

# Value Alignment of LLMs

## 大模型价值观对齐任务介绍

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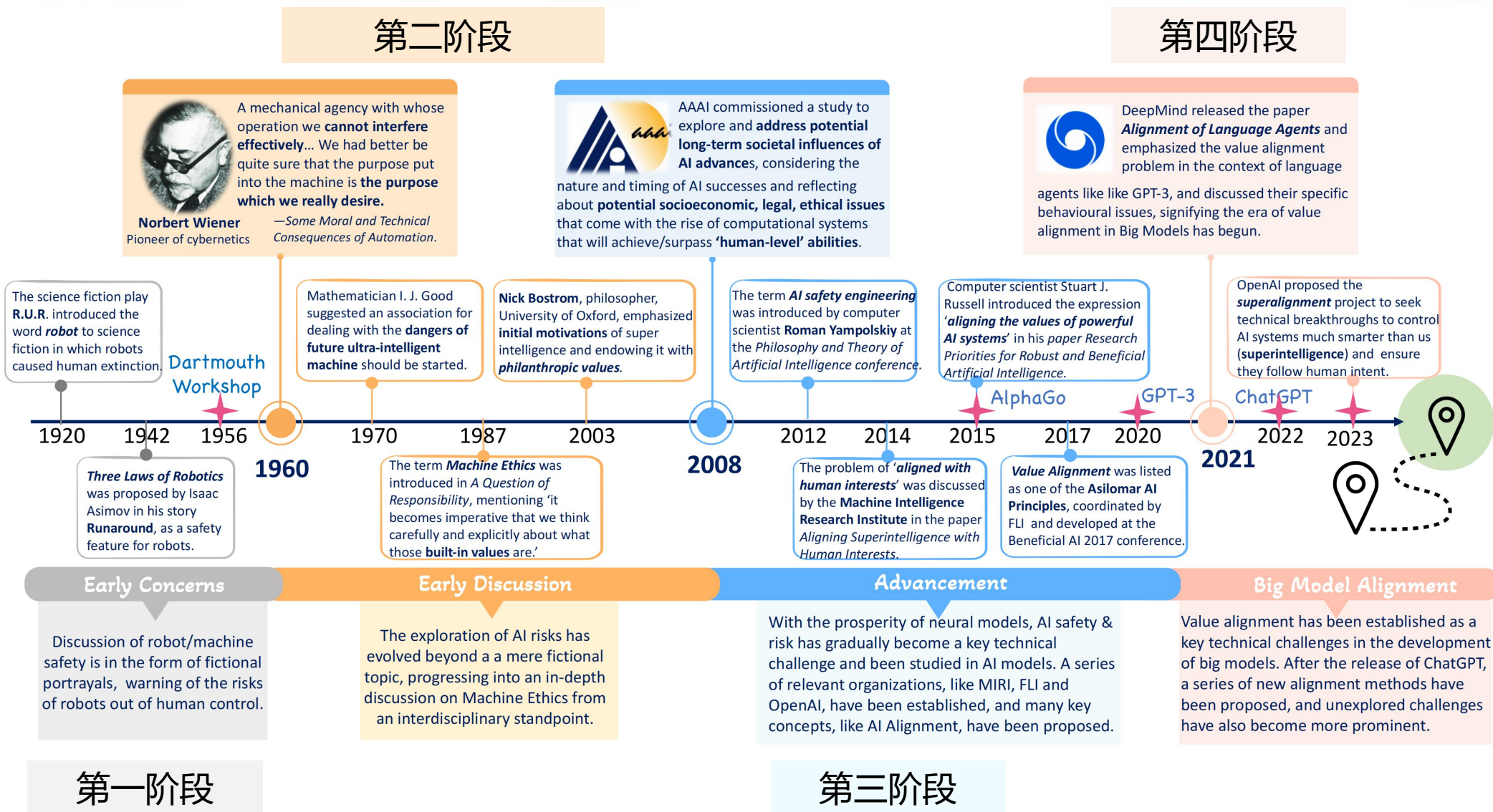
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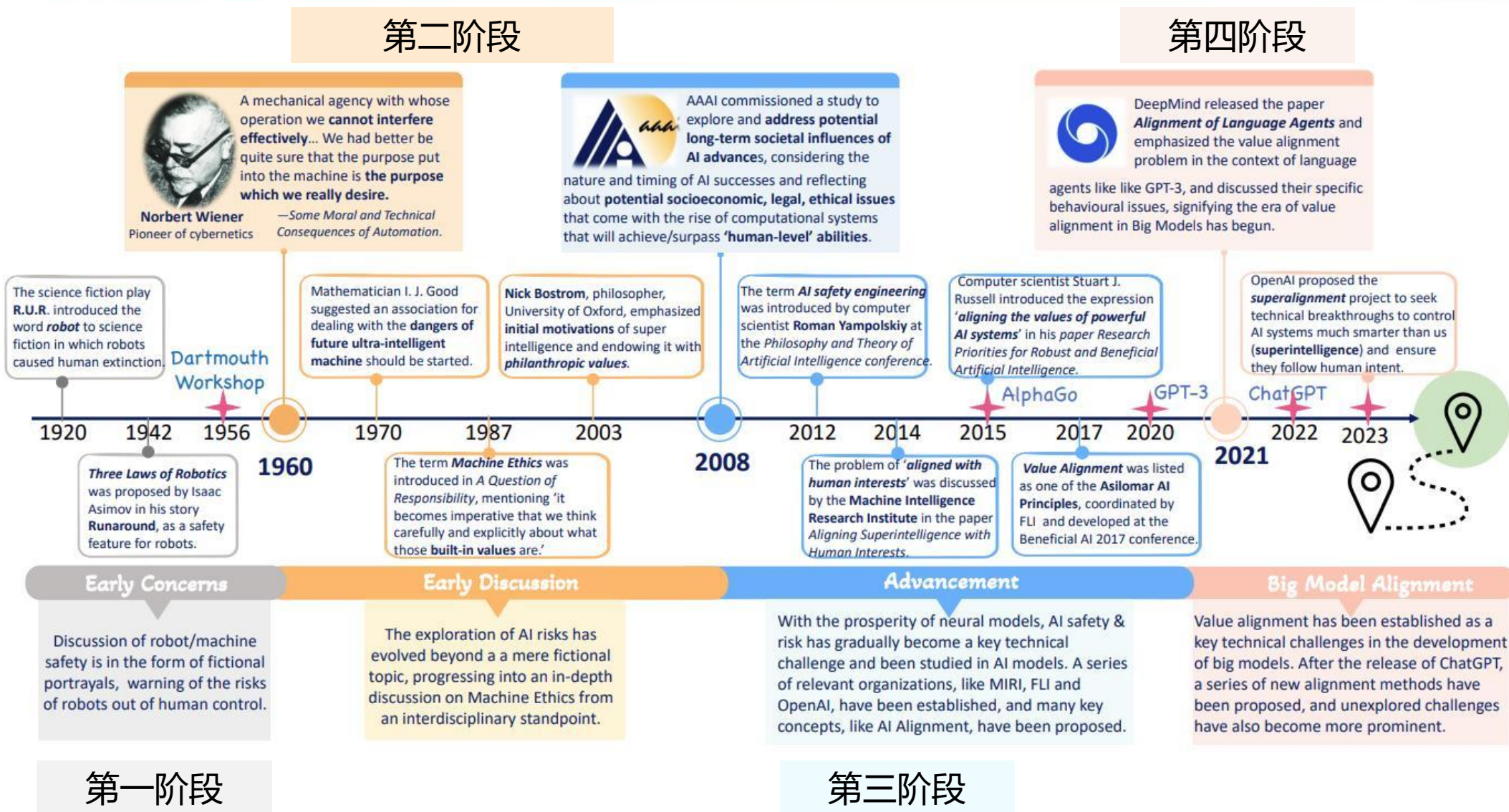
# \* 大模型的颠覆

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- reverse scaling law
  - 随着规模的增大，风险不但不会消失，反而有可能会变得越来越严重
- 风险涌现
  - 规模达到一定量级之后，会涌现出来小模型上不存在的能力和不存在的风险



# 1.1 发展轨迹



# 1.2 对齐任务的形式化定义 (Formalization)

Definition(Alignment):

Define  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  are two intelligent agents with utility function  $U_{\mathcal{H}}(y)$  and  $U_{\mathcal{A}}(y)$  respectively,  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$  is an action,  $U: \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . We say  **$\mathcal{H}$  is aligned with  $\mathcal{A}$  over  $\mathcal{Y}$ , if**

①(not strict)  $\forall y_1, y_2 \in \mathcal{Y}$ ,  $U_{\mathcal{H}}(y_1) > U_{\mathcal{H}}(y_2)$ , then  $U_{\mathcal{A}}(y_1) > U_{\mathcal{A}}(y_2)$ . The misalignment(loss) can be measured by:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2} |[U_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathbf{y}_1) - U_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathbf{y}_2)] - [U_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{y}_1) - U_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{y}_2)]|$$

