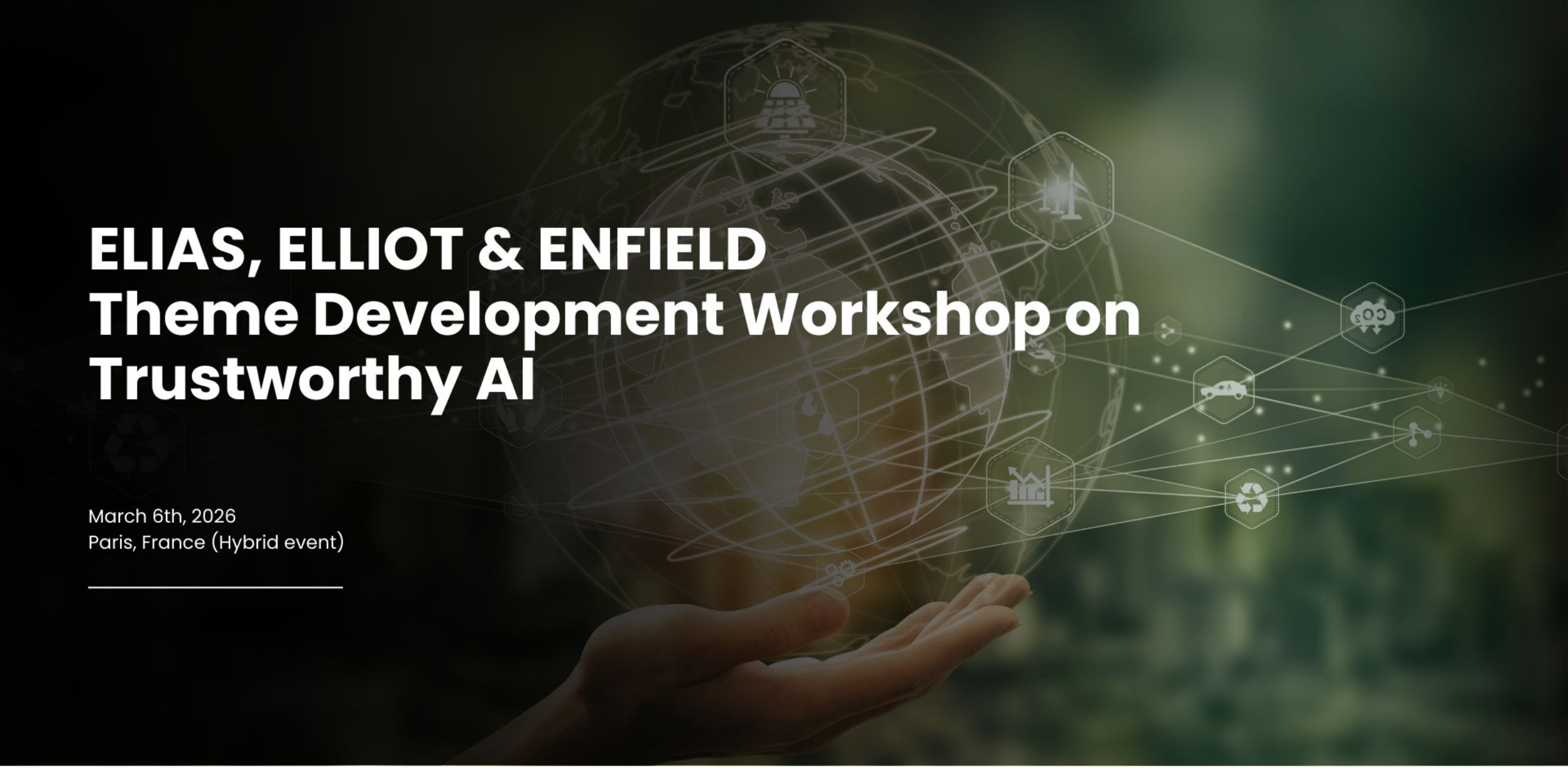

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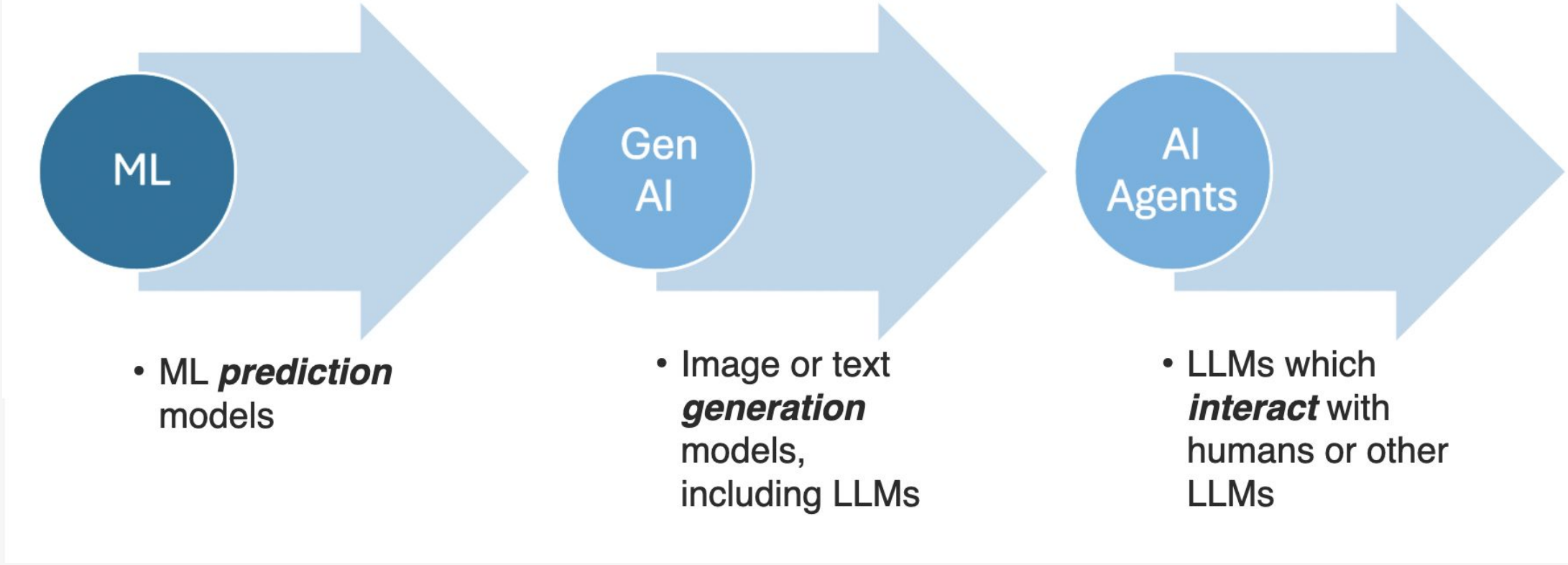

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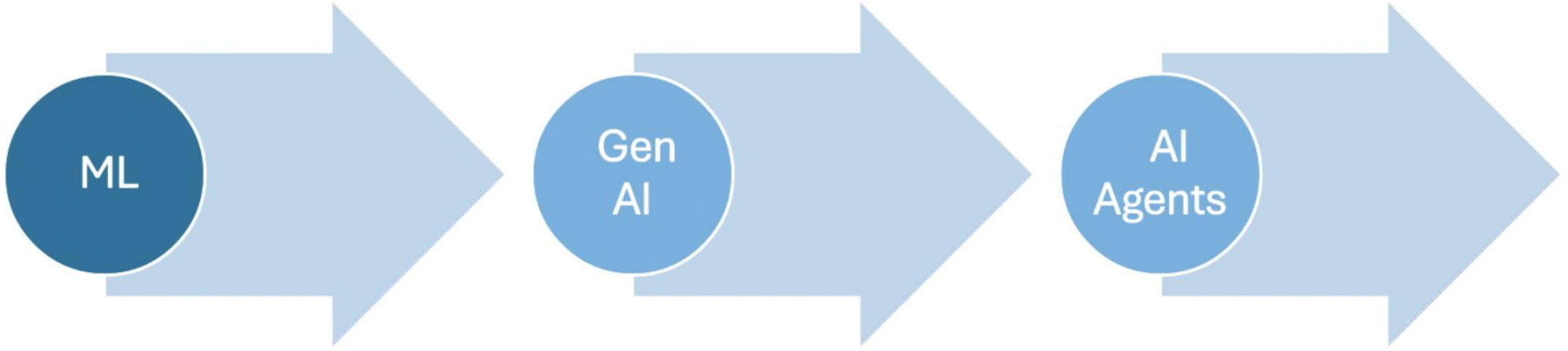

