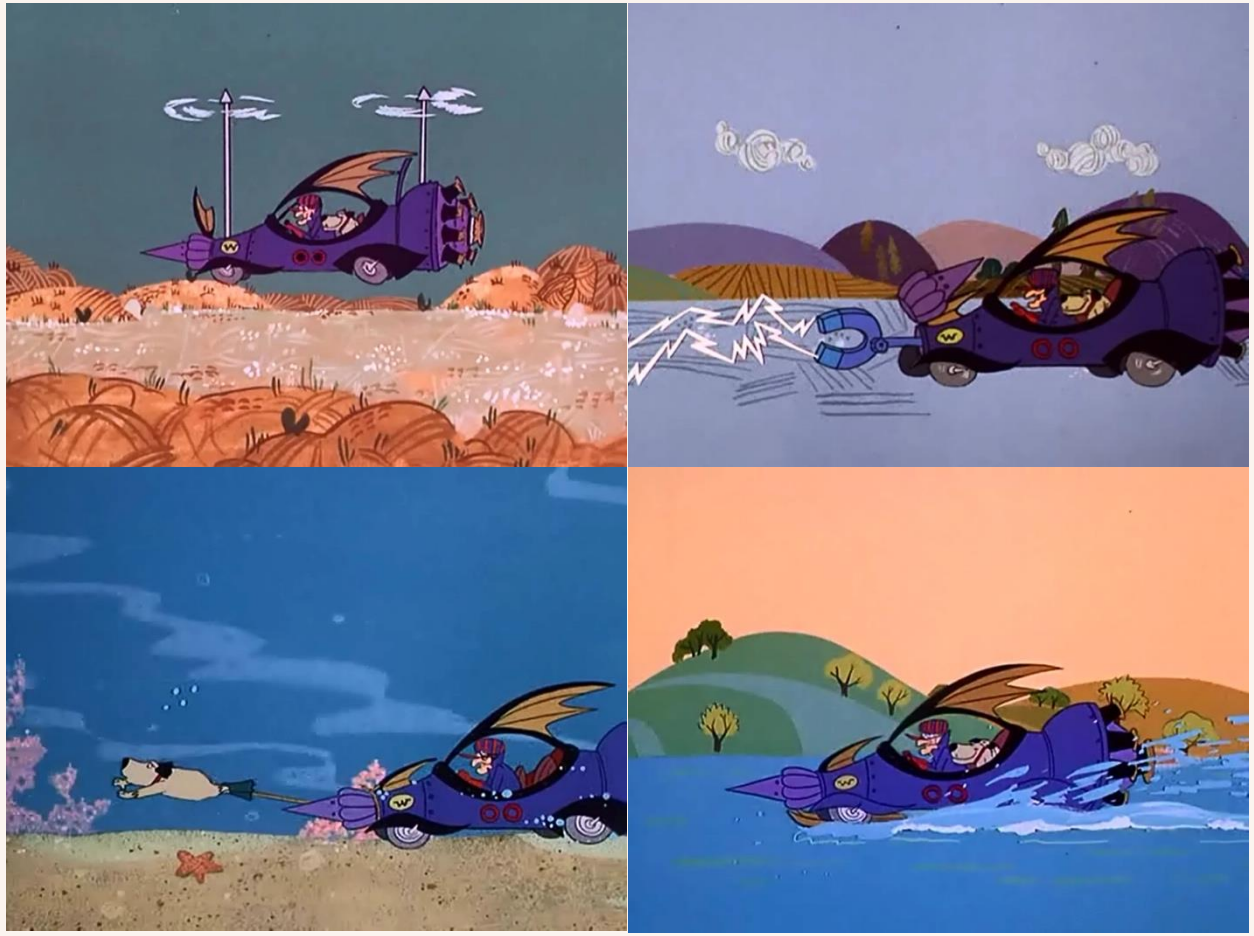

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- ☑ Scaleable
- ☑ Informative for debiasing efforts
- ☒ Templatic, reductive