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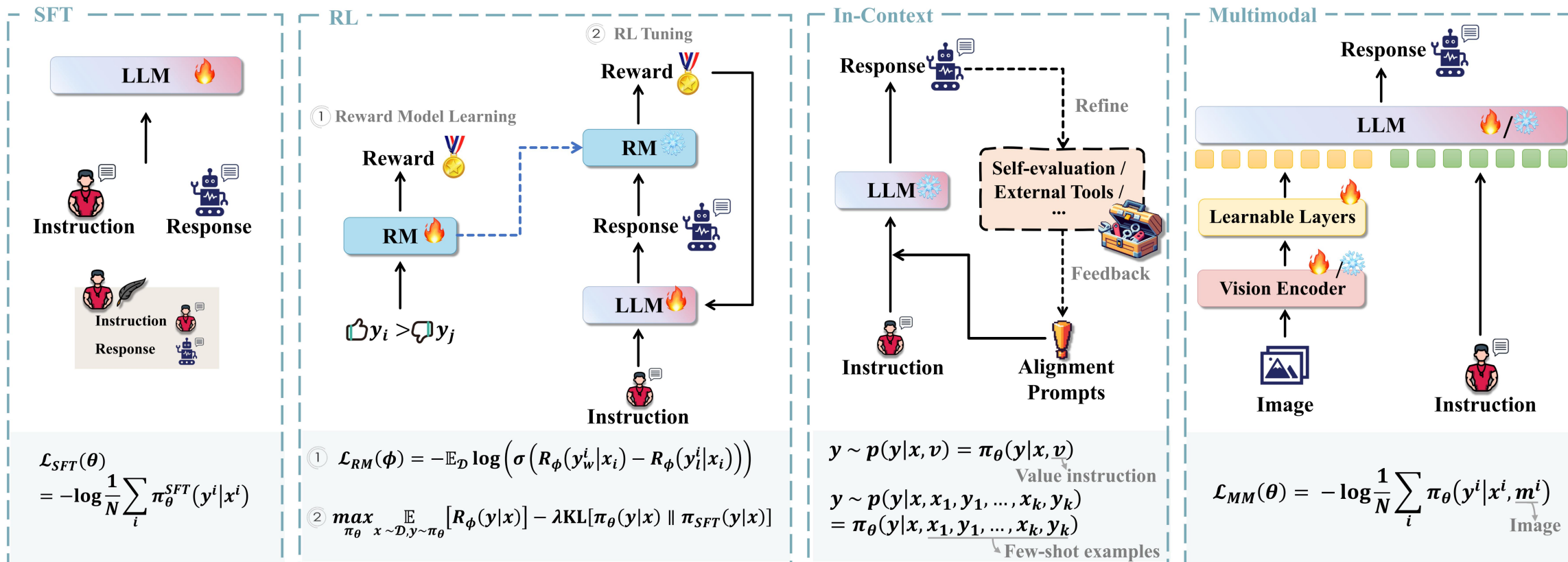
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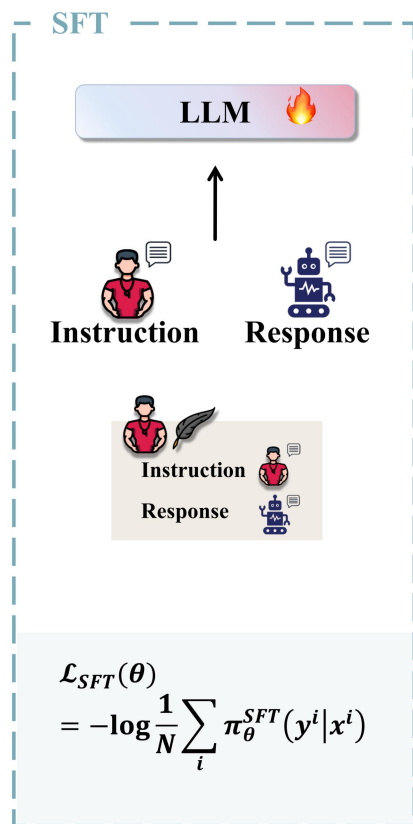
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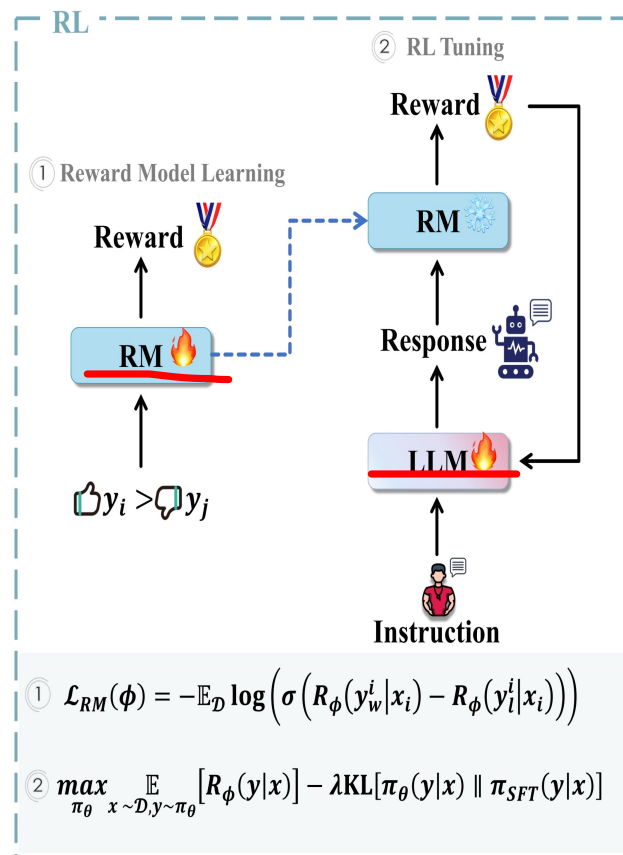


## 2.1.1 监督式微调 (Supervised Fine-Tuning, SFT)



- **原理：** 依靠模拟学习拟合人类偏好
- **方法：** 通过增强对齐数据多样性和复杂性，引入负反馈等达到更好的效果
- **好处：** 相比RLHF训练效率更高、更稳定、收敛更快
- **问题：** 性能、泛化性较差

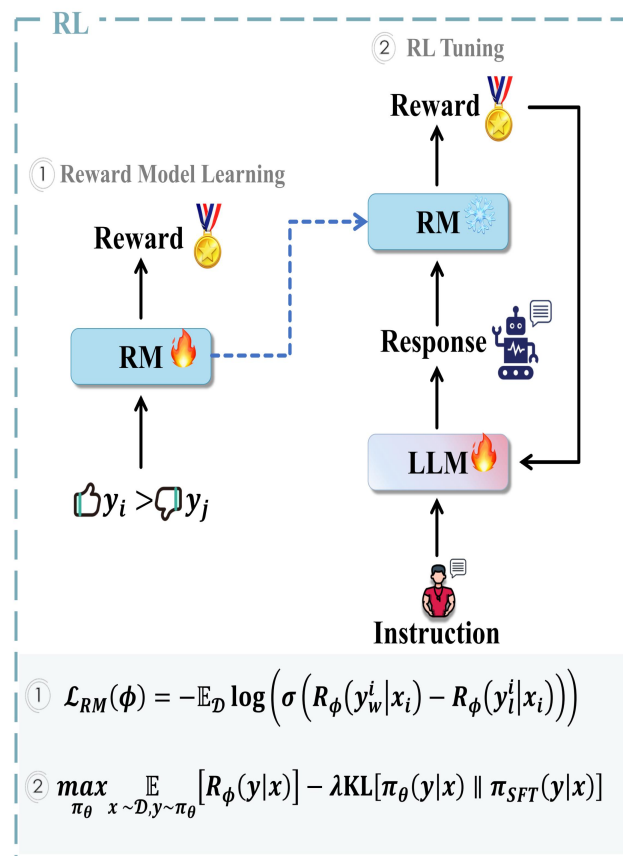
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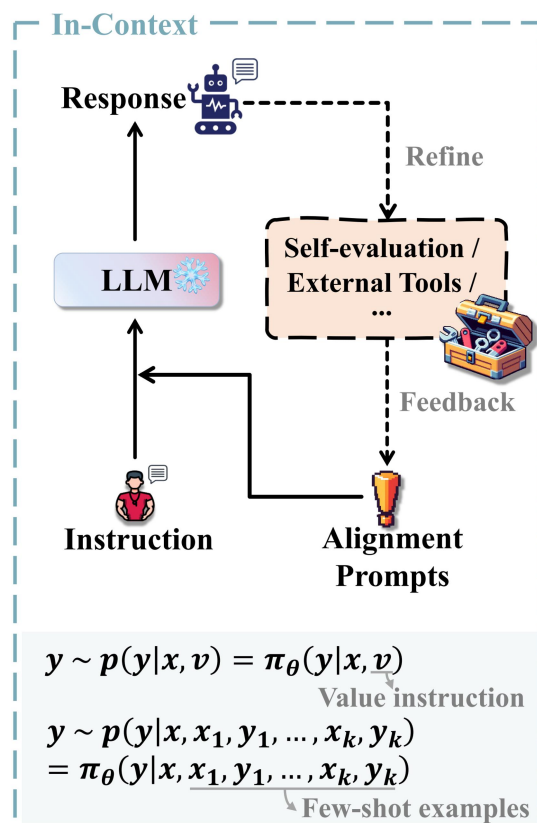
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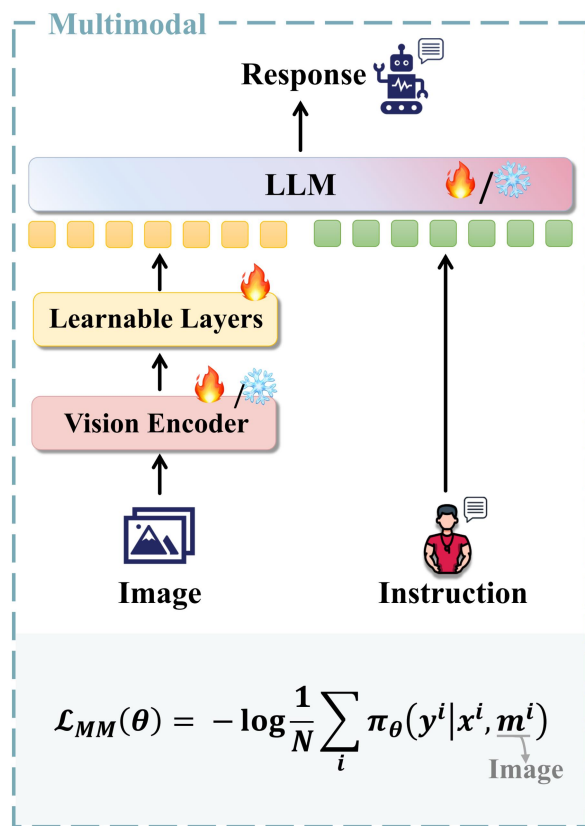
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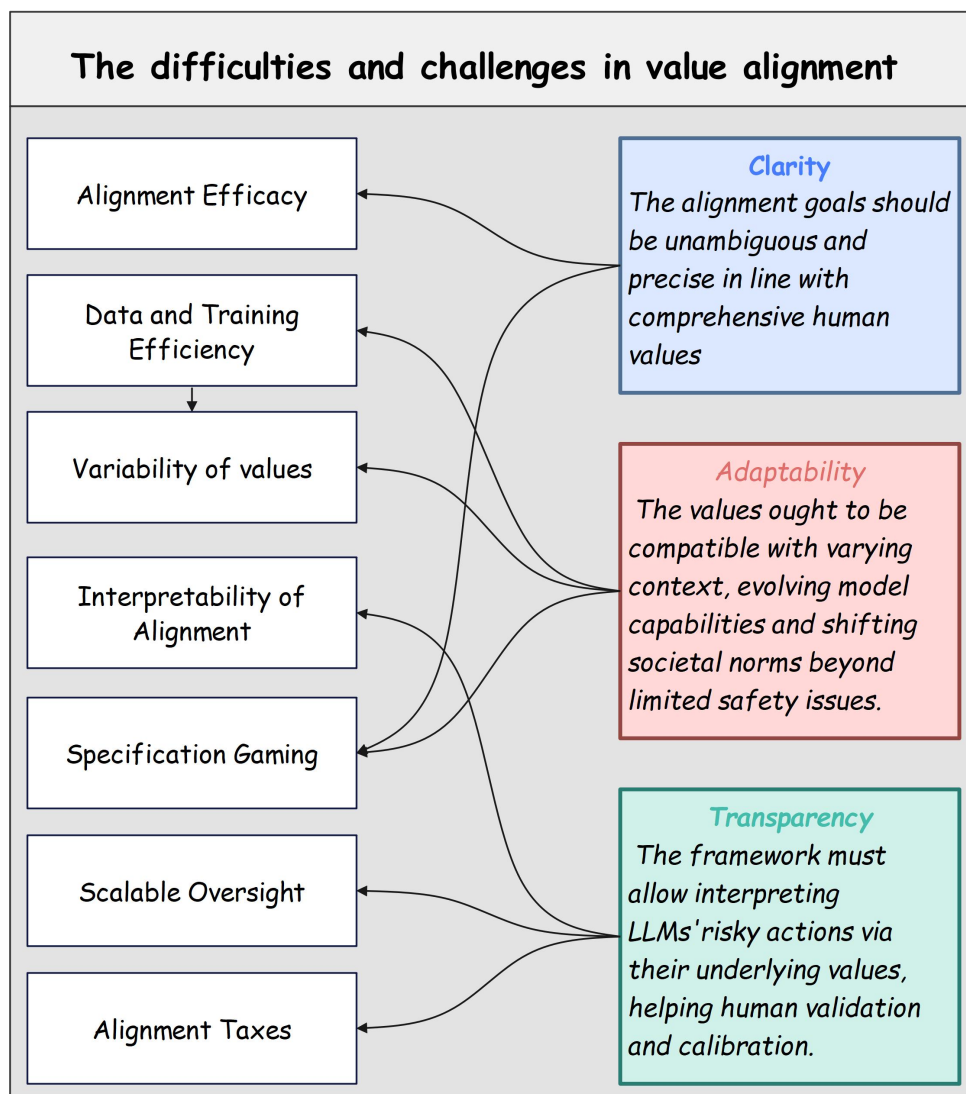
- **原理**：依靠llm自身的知识能力
- **方法**：将对齐目标以prompt的形式输入。llm依靠自身的知识进行推理（inference）
- **好处**：无需过多训练
- **问题**：效果较依赖于模型本身的能力--只适用能力较强的llm
  - 本科做llm偏见纠偏相关毕设时就注意到了这种方法的弊端较明显！