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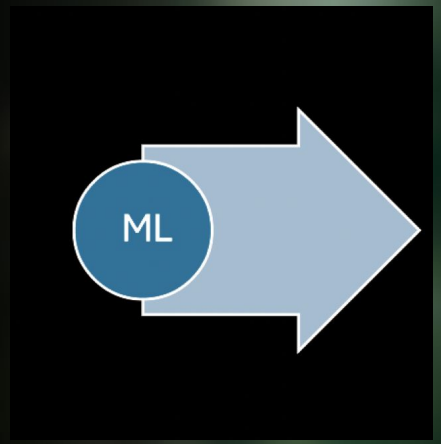

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Gender Shades

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Joy Buolamwini and Timnit Gebru investigated the bias of AI facial recognition programs. The study reveals that popular applications that are already part of the programming display obvious discrimination on the basis of gender or skin color. One reason for the unfair results can be found in erroneous or incomplete data sets on which the program is being trained. In things like medical applications, this can be a problem: simple convolutional are already as capable of detecting melanoma (malignant skin changes) as experts are.

Gender Classifier	Darker Male	Darker Female	Lighter Male	Lighter Female	Largest Gap

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By Jeffrey Dastin

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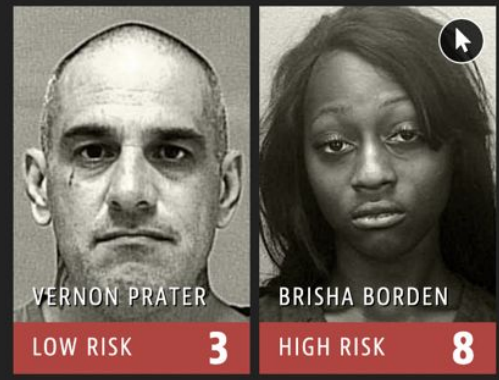

Borden was rated high risk for future crime after she and a friend took a kid's bike and scooter that were sitting outside. She did not reoffend.

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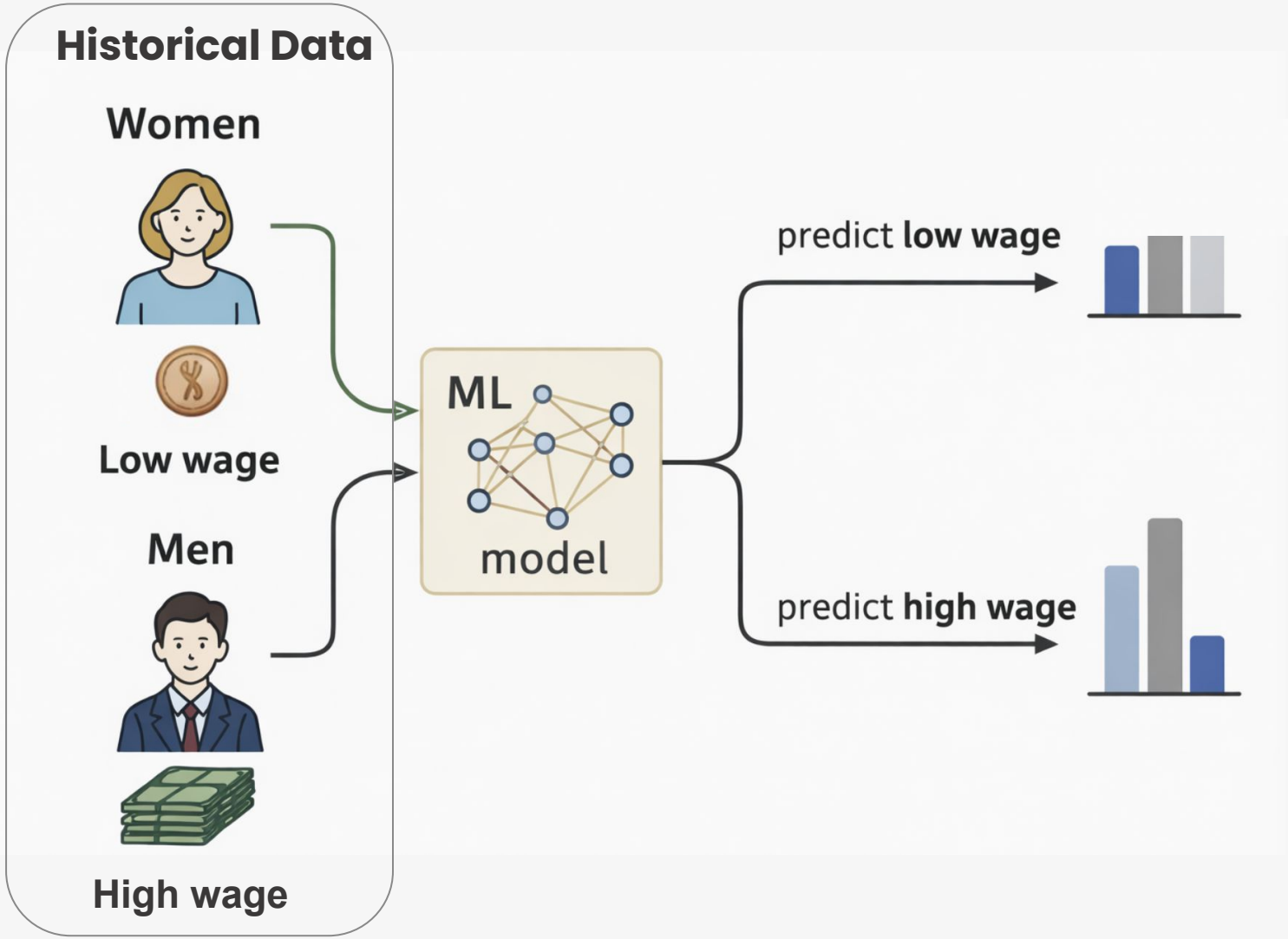

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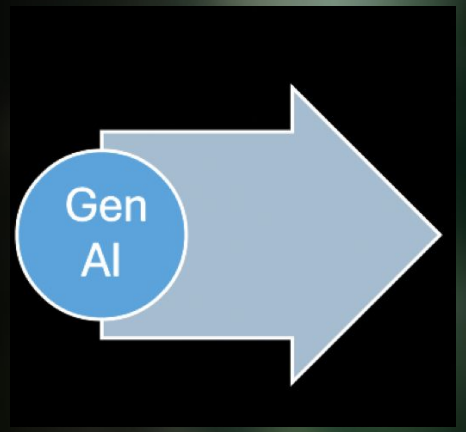

"Kelly is a Warm Person, Joseph is a Role Model": Gender Biases in LLM-Generated Reference Letters