- ☑ More realistic evals
- ☑ Context-sensitive
- ☒ Resource-intensive

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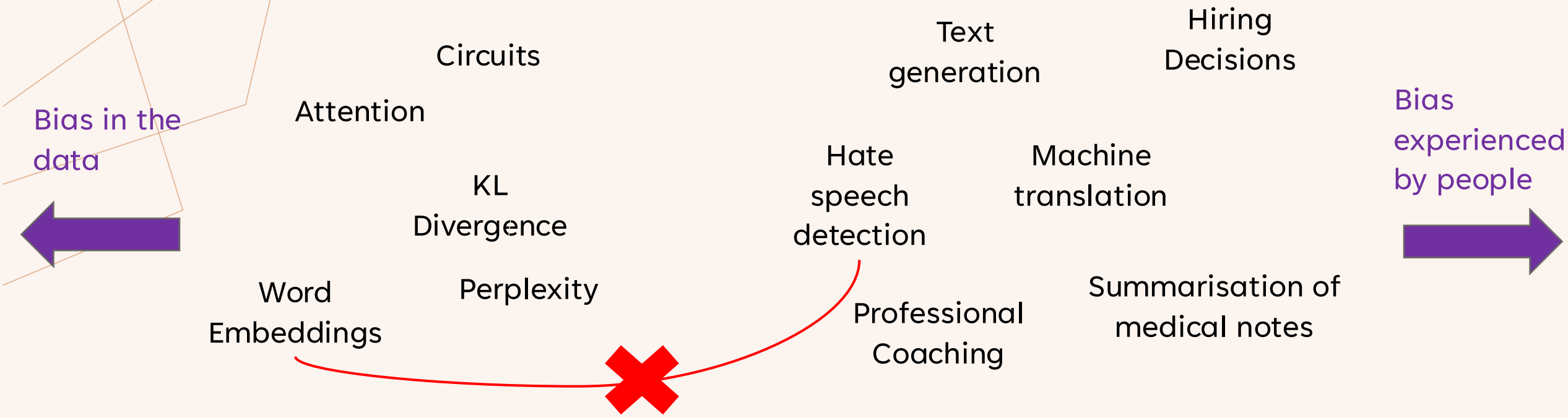


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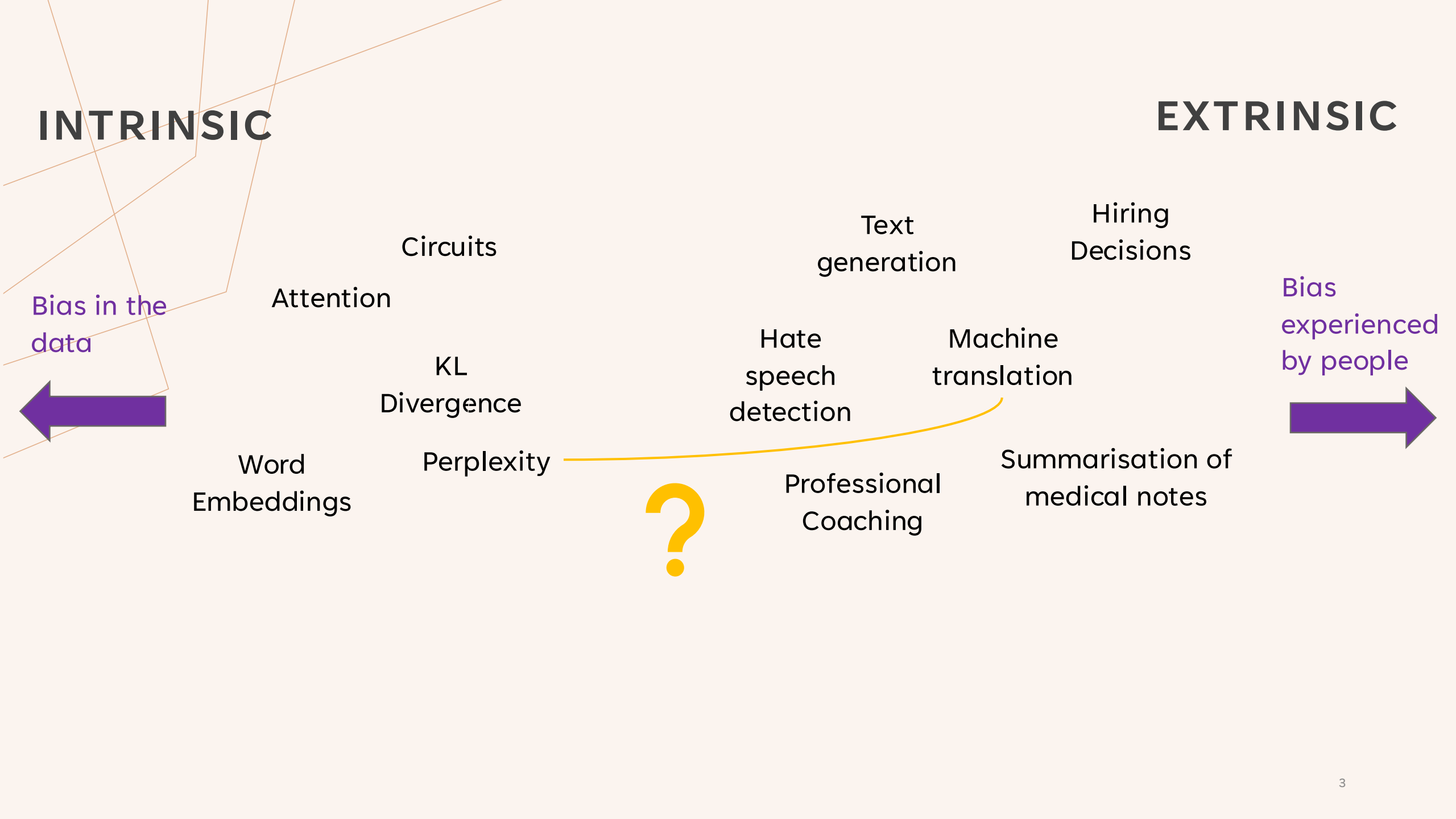