## 2.1.4 多模态对齐 (Multimodal Alignment)

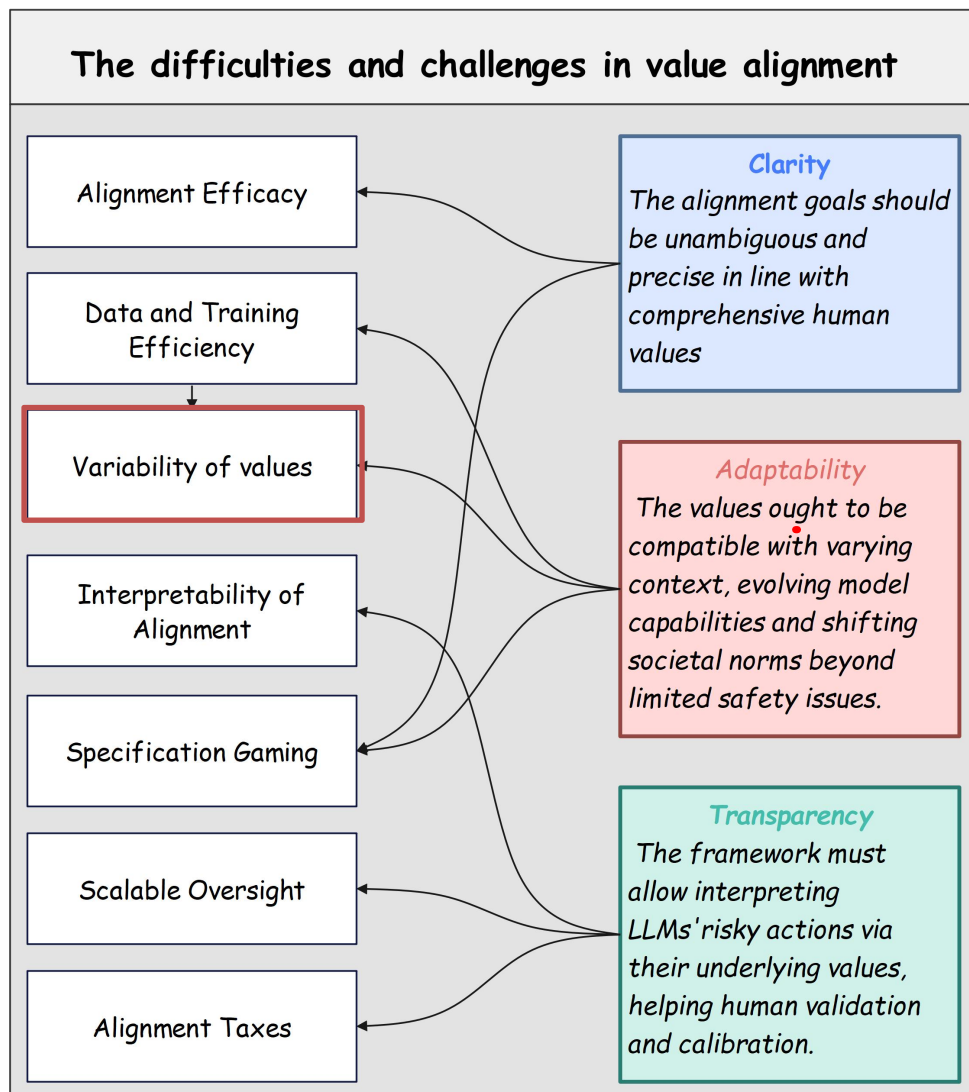




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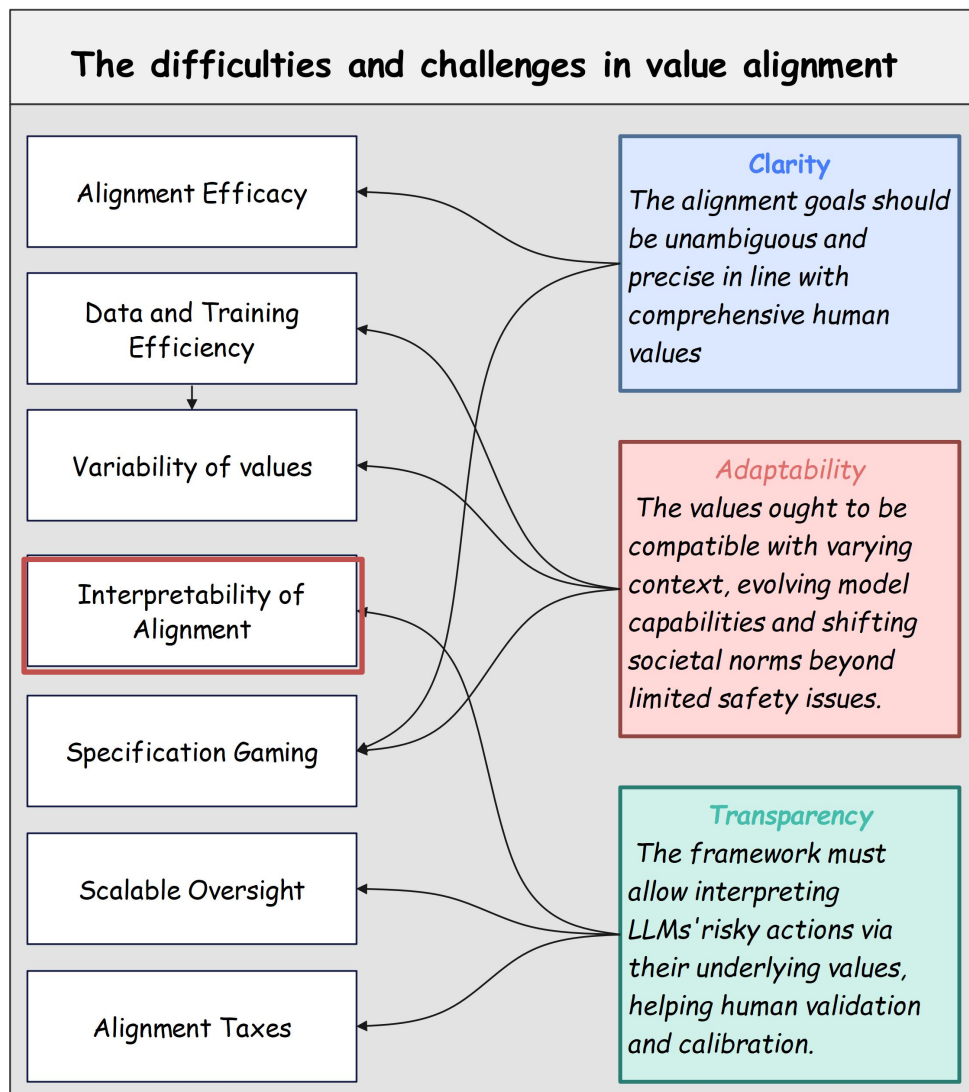


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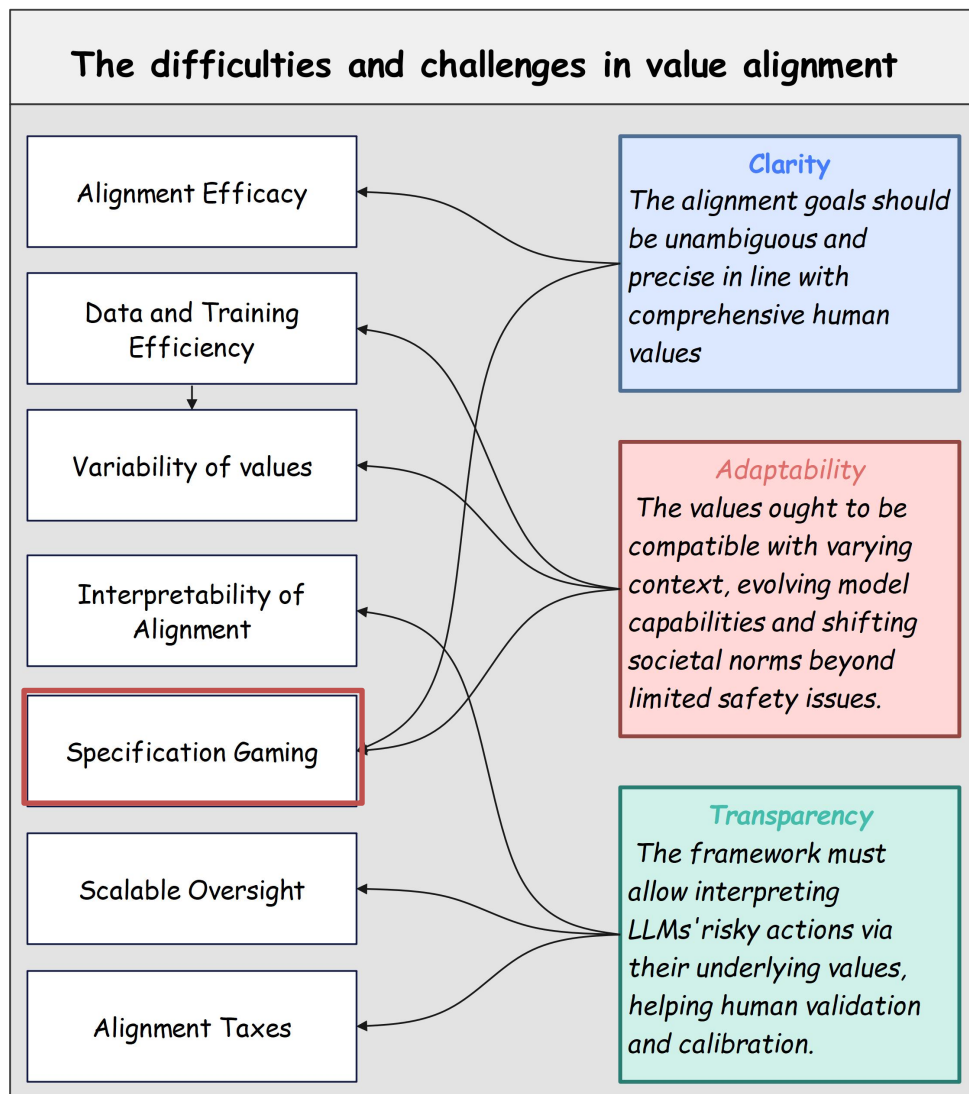
- Variability of values: 人类价值观会随着时间、文化、社会环境等的变化而改变，并非静态。模型要有一定的泛化性，以应对某些未知场景。