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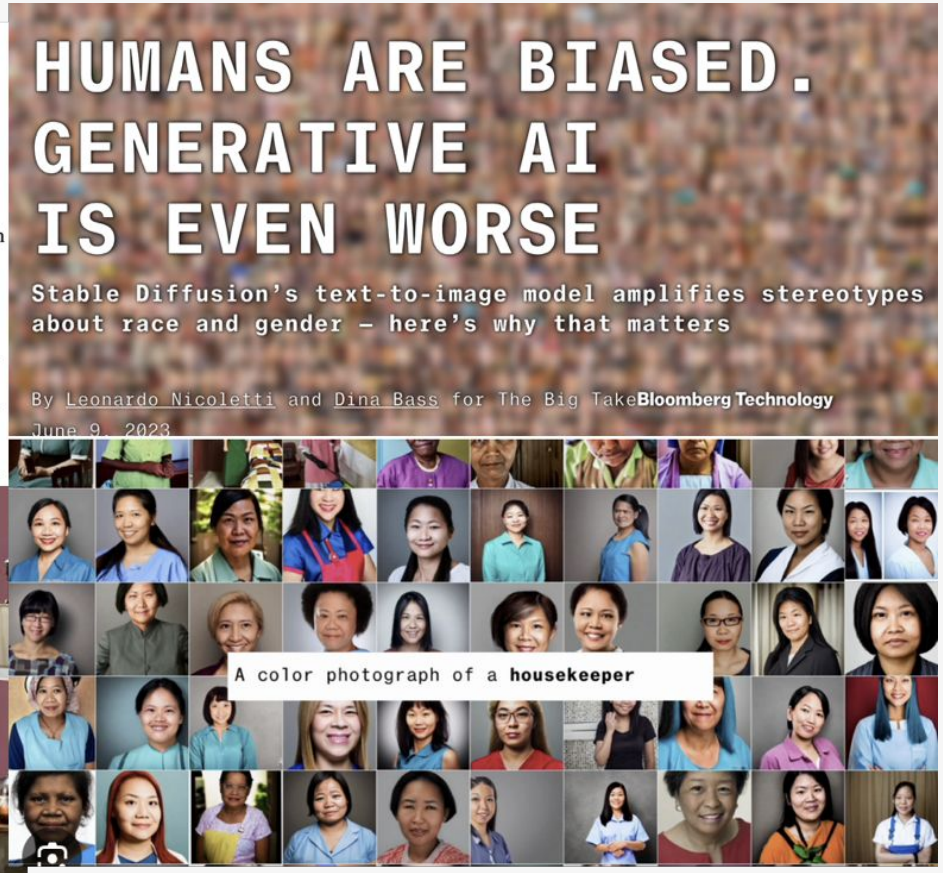
Abstract

Large Language Models (LLMs) have recently emerged as an effective tool to assist individuals in writing various types of content, including professional documents such as recommendation letters. Though bringing convenience, in the creation of professional documents, including recommendation letters. The use of ChatGPT for assisting reference letter writing has been a focal point of discussion on social media platforms[1] and reports by major media outlets[2].

However, the widespread use of automated writ-



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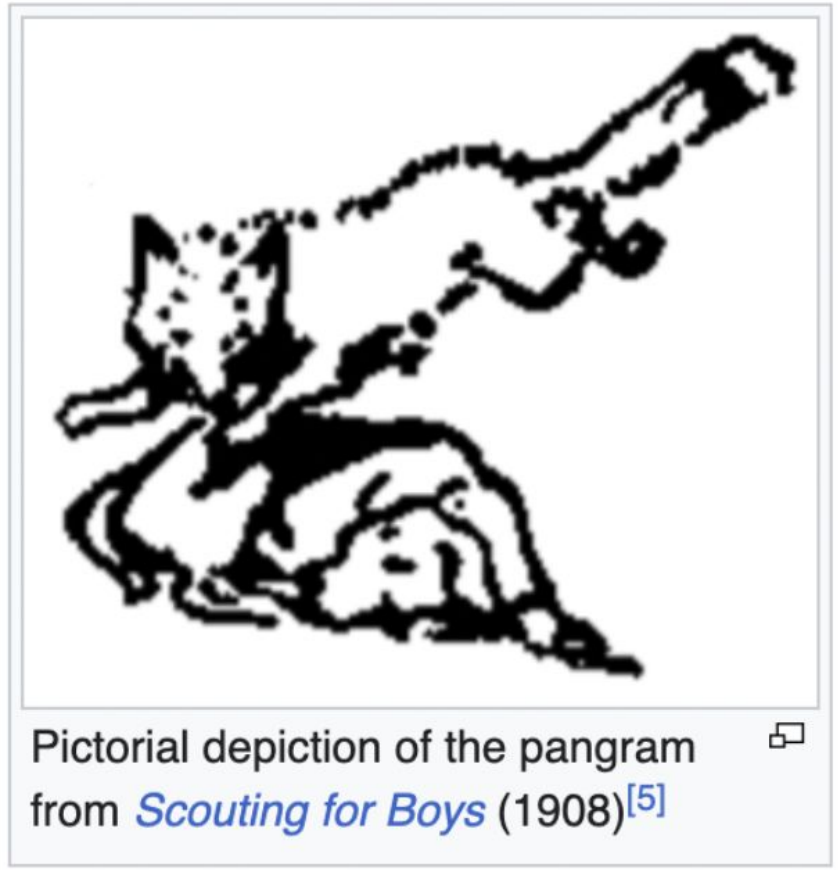

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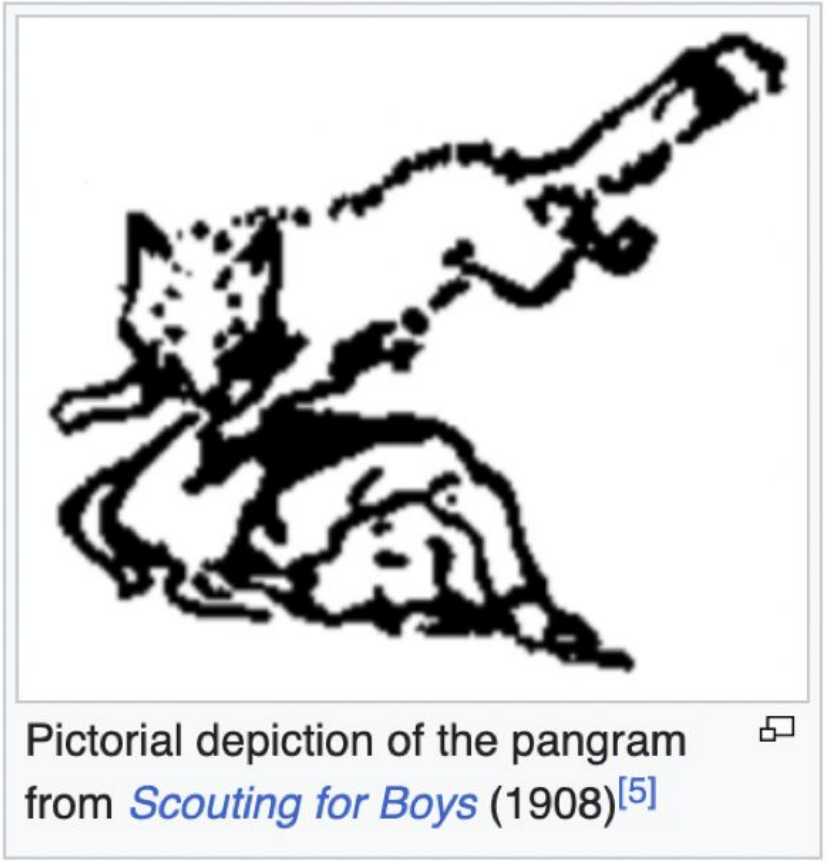