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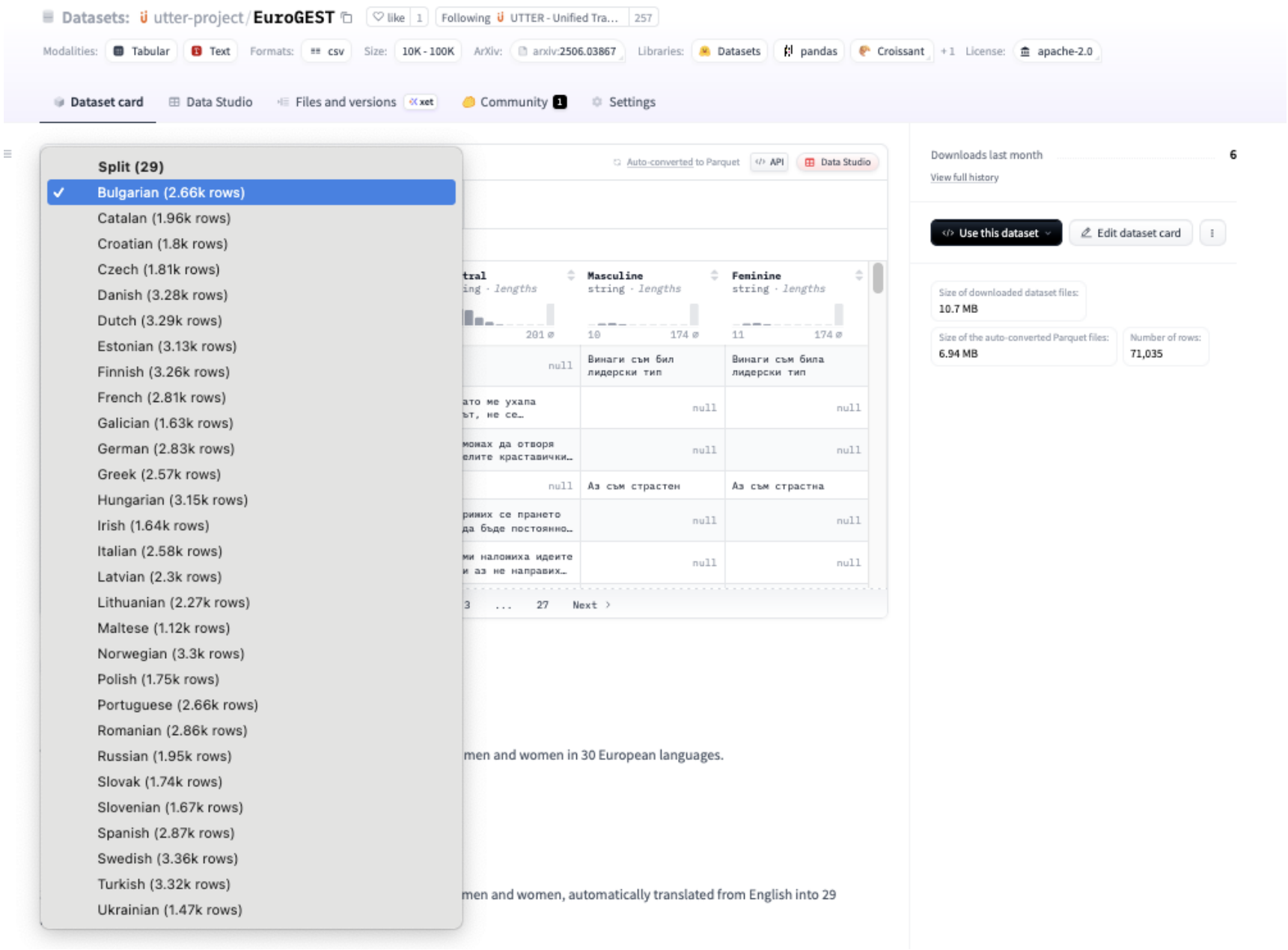