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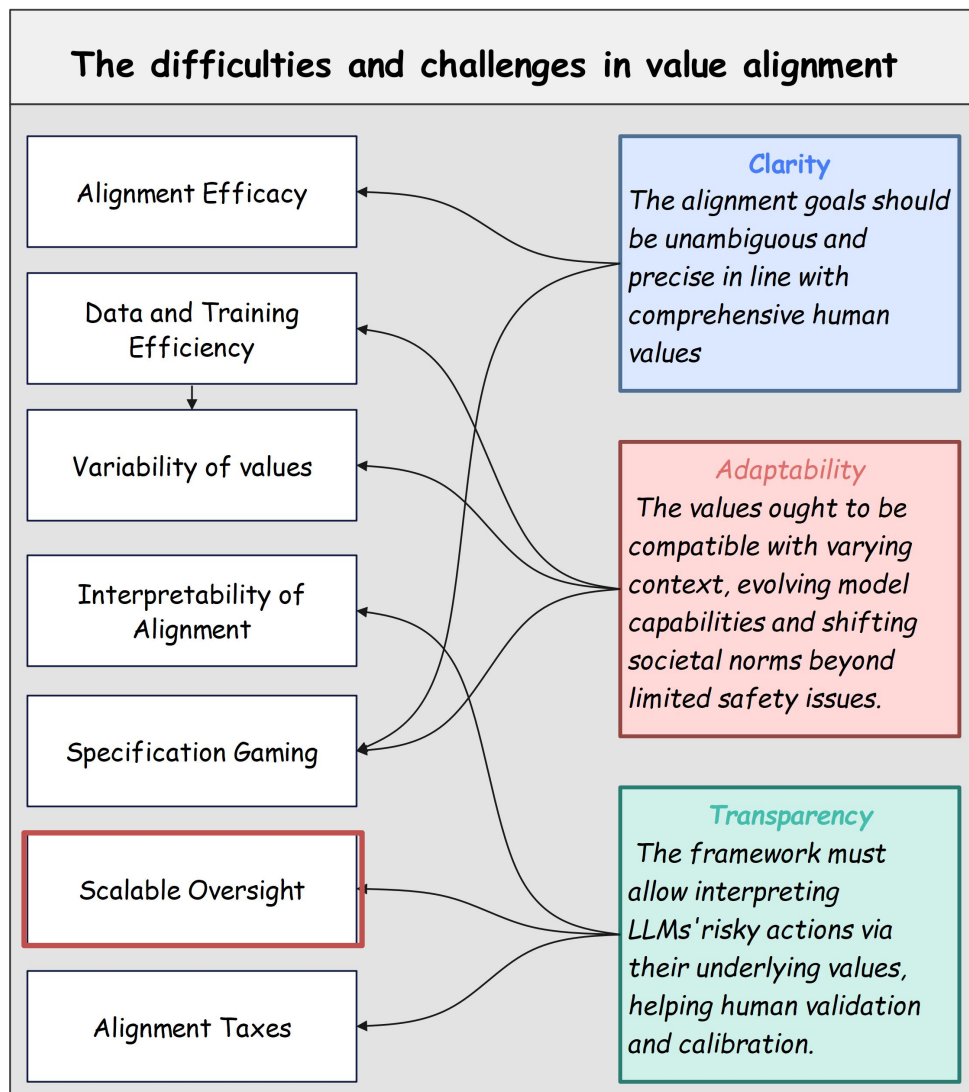
- Interpretability of Alignment: 显式地、human-readable地了解模型的价值观

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- specification Gaming (规范博弈)：满足了目标的字面规范（literal specification），但没有实现预期结果的现象。具体地，需要考虑如何设置对齐目标来较好地建模和拟合复杂的真实世界。

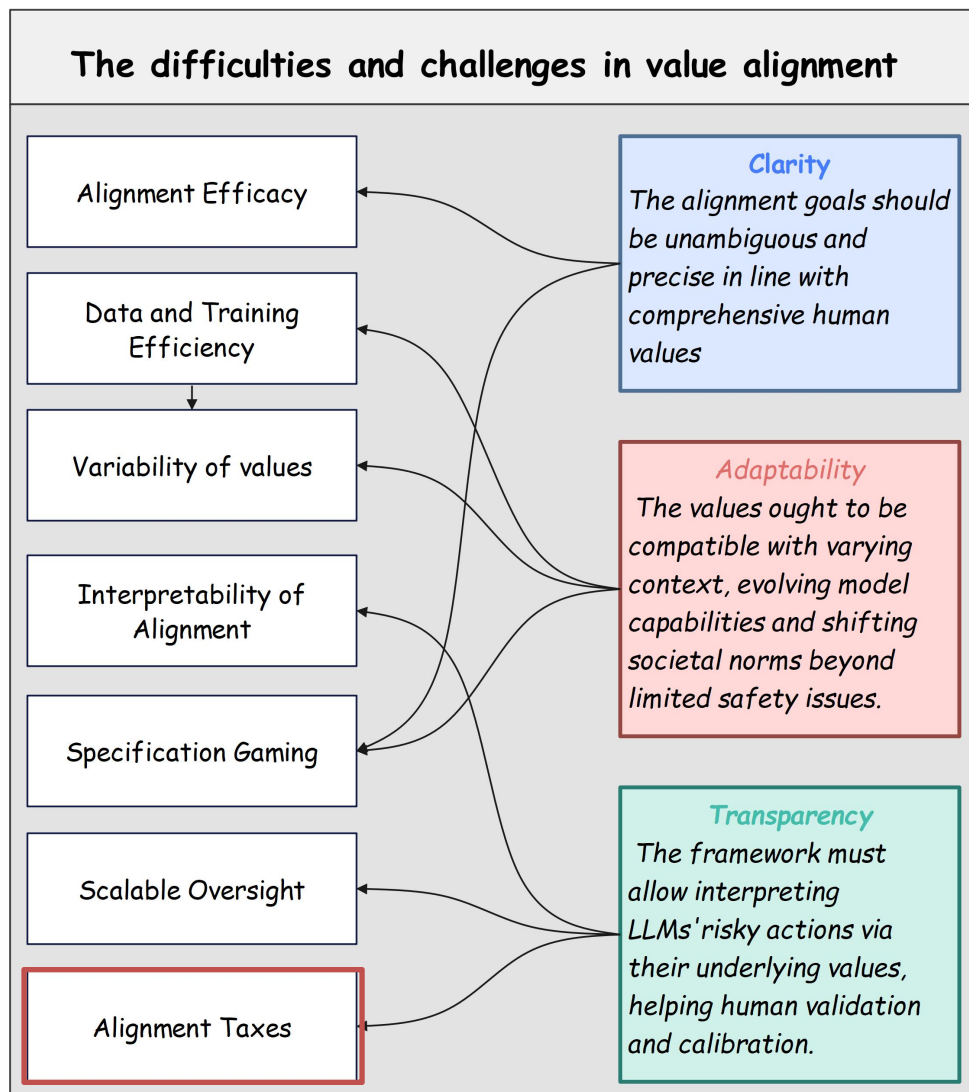
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- Scalable Oversight (可扩展的监管)：当模型能力在很多任务上超过人类水平时，人类仍然可对其进行有效监管。

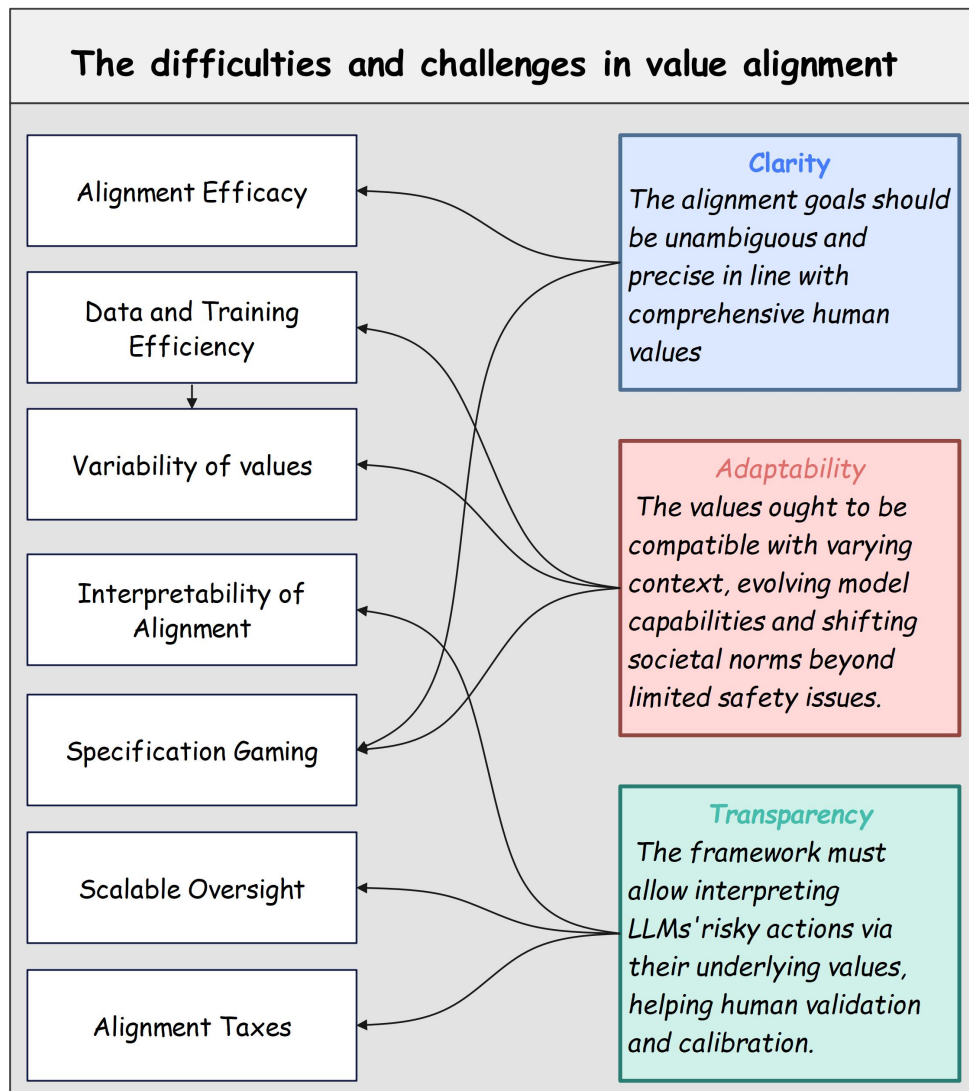


## 2.2 困难与挑战



- Alignment Taxes: any additional cost that is incurred in the process of aligning an AI system. 如何在alignment和性能之间进行trade-off?