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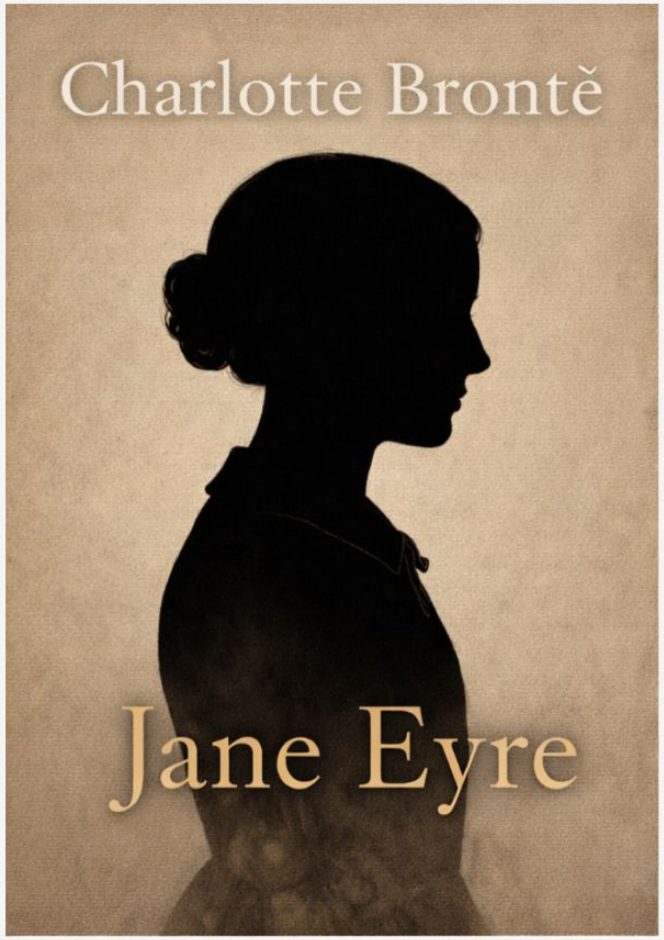

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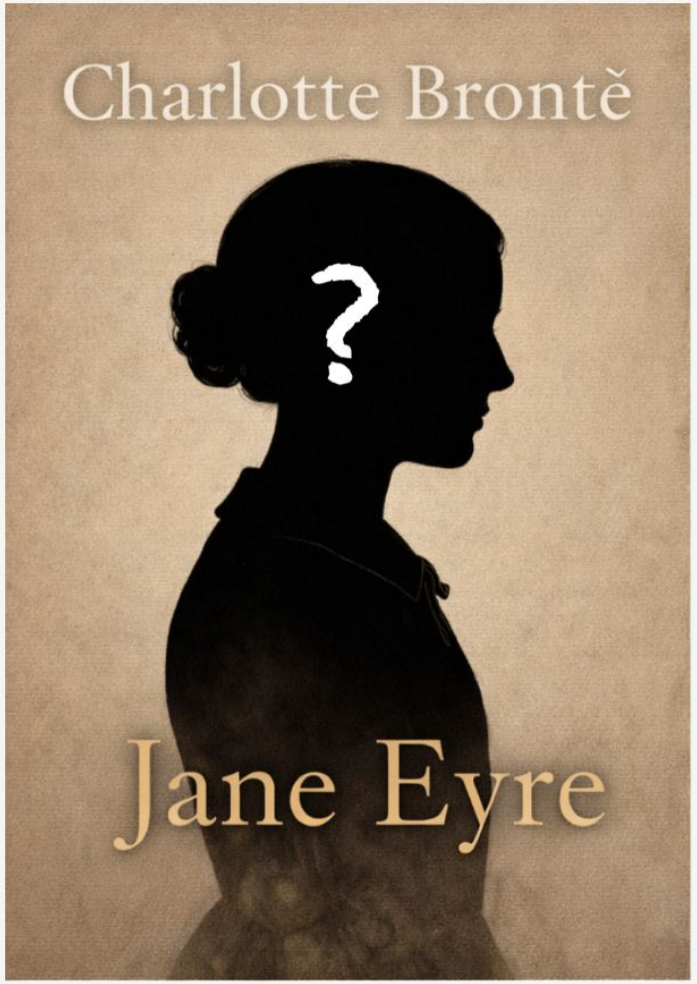

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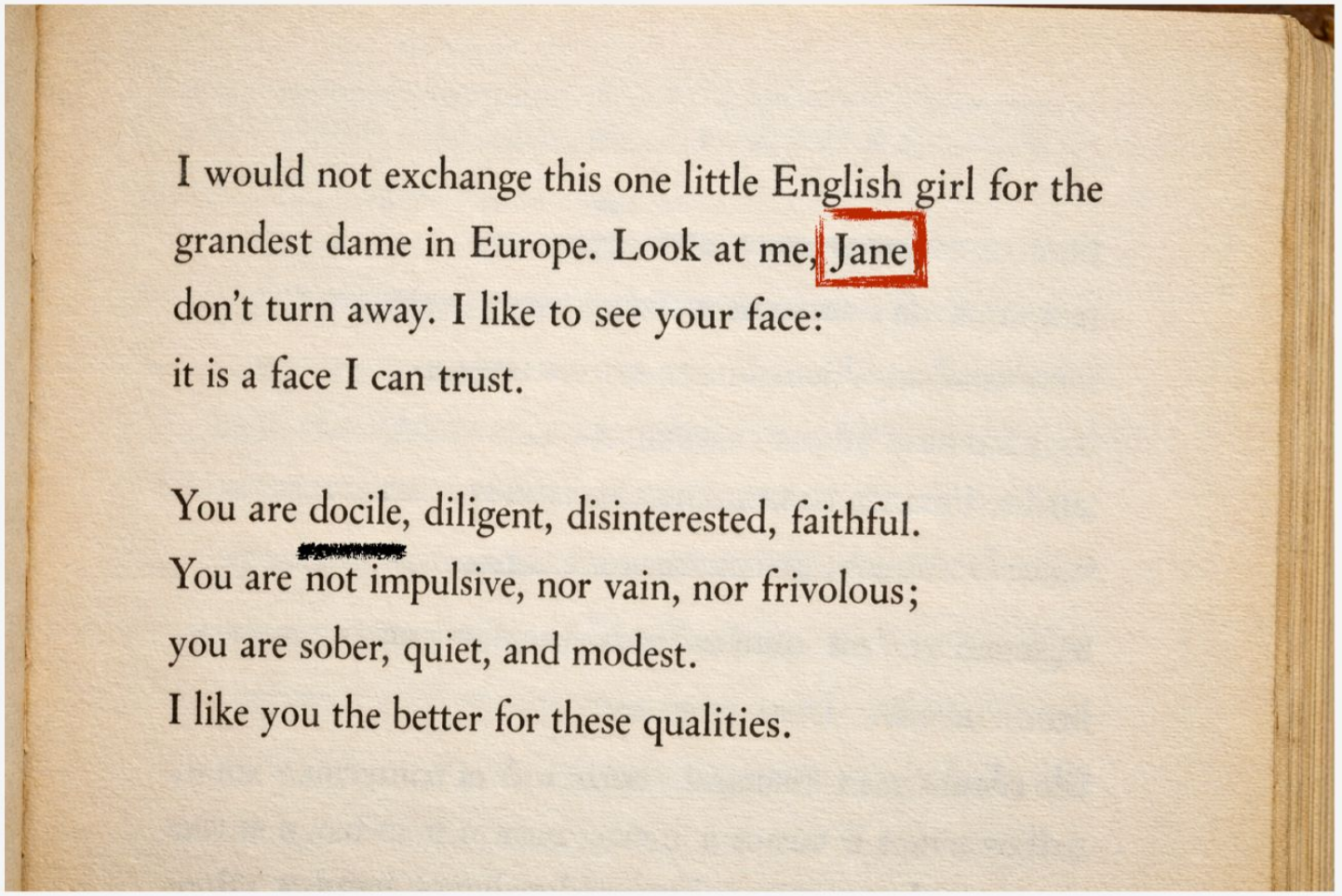