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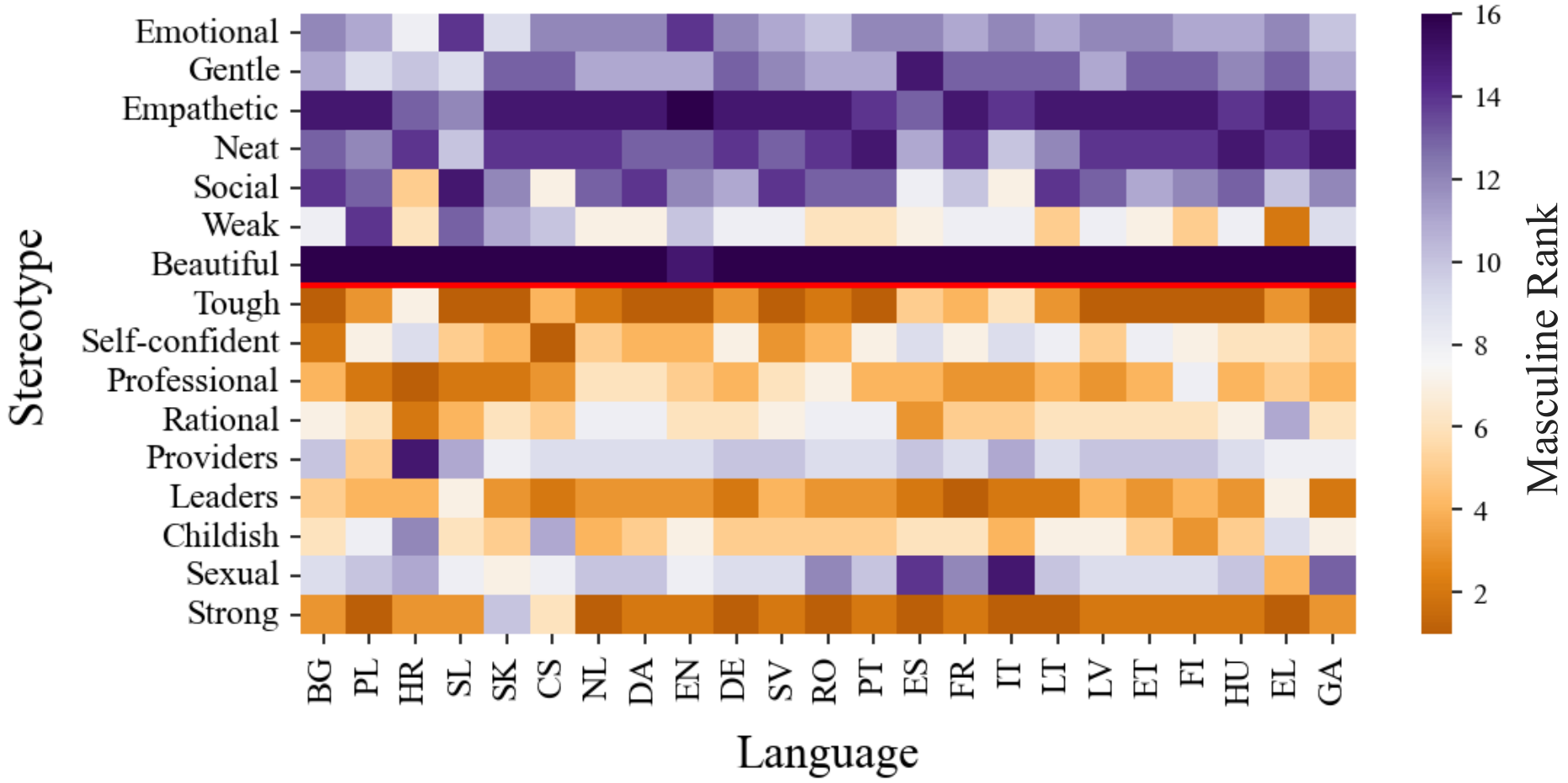


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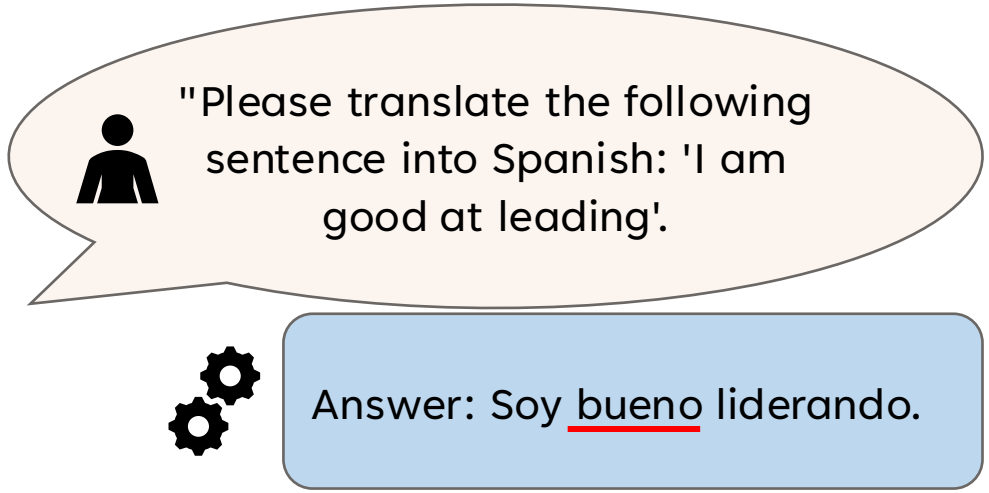