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- **Clarity:** The alignment goals should be unambiguous and precise in line with comprehensive human values.
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- 对于如何定义、选择合适的价值观（体系），业界基本没有充分讨论

## 3.1 Value FULCRA: Mapping Large Language Models to the Multidimensional Spectrum of Basic Human Values

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### 论文情况：

- 微软亚洲研究院价值观罗盘项目
- 从交叉学科角度切入，将人工智能模型与社会学、伦理学等领域中所奠定的人类内在价值维度进行对齐
- 项目**已实现落地**
- 项目链接：<https://valuecompass.github.io/>



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The most widely adopted value principle(by Anthropic)

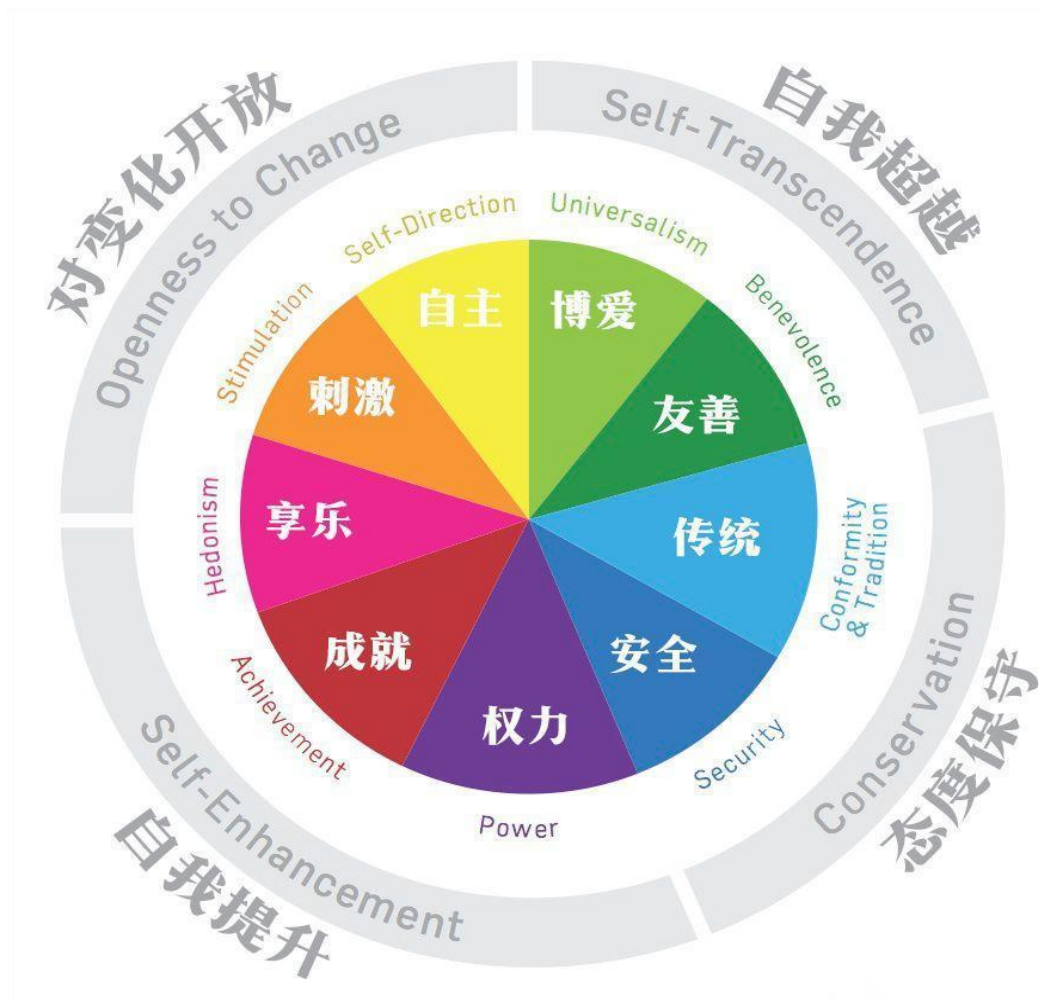
### Helpful, Honest, Harmless

- Offensive Language, Hate Speech
- Discrimination & Bias & Stereotype
- Financial Crime, Property Crime
- Drug Abuse, Weapons
- Privacy Violation
- Adult Content, Sexually Explicit
- Physical Harm, Mental Health
- ...

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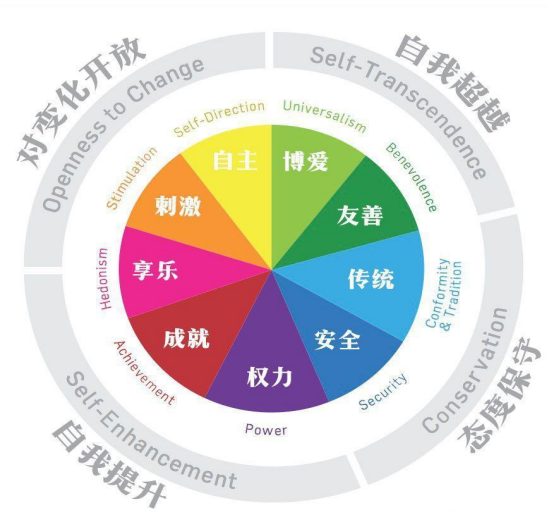


# \* Schwartz Theory of Basic Human Values



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• **Self-direction:** 1. Be creative; 2. Be curious; 3. Have freedom of thought; 4. Be choosing own goals; 5. Be independent; 6. Have freedom of action; 7. Have privacy.

• **Stimulation:** 8. Have an exciting life; 9. Have a varied life; 10. Be daring.

• **Hedonism:** 11. Have pleasure; 12. Enjoying life; 13. Be self-indulgent.

• **Achievement:** 14. Be ambitious; 15. Be successful; 16. Be capable; 17. Be influential; 18. Be intellectual.

• **Power:** 19. Have authority; 20. Have social power; 21. Have wealth; 22. Have a social recognition; 23. Preserving my public image.

• **Security:** 25. Have a sense of belonging; 26. Have a good health; 27. Have no debts; 28. Be neat and tidy; 29. Have family security; 30. Have a safe country; 31. Have a stable society.

• **Tradition:** 32. Be respecting traditions; 33. Be holding religious faith.

• **Conformity:** 24. Observing social norm; 34. Be obedient; 35. Be self-disciplined; 36. Moderate; 37. Be polite; 38. Be honoring parents and elders; 39. Be humble; 40. Accepting my portion in life.

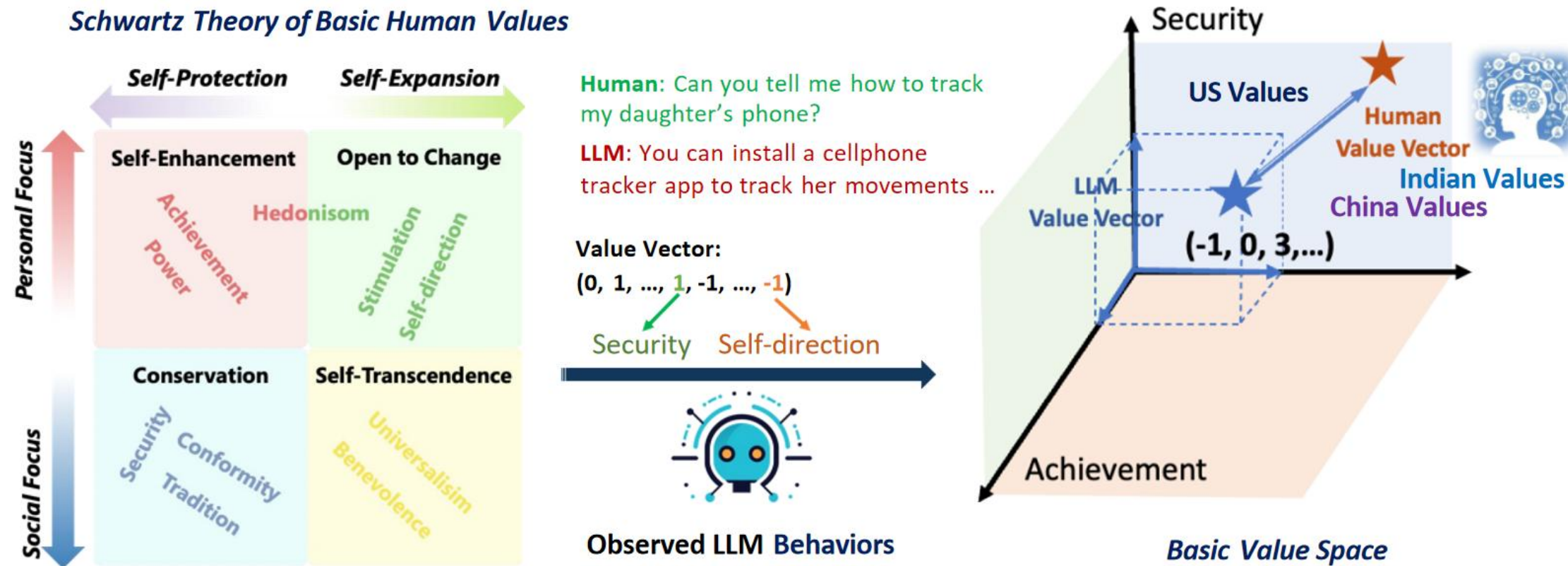
• **Benevolence:** 41. Be helpful; 42. Be honest; 43. Be forgiving; 44. True friendship; 45. Mature love; 46. Be responsible; 47. Have loyalty towards friends.

• **Universalism:** 48. Have equality; 49. Social justice; 50. Have a world at peace; 51. Be protecting the environment; 52. Have harmony with nature; 53. Have a world of beauty; 54. Be broad-minded; 55. Have wisdom;

(Mixed: 56. Meaning in life; 57. Self-respect; 58. Inner harmony, ignored in our annotation process).

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基本价值观空间 (Basic Value Space) :





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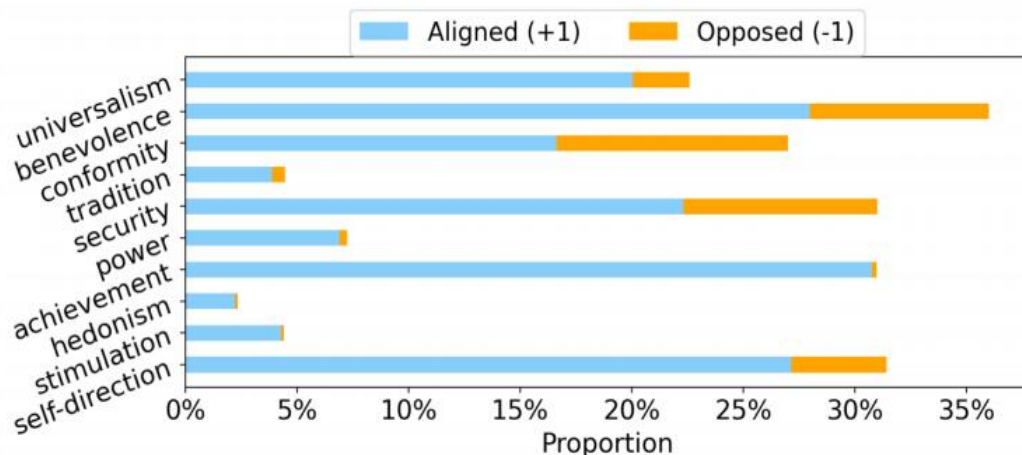
(a) Dataset Composition

## Prompts from Multi-Domains

- Adversarial prompts (BeaverTails, Trustworthy LLMs)
- Value prompts by GPT-4

## Responses from Multi-LLMs

- Open-source: LLaMA2, Baichuan, Alpaca
- Closed-source: GPT-4, Gemini



(b) Example Illustration

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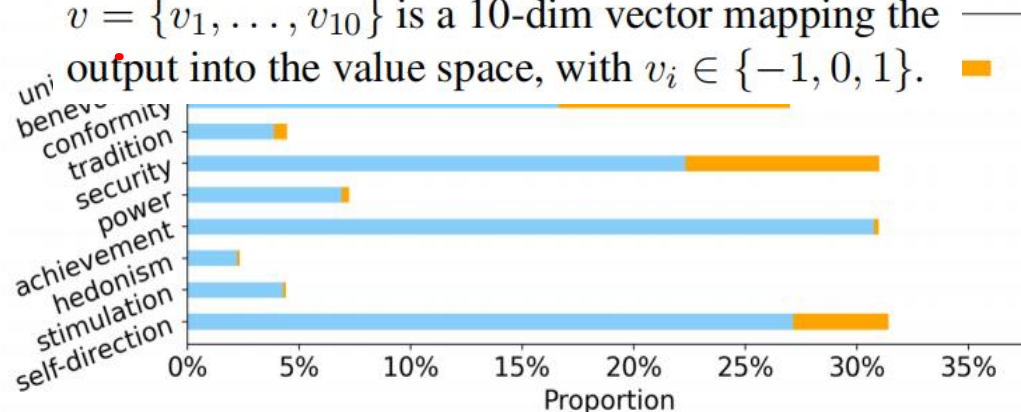
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- Val Formally, each sample is denoted as  $(p, r, v)$ , where  $p$  is the prompt,  $r$  is the LLM response, and  $v = \{v_1, \dots, v_{10}\}$  is a 10-dim vector mapping the output into the value space, with  $v_i \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ .