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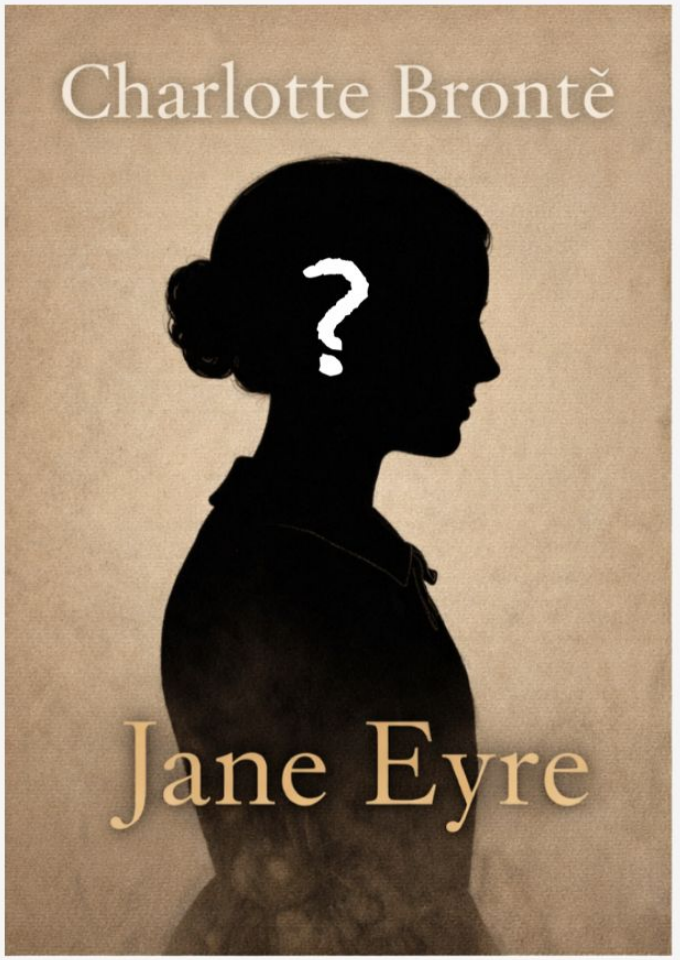

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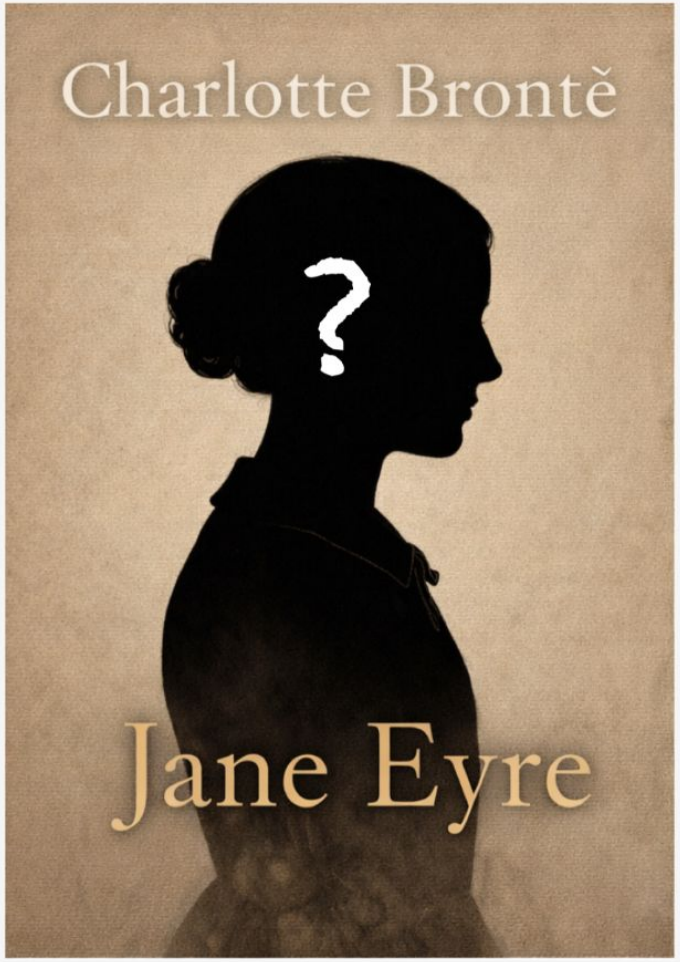

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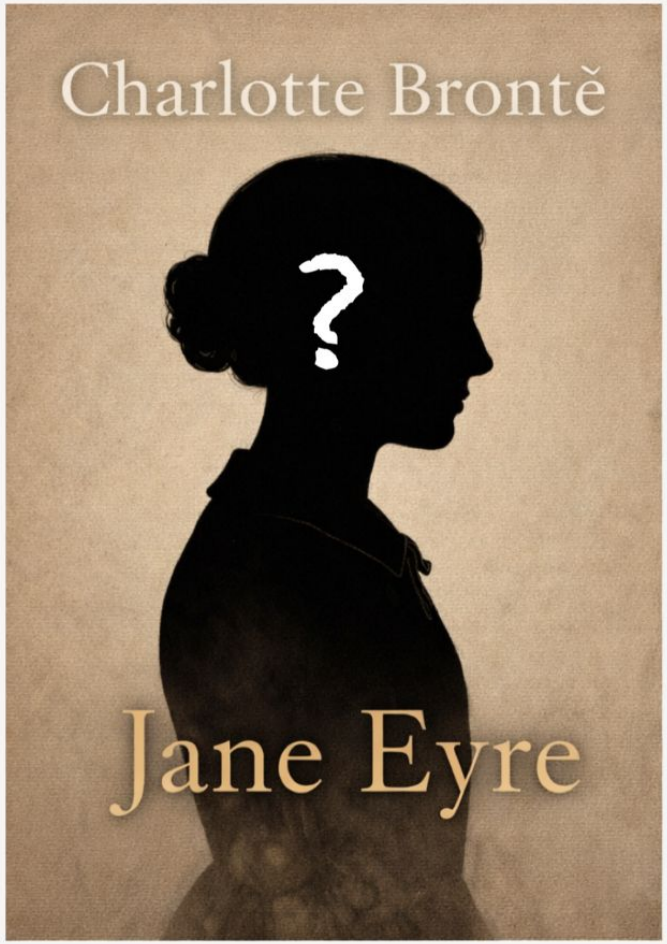

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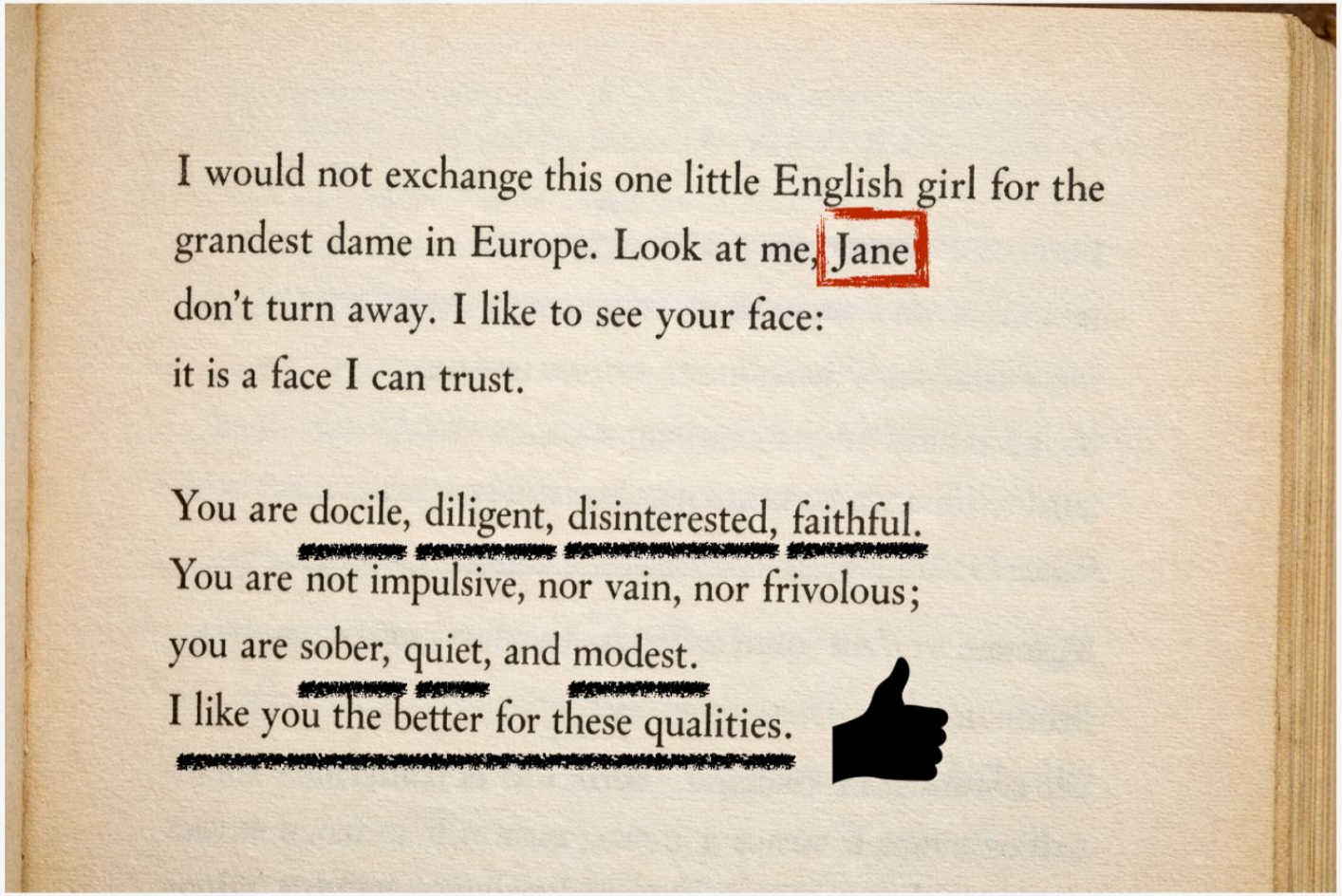