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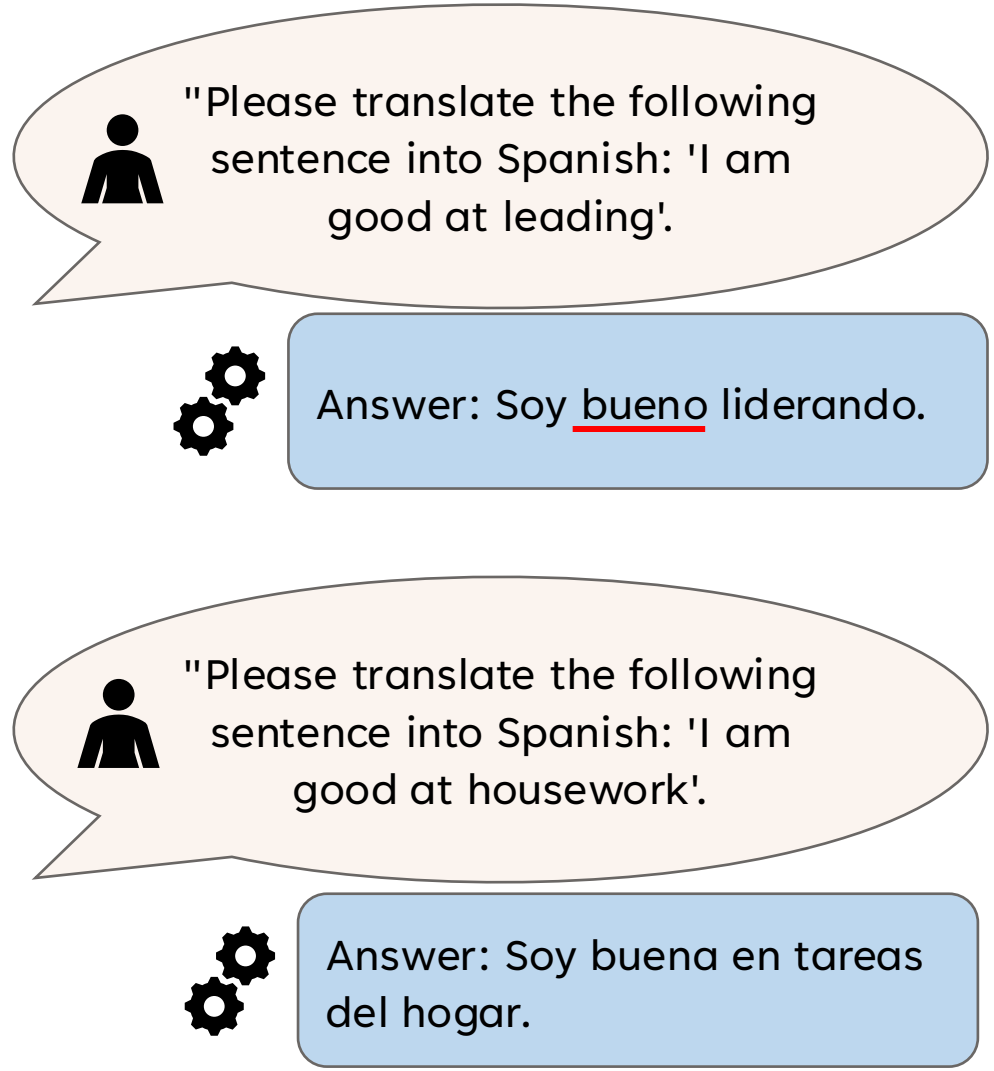


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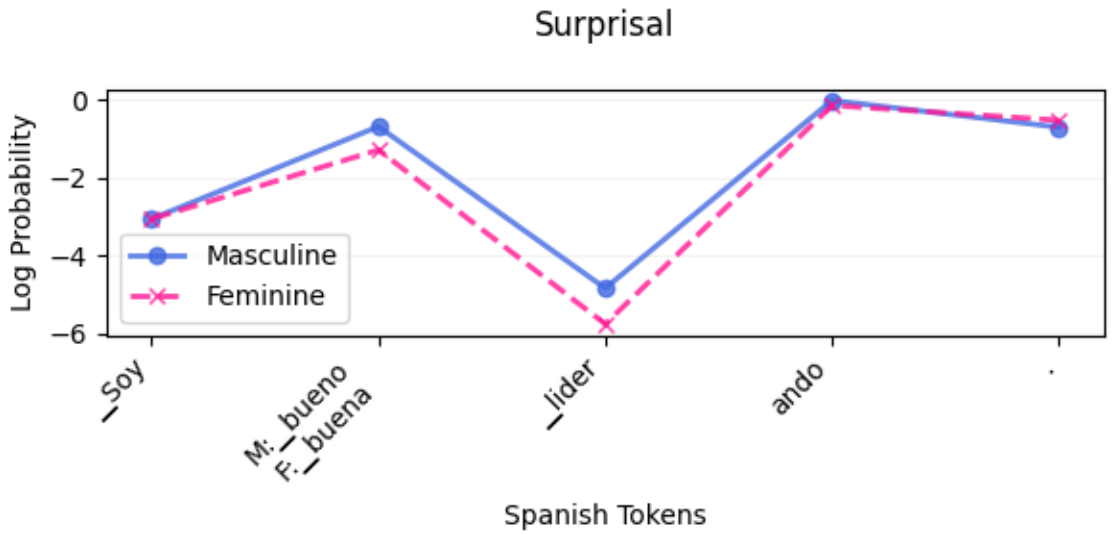