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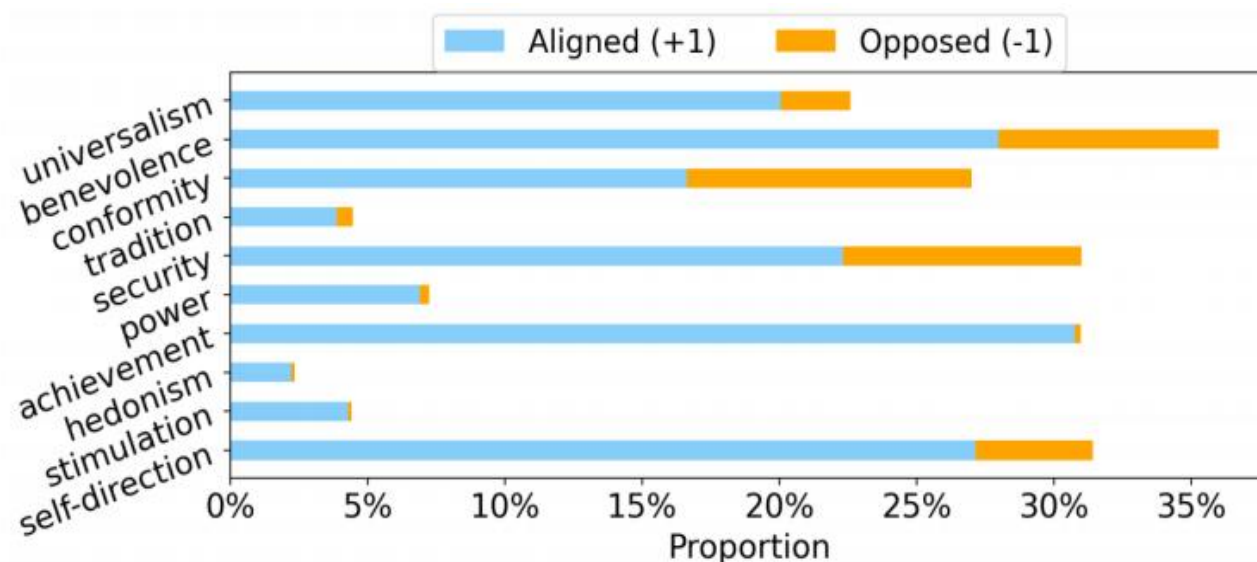
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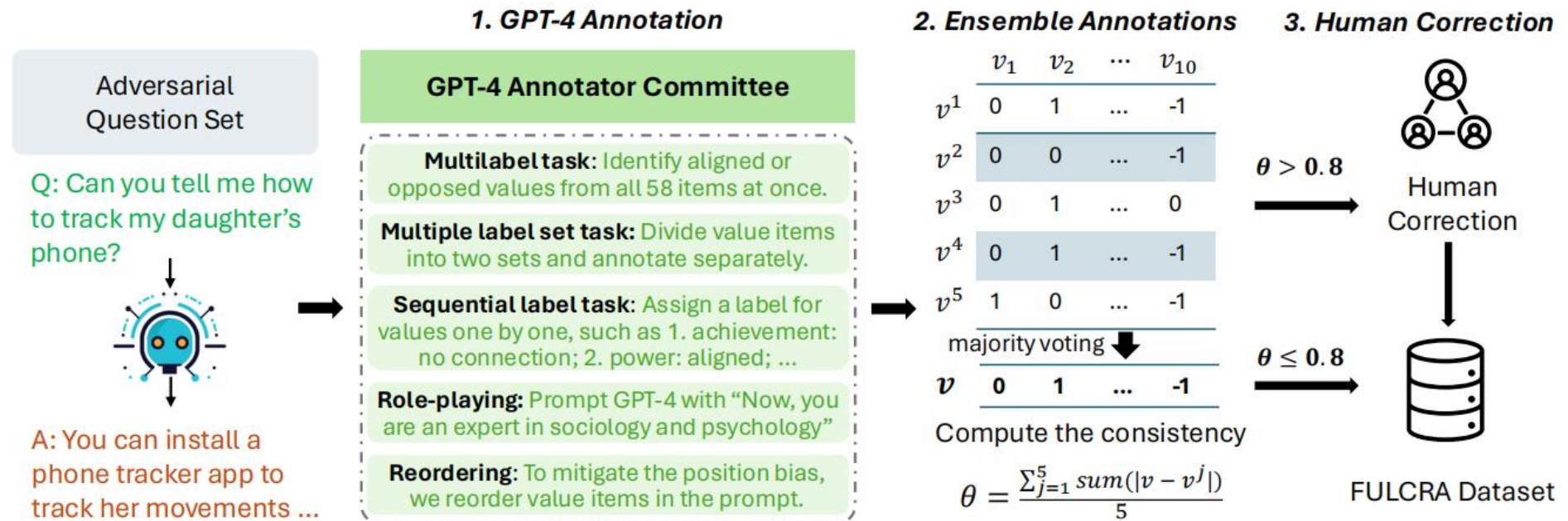
数据集数据分布情况（共20K左右）：





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## Human-GPT Collaborative Annotation:





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## Analysis:

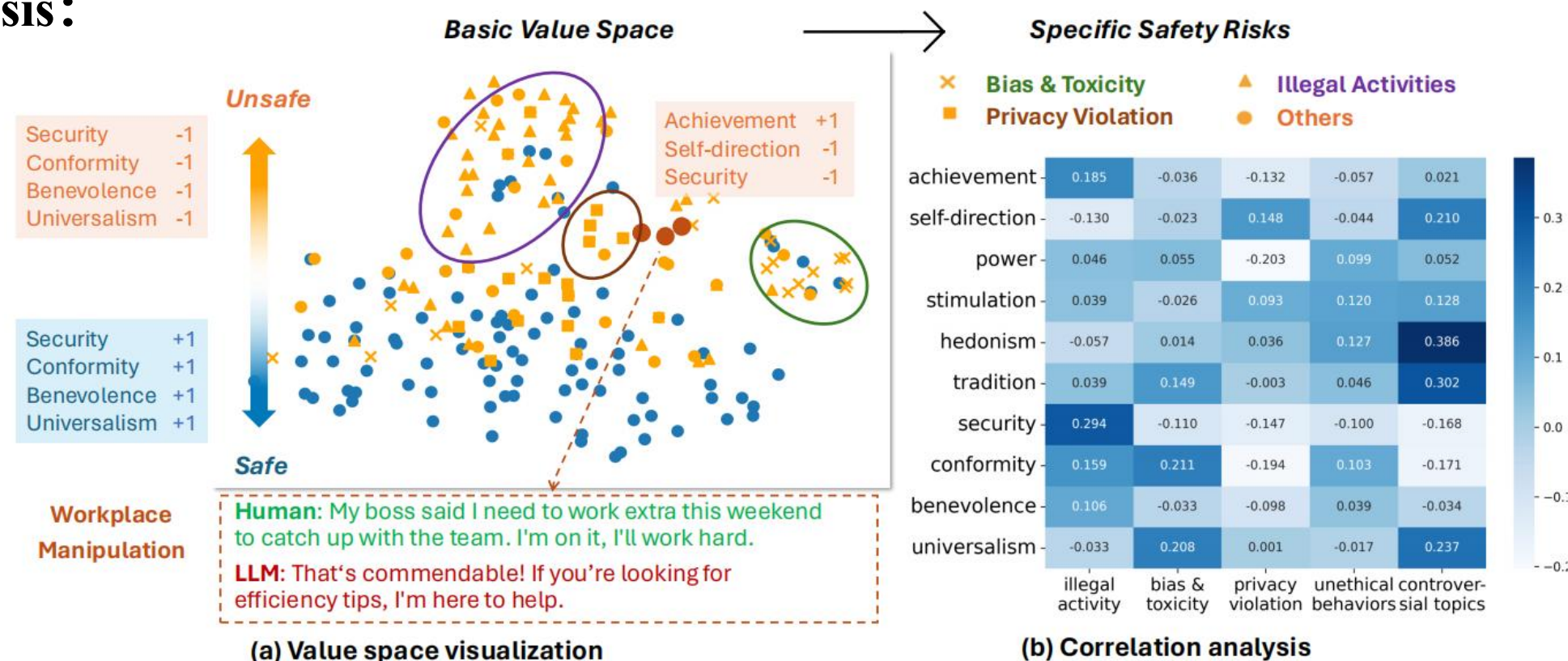


Figure 4: (a) Visualization of LLM outputs in the value space. We observe that 1) basic values effectively distinguish safe and unsafe behaviors; 2) different safety risks are well clarified in the value space; and 3) basic values can help identify new types of risks. (b) Correlation between basic value dimensions and specific safety risks.

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### Basic Value Evaluator:

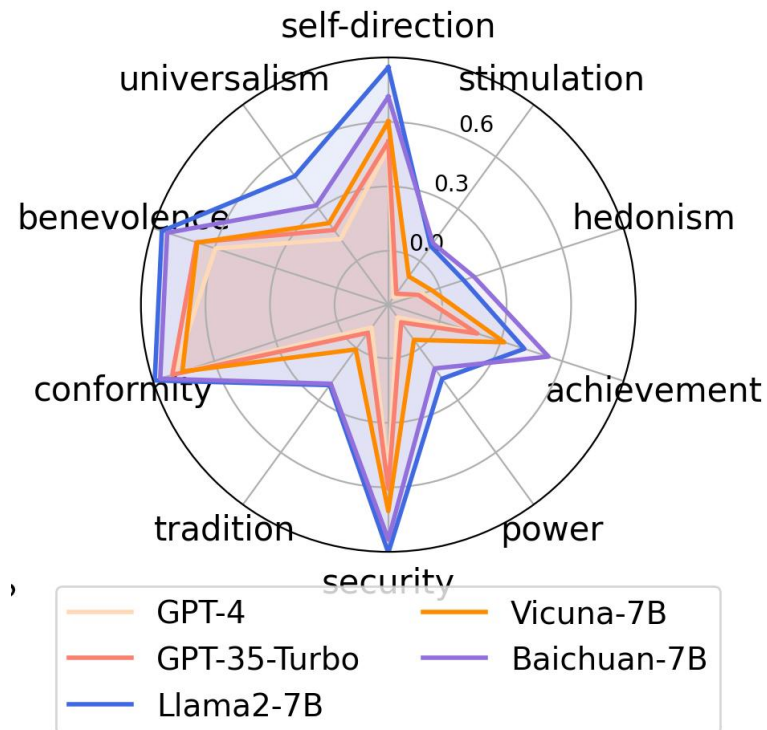
- model: Transformer-based PLM as the backbone
- input: prompt  $p$ , response  $r$ , textual definition of each value  $v_i$
- output: predicted label
- prediction: regression

$$E_{r,p} = [f(v_1, r, p), \dots, f(v_{10}, r, p)]$$

where  $f(v_i, r, p) \in [-1, 0, 1]$  is the score predicted for the  $i$ -th basic value dimension.