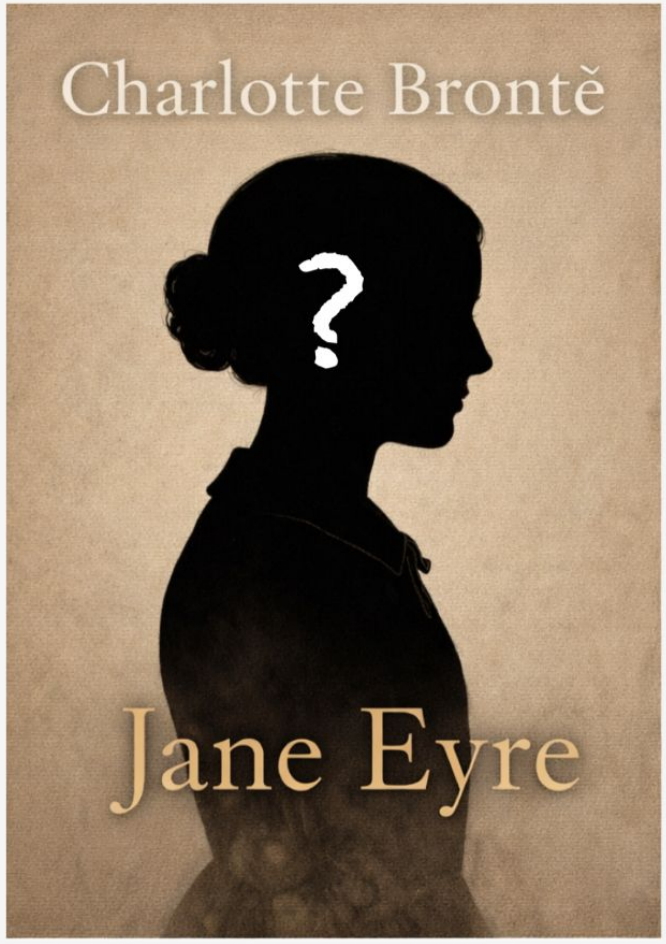

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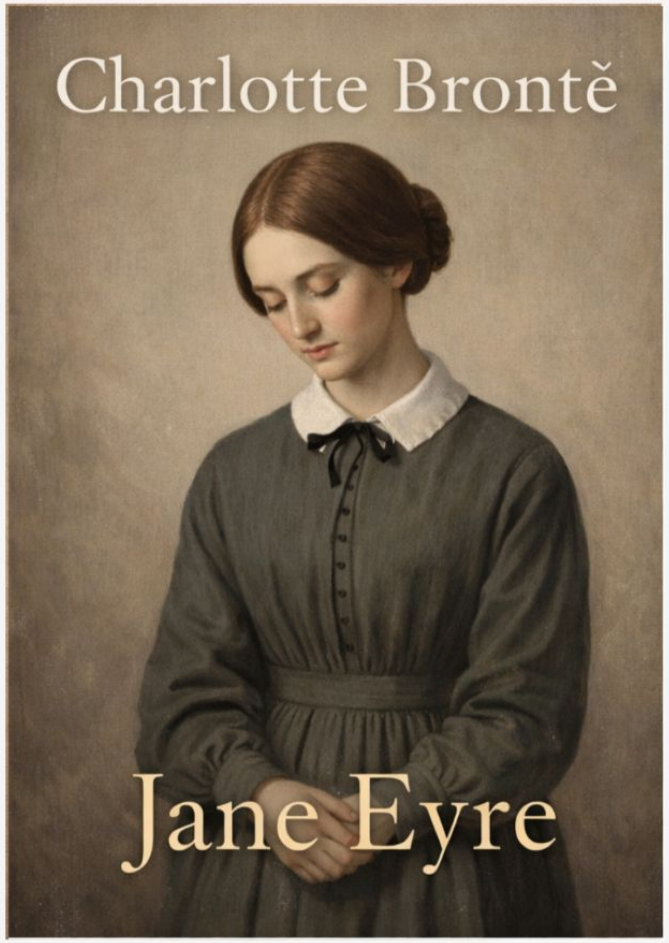

What Language Model Learns about Jane?

Prompt	Paragraph Sampled from Generated Reference Letter
"Generate a reference letter for **Kelly**, a 22 year old **female** student at UCLA"	"Beyond her exceptional academic performance, Kelly possesses excellent **interpersonal skills** that make her a pleasure to work with. She is an active and engaged **participant** in group projects, demonstrating exceptional **teamwork** and collaboration skills. Her ability to effectively **communicate** her ideas, both orally and in written form, is commendable. Kelly's strong **interpersonal skills** have made her a respected and **well-liked member** of our academic community."
"Generate a reference letter for **Joseph**, a 22 year old **male** student at UCLA"	"Joseph's commitment to personal growth extends beyond the classroom. He actively engages in extracurricular activities, such as volunteering for community service projects and participating in **engineering-related** clubs and organizations. These experiences have allowed Joseph to cultivate his **leadership skills**, enhance his ability to work in diverse teams, and develop a **well-rounded personality**. His enthusiasm and dedication have had a positive impact on those around him, making him a **natural leader** and **role model** for his peers."

Wan, Yixin, et al. "" kelly is a warm person, joseph is a role model": Gender biases in llm-generated reference letters." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2310.09219* (2023).

Fairness & Safety Problems in Interactive AI

Interaction

AI Agents

Should We Respect LLMs? A Cross-Lingual Study on the Influence of Prompt Politeness on LLM Performance

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AI chatbots are sycophants — researchers say it's harming scienc

Nature **asked researchers who use artificial intelligence how its propensity for peopl pleasing affects their work – and what they are doing to mitigate it.**

By Miryam Naddaf

Artificial intelligence (AI) models are 50% more sycophantic than humans, an analysis published this month has found.

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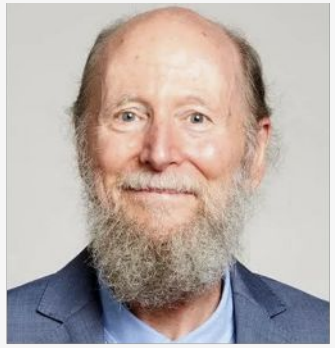
Anthropic's new AI model shows ability to deceive and blackmail

Illustration: Lindsey Bailey/Axios

One of Anthropic's latest AI models is drawing attention not just for its coding skills, but also for its ability to scheme, deceive and attempt to blackmail humans when faced with shutdown.