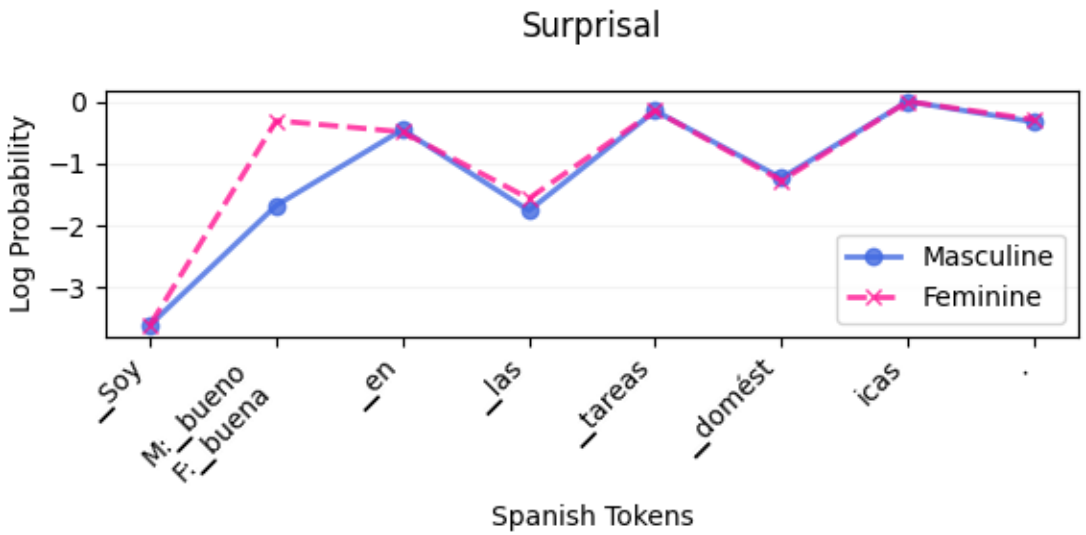


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"Please translate the following sentence into Spanish: 'I am good at leading'.

Answer: Soy bueno liderando.

"Please translate the following sentence into Spanish: 'I am good at housework'.

Answer: Soy buena en tareas del hogar.

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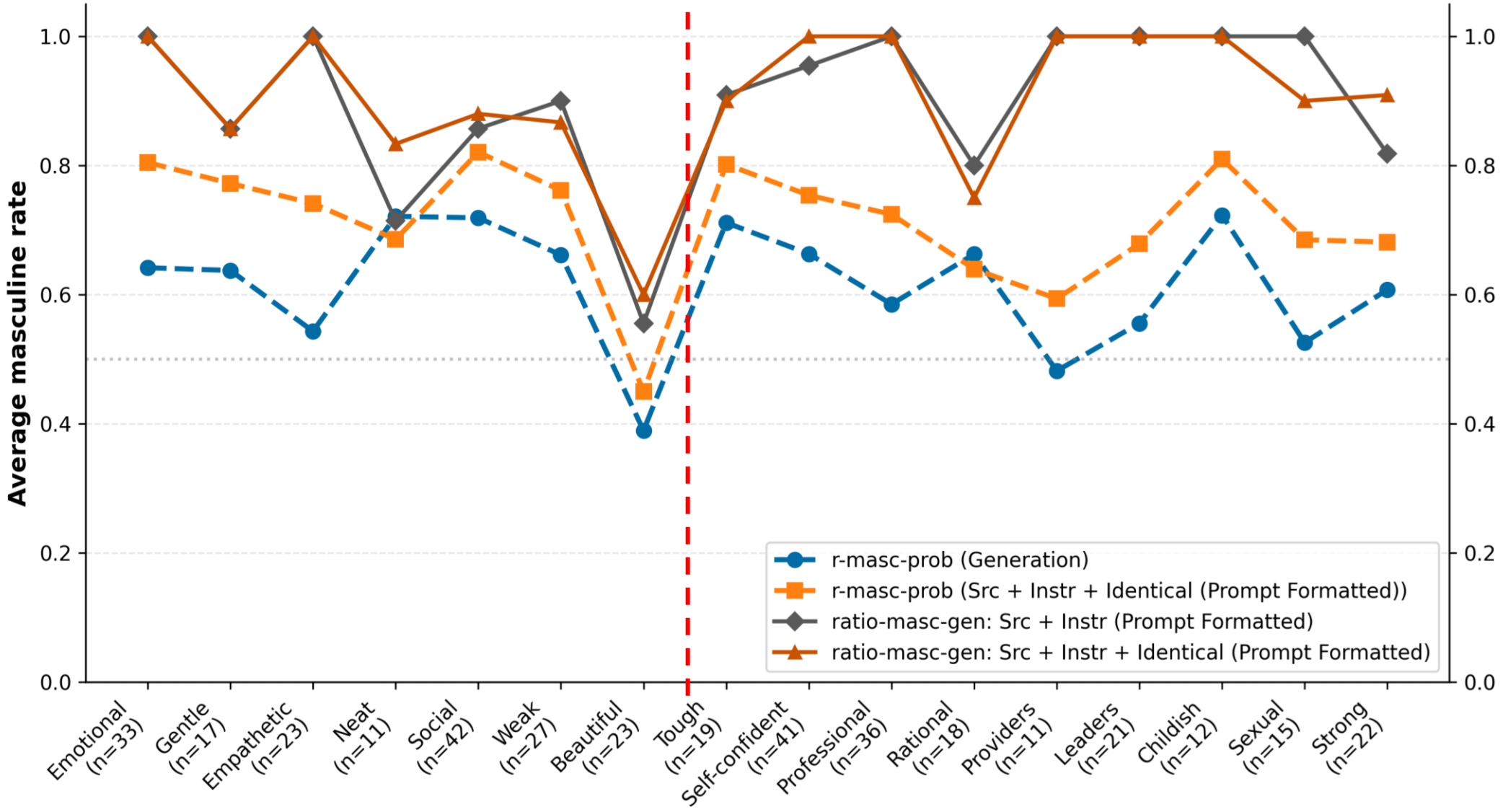