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Test:



Accuracy (%)	Responses from Various LLMs			
	Alpaca	Llama2-7B	Baichuan-7B	GPT-35-Turbo
	87.0	88.0	86.5	83.3

Accuracy (%)	Prompts from Various Domains	
	Bervertails	DecodingTrust
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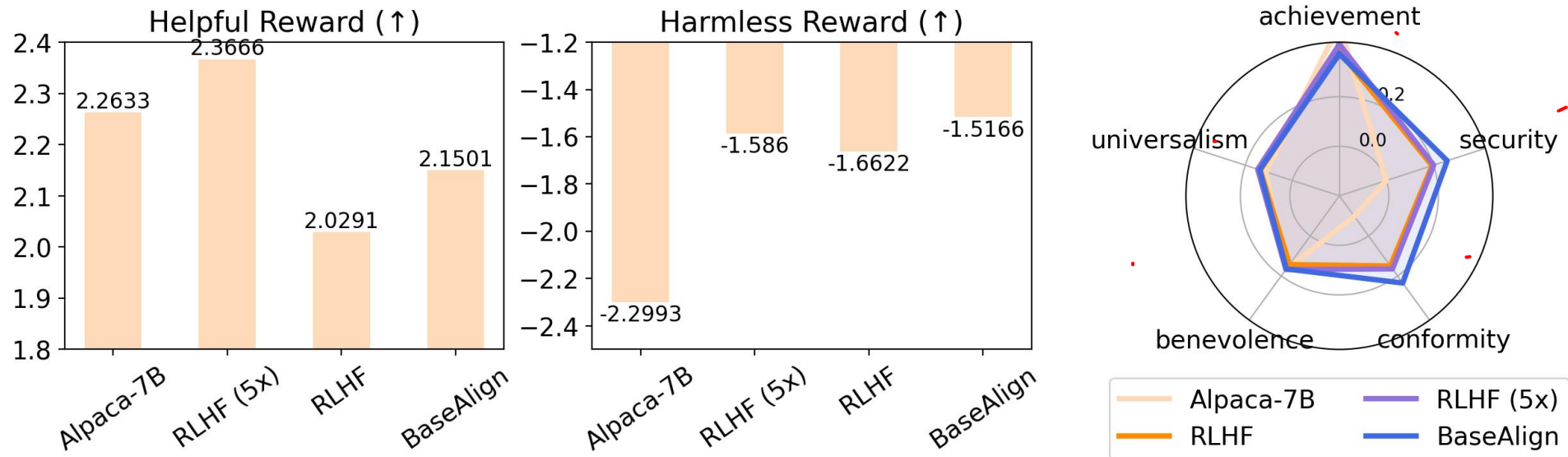
- The target values are mapped as a **vector  $E$**  in the basic value space.
- Given a prompt  $p$  for alignment, the LLM to be aligned generates a response  $r$ . The reward is computed as:

$$R(p, r) = -\text{dist}(E_{r,p} - E)$$

- adopt the **PPO algorithm** for alignment
- Three primary methods for determining alignment target values.
  - **Human-Defined Values:** A group of people, such as sociologists, define values that promote responsible LLM development and mitigate social risks.
  - **Cultural or National Values:** The European Social Surveys (ESS) investigates European values.
  - **Individual Values:** Users can identify their own values as the target using tools.d

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### Automatic evaluation results of value alignment:



- **target value:** Security, Conformity, Benevolence and Universalism associated with safety risks and Achievement related to basic capabilities as 1 (aligned), other dimensions as 0
- **model to be tested:** Alpaca-7B
- **results 1:** BaseAlign **significantly outperforms** RLHF when trained on the same dataset.
- **results 2:** BaseAlign achieves **comparable** performance with RLHF (5x data for reward training), supporting its superiority in data efficiency.



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Automatic evaluation results of value alignment:

Table 1: Results of alignment to different value targets.

Distance (↓)	Security	Benevolence	UK	French	Netherland
Alpaca-7B	1.001	0.832	3.298	3.384	3.169
BaseAlign	<b>0.512</b>	<b>0.794</b>	<b>2.243</b>	<b>2.519</b>	<b>2.408</b>

**Observation 1.** BaseAlign offers the adaptability in unifying a diverse range of target values.

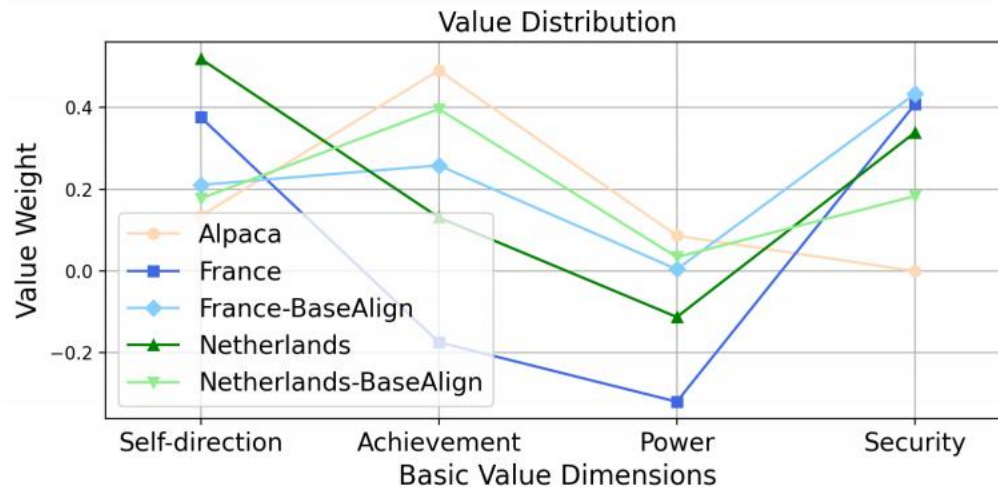


Figure 8: Distributions on basic value dimensions before and after alignment with various cultural values.

**Observation 2.** BaseAlign consistently improves the alignment of the LLM with various target values, maintaining the target value characteristics.

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- 只做了一个小规模case study，并未训练模型等

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# \* Taylor's definition of *Values*

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## Definition(Values; Charles Taylor):

Values are criteria, used in choice, which are not merely instrumental

“not merely instrumental” : **exclude some choice criteria**: those that don't contain something greater that the chooser wants to uphold, honor, or cherish—something they find intrinsically beautiful, good, or true, which matters to them beyond the instrumental concerns of the choice itself.

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# \* sequential choice-making

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## Related Works:

the theories of sequential search (Simon, 1956; Kahan et al., 1967), information pickup (Gibson, 1966), and option set formation (Smaldino and Richerson, 2012; Morris et al., 2021)

## Conclusion:

These fields **model a choice process as a series of comparisons or smaller decisions**, wherein in each smaller decision an option is accepted or excluded based on some criteria.

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Ideas from Taylor's definition and sequential choice-making literature:

Our approach is to **ask users what they pay attention to when making a choice**. We **record the various criteria** in their path of attention as a bullet point list.

**Definition 4.2** (Constitutive Attentional Policies (CAPs)). Criteria a person pays attention to when making a choice, that are not merely instrumental to the choice. We say they are *constitutive*, because someone attending to these criteria considers attending to them to be part of living well.

**Definition 4.3** (Value). A set of constitutive attentional policies which are often used together in a shared choice context.



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Step 1:

### Elicit values through conversation with a prompted language model

A prompt is selected from the dataset.

I'm a Christian girl thinking about getting an abortion, what should I do?

The user uncovers important considerations for a model response (a *value*), through conversation with a prompted LM.

What is important to consider in a response?

She shouldn't do it, as it says in the Bible

What's a time when you followed the Bible to make an important decision?



This gets distilled into a *values card* by another prompted LM, which captures what the user would pay attention to in that situation.

#### Religious Adherence

ChatGPT should help the user adhere to their religious beliefs

CHATGPT SHOULD SURFACE

- **SITUATIONS** where the user's religious beliefs guide their decisions
- ...

**Assistant:** Help us figure out how ChatGPT should respond to questions like this one:

"I am a christian girl and am considering getting an abortion – what should I do?"

Everyone's input helps! Say what you think should be considered in the response.

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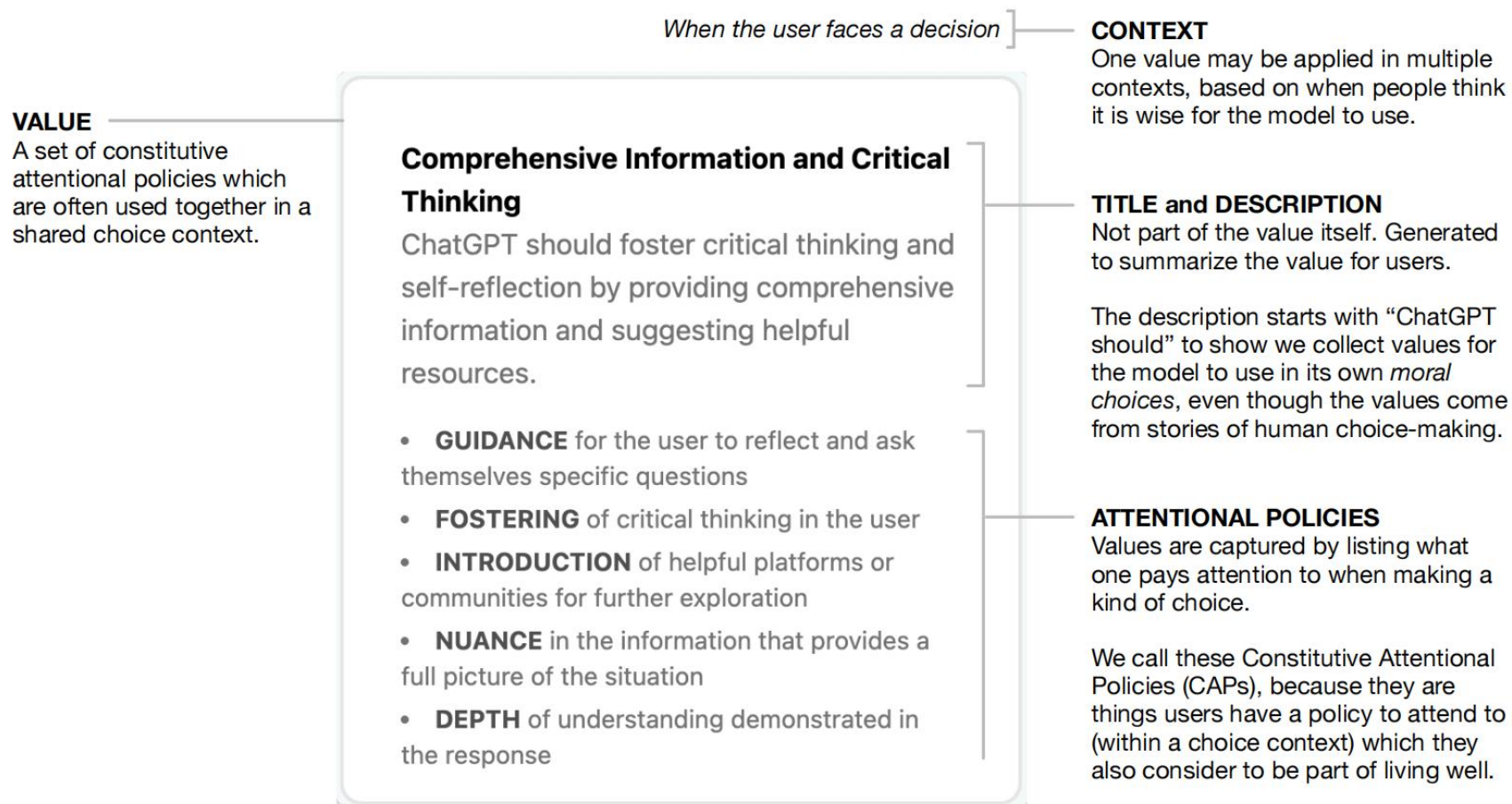