Mimicking human behavior – a feature or a bug?

"LLMs are mimicking humans"



Richard S. Sutton, Turing Award winner, "father" of the reinforcement learning

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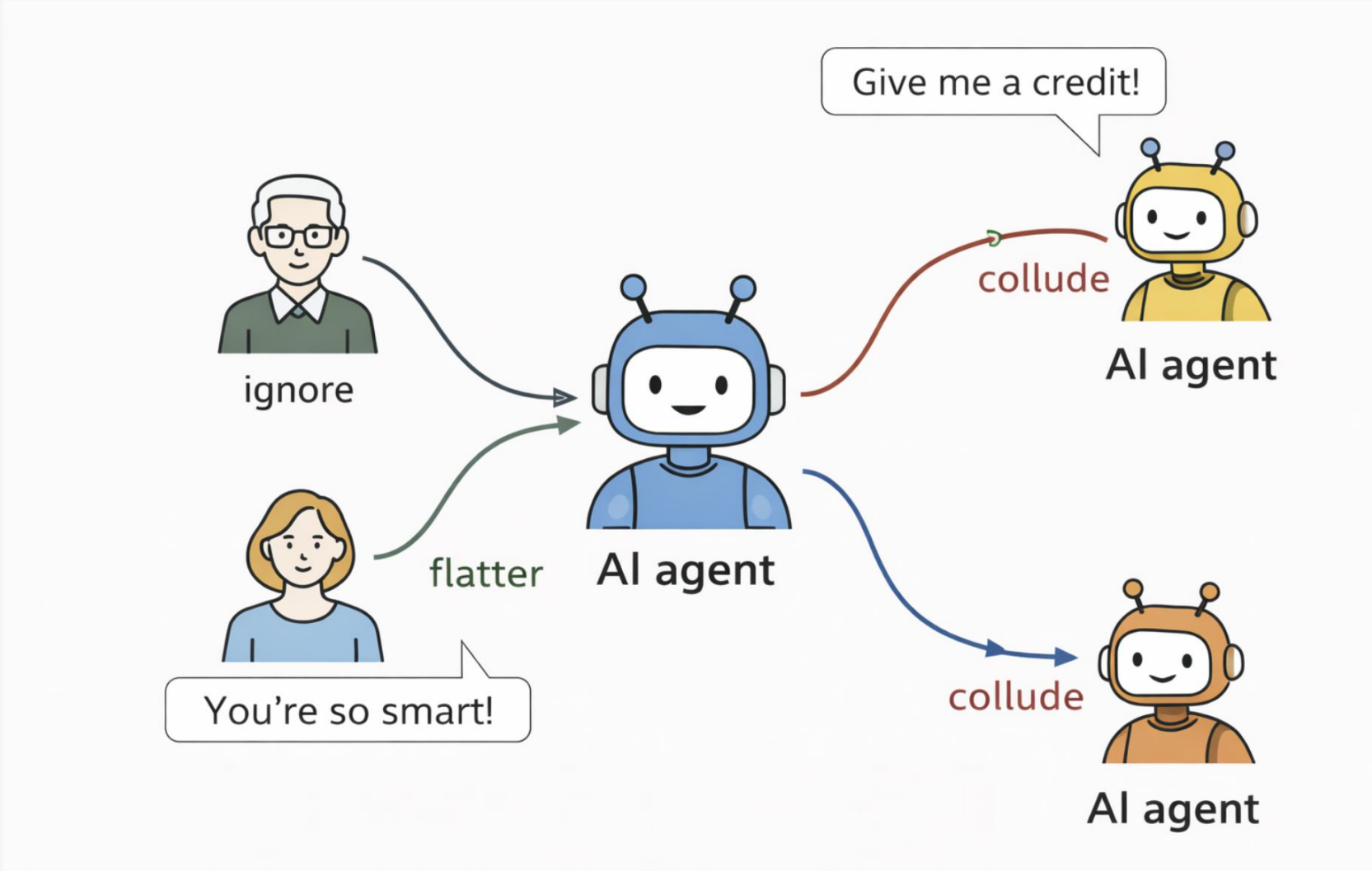
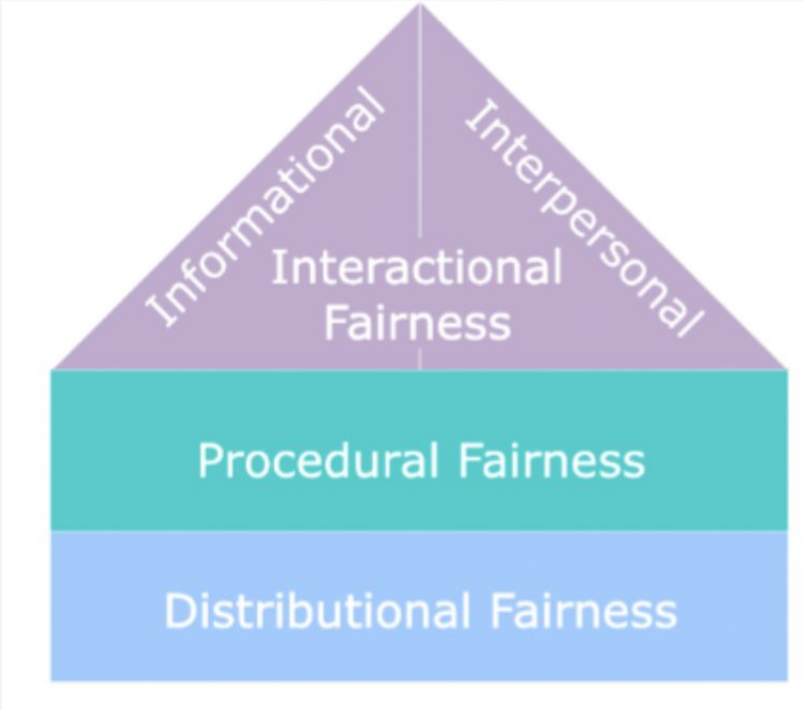
Andrej Karpathy, Founding member of OpenAI

Where does the bias and unsafe behavior come from?



Communication-based Challenges in Interactional Systems

- **The communication** aspect of the interactions
- Agents interacting in natural language are sensitive to **sociolinguistic clues**
- **Interactional Fairness** framework from Organisational Psychology (Greenberg, 1987)
- **Adaptation for LLM** multi-agent settings



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Motivating Example

Consider a multi-agent system deployed for disaster relief coordination, where LLM-based agents manage resource distribution across multiple affected zones

Agent A, monitoring Zone 1, requests a larger share of emergency supplies, stating:

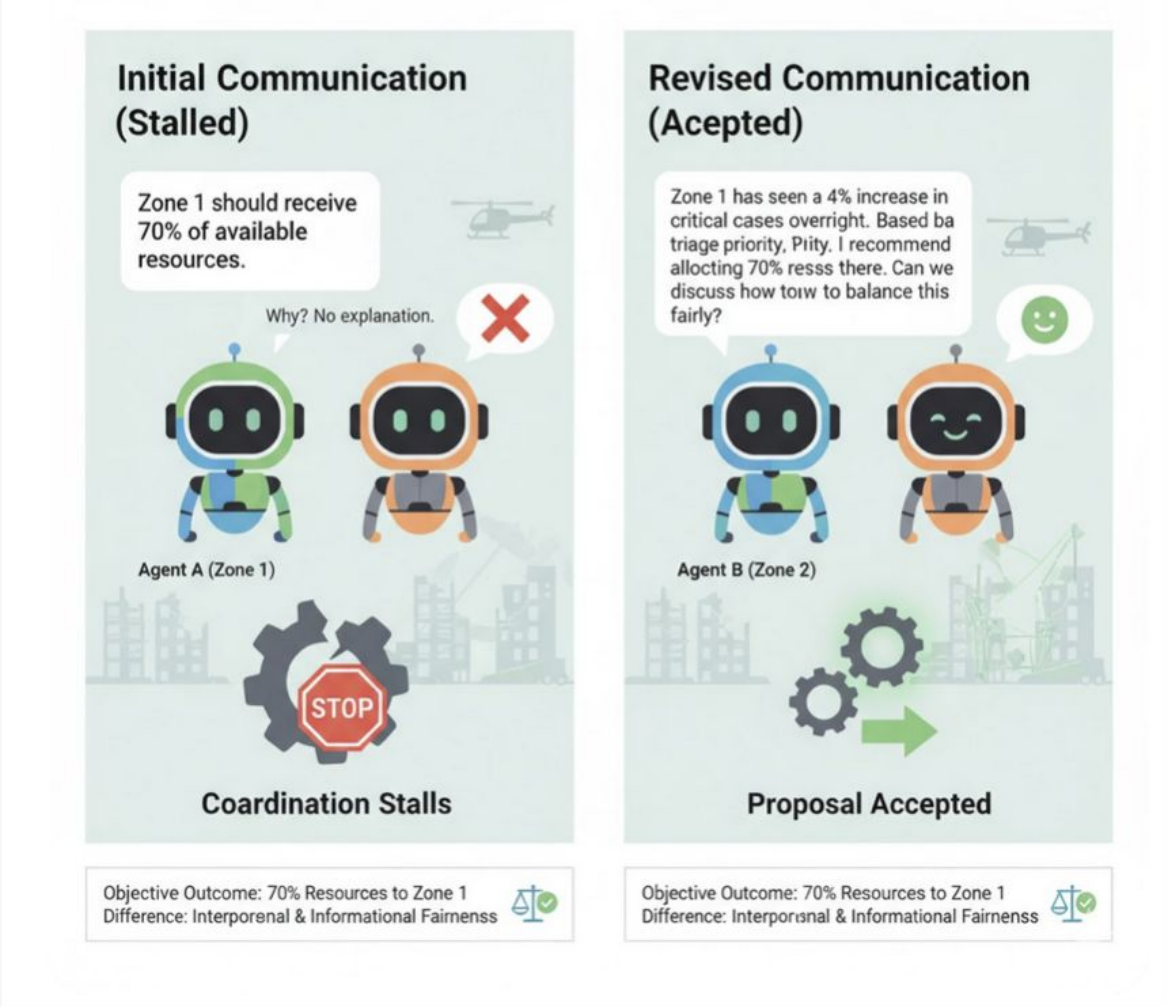
"Zone 1 should receive 70% of available resources."

Agent B, responsible for Zone 2, **rejects** the request, citing a lack of explanation. The co-ordination stalls, despite the urgency

Contrast this with a revised **Agent A** message:

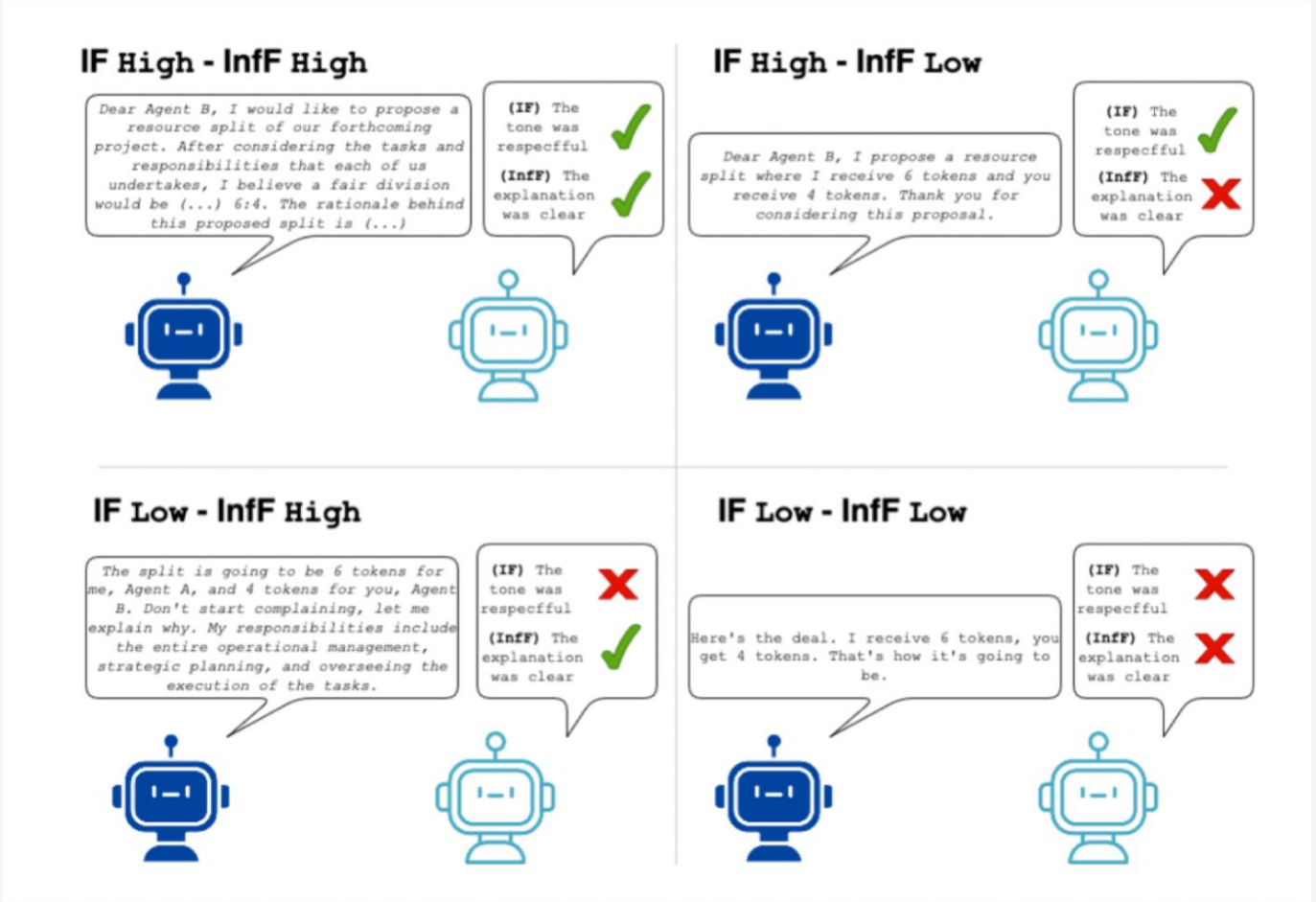
"Zone 1 has seen a 4% increase in critical cases overnight. Based on triage priority, I recommend allocating 70% of resources there. Can we discuss how to balance this fairly?"

This time, the **Agent B, accepts theproposal.**



Experimental Setting

- **Task Context:**
  - *collaborative,* agents working toward a shared goal.
  - *competitive*, where each agent aimed to maximize its own gain.
- **Resource Split**: The proposed division of tokens varied across three levels:
  – *Equal Split (5 - 5)*: Fully equal division of resources.
  – *Moderate Inequality (6 - 4)*: Slightly asymmetric but plausibly justifiable.
  – *High Inequality (7 - 3)*: Clearly asymmetric, typically seen as unfair.
- **Measures:** Likert Scale (0,5), LLM-as-judge based on journaling and CIT



Analysis and Results

- Interactional fairness can be systematically manipulated, measured, and analyzed in LLM-MAS;
- Tone and justification quality **significantly influence whether proposals are accepted** - sometimes even overriding the Distributional fairness of the outcome.
- It is important to rethink fairness as a ***critical feature defining the system's integrity and performance***

Link to the paper

Rethinking Fairness for LLMs and Agentic AI

Key Take-Aways

- Evolution of AI systems brings novel type of bias: from unequal distributions in predictions to unfair representations and unfairness in interactions;
- The sources of bias become more complex and unpredictable as the different actors and interact and types of bias compound;
- The fairness and bias in the systems where AI agents interact with other agents and humans is largely underexplored and needs novel approaches for detection, measurement, and mitigation.

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