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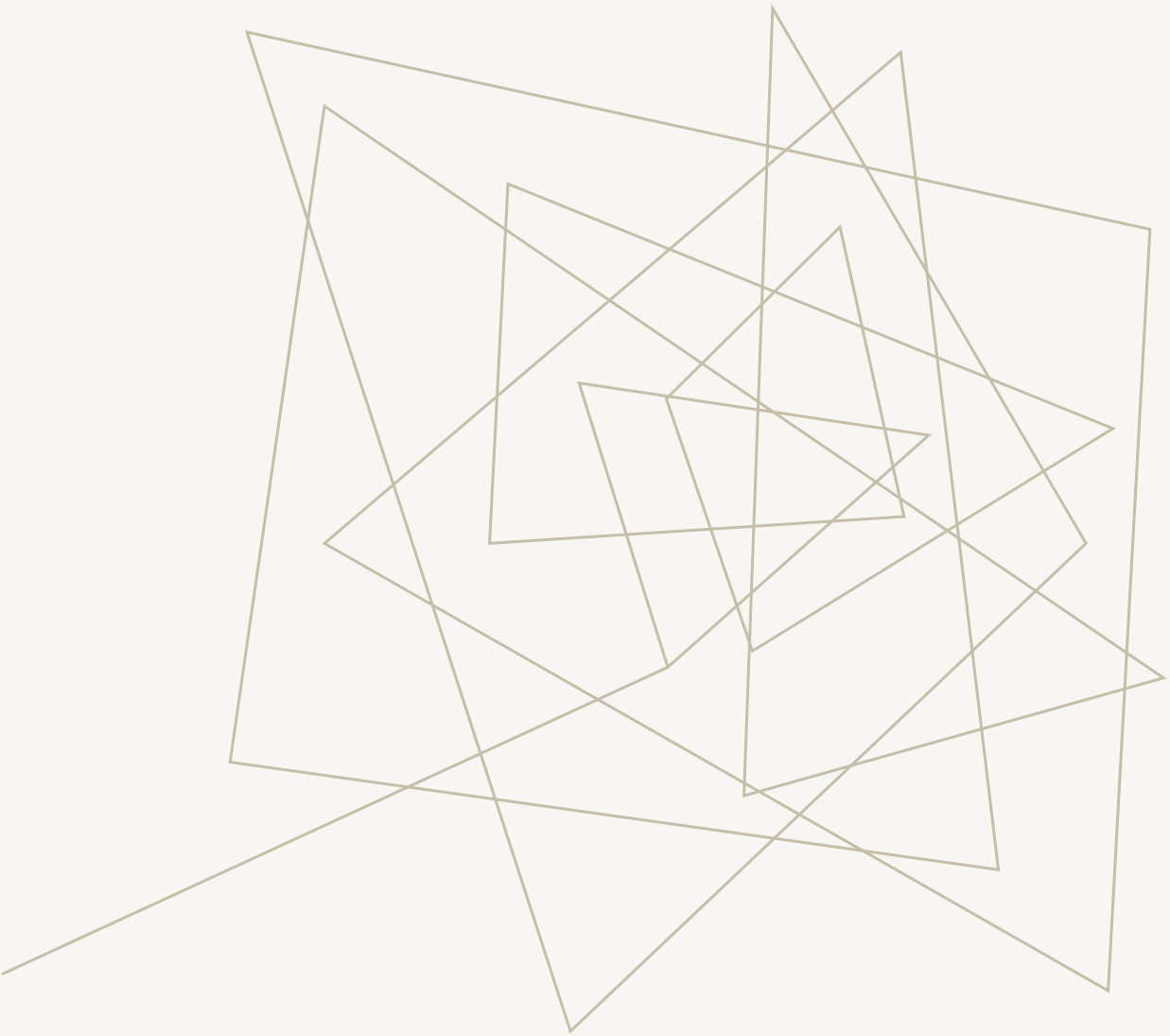

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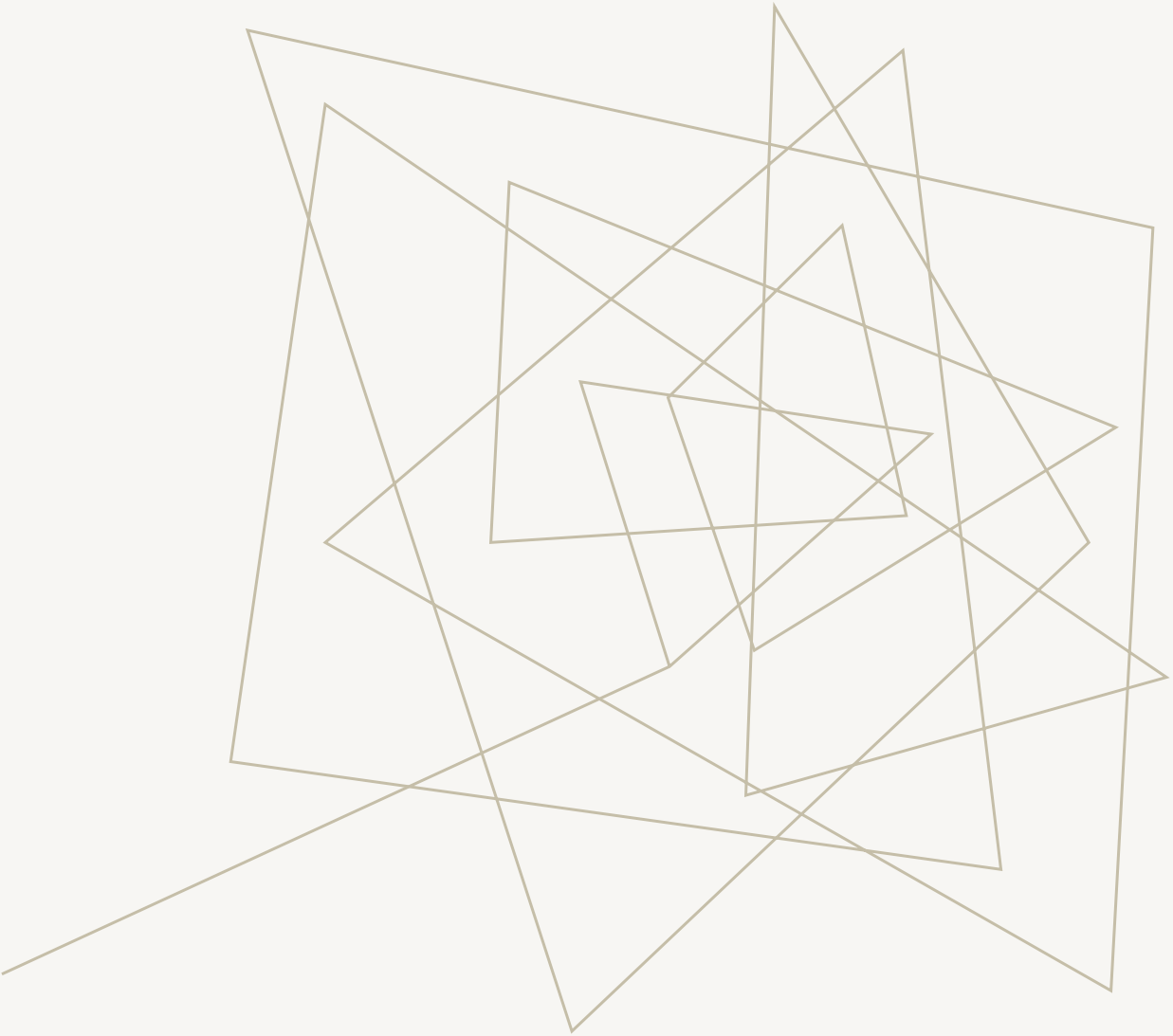
- Multilingual model safety
- Model interpretability
- Evolving evaluations



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