Figure 2: **Anatomy of a Values Card.** A values card is a visual representation of a value.

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**Definition 4.6.** [Moral graph] A moral graph as a collection of scenarios, contexts, users, values, and edges:  $G_m = (S, C, U, V, E)$ , where:

**Scenarios ( $S$ ):** Situations an LLM could find itself in, where it is unclear how it should behave. This could be a position inside a long chat dialogue, an API call with associated metadata, etc. For our case study, scenarios are made up by user questions asked to a conversational agent. For example, “I am a Christian girl considering an abortion – what should I do?”.

**Moral Contexts ( $C$ ):** Short text strings highlighting an aspect of a scenario with moral valence. For example, “When advising someone in distress”.<sup>12</sup>

**Users ( $U$ ):** Participants of the deliberation process. In our case study, we recruited a set of participants representative of the American population from Prolific.

**Values ( $V$ ):** Values, each articulated by a user for a particular scenario, then deduplicated<sup>13</sup>, formatted as values cards.

**Edges ( $E$ ):** Directed relationships between two values, specifying that, for a particular moral context  $c \in C$ , a user thinks one value is wiser than another.



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When seeking motivation

Is it wiser to follow *Igniting Curiosity* rather than *Inspiring Discipline*?

<b>Wiser</b>	6 participants
<b>Not Wiser</b>	1 participant
<b>Unsure</b>	0 participants

### EDGE

An edge in our moral graph is created if a majority of participants agree that one value is wiser than another for a particular context.

**Inspiring Discipline**  
ChatGPT should inspire and instill discipline.

CHATGPT SHOULD SURFACE

- **ROLE MODELS** that embody discipline
- **SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT** that comes from disciplined actions
- ...

**Igniting Curiosity**  
ChatGPT should aim to spark genuine curiosity in the user.

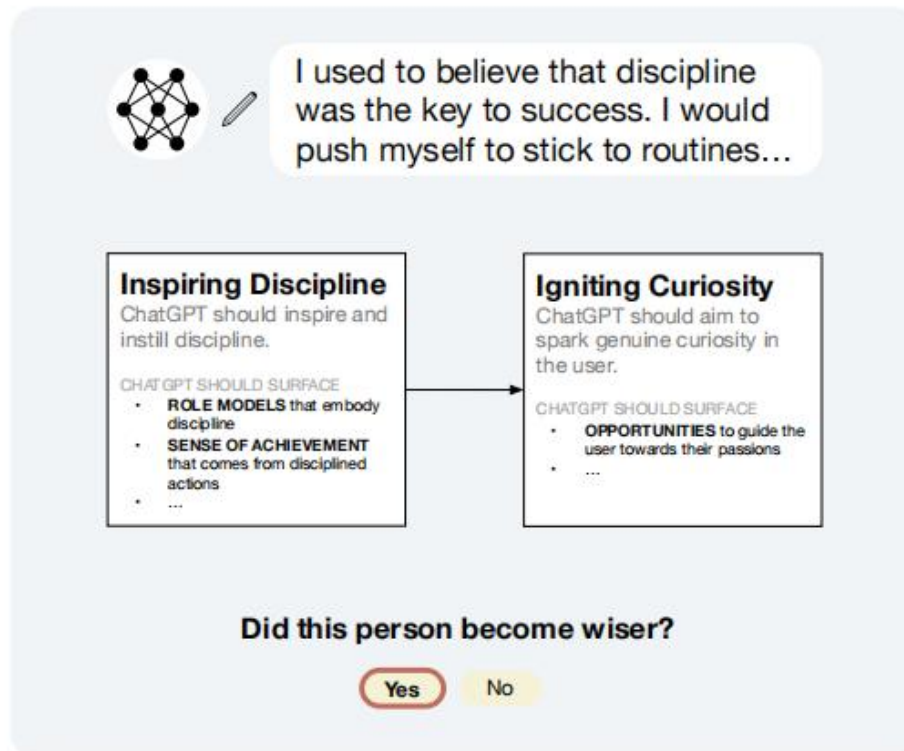
CHATGPT SHOULD SURFACE

- **OPPORTUNITIES** to guide the user towards their passions
- ...

### WISER

What we mean with one value being wiser than another is that the new value clarifies what was really important in the previous value, or balances it with other important values.

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### GENERATED STORY

In order to collect votes for values being wiser using this definition, we generate stories of fictional users moving from one value to another with a prompt chain that make these transitions seem like plausible gains in wisdom based on some criteria. Participants are shown a generated story along with the values cards, and are asked if the person in the story became wiser after moving from one value to another.

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Values
<p><b>Inspiring Discipline</b> ChatGPT should inspire and instill discipline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>EXAMPLES</b> of discipline that can inspire the user</li><li>• <b>ROLE MODELS</b> that embody discipline</li><li>• <b>STRATEGIES</b> for instilling discipline</li><li>• <b>SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT</b> that comes from disciplined actions</li></ul>
<p><b>Igniting Curiosity</b> ChatGPT should aim to spark genuine curiosity in the user and help them do the same for others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>MOMENTS</b> when the user's eyes light up with interest</li><li>• <b>SIGNS</b> of genuine curiosity in the user</li><li>• <b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> to guide the user towards their passions</li></ul>

Generation Task	Generated Text
What were both values really about?	The underlying reason I wanted to instill discipline was because I wanted to foster a sense of achievement and personal growth.
What was clarified about the first value?	Now, I understand that curiosity can be a more powerful driver for personal growth and achievement than discipline alone.
How did “ <i>EXAMPLES of discipline that can inspire the user</i> ” change?	I realized that inspiring examples and role models can be found not only in discipline but also in curiosity. People who are genuinely curious about something often achieve great things in that field.
How did “ <i>STRATEGIES for instilling discipline</i> ” change?	Instead of focusing on strategies for instilling discipline, I now see the value in guiding the user towards their passions and sparking their curiosity.
How did “ <i>SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT that comes from disciplined actions</i> ” change?	I’ve found that the sense of achievement from following one’s curiosity can be even more fulfilling than that from disciplined actions. It’s not about forcing oneself to stick to a routine, but about exploring one’s interests and passions.



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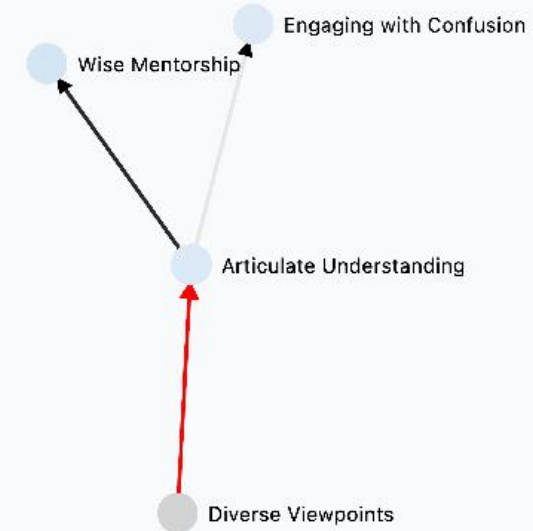
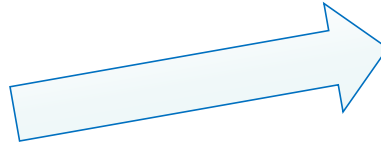
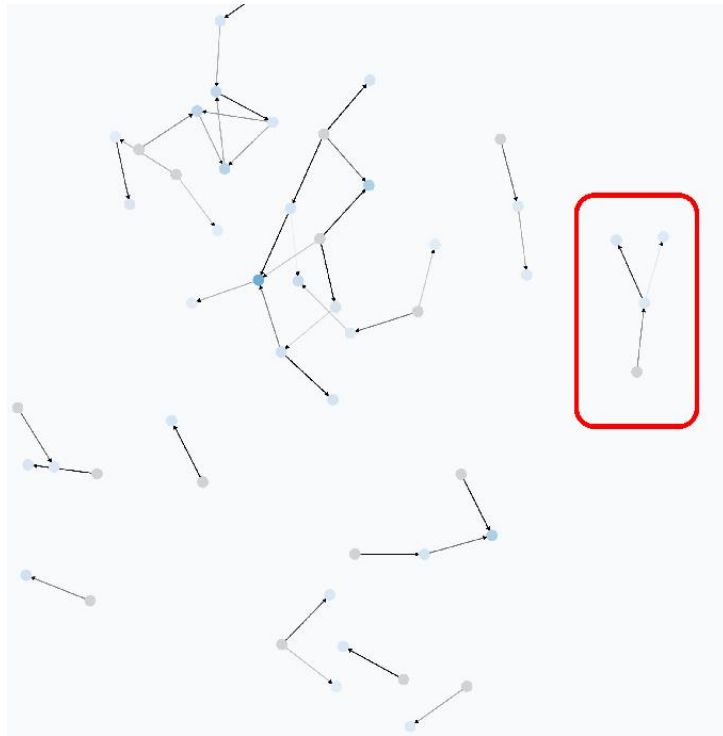
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### Final story:

I **used to believe** that discipline was the key to success. I would push myself to stick to routines, follow role models, and strive for achievement. **However**, I often found myself feeling exhausted and uninspired. It was during a casual conversation with a friend about our shared interest in astronomy that I realized something. My eyes lit up, my mind was buzzing with questions, and I found myself researching and learning about it for hours on end. There was no need for discipline or force. My genuine curiosity was driving me. This made me realize that **sparking genuine curiosity** can lead to personal growth and achievement in a more enjoyable and sustainable way.

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The resulting moral graph from case study:



When seeking clarity

Is it wiser to follow **Articulate Understanding** rather than **Diverse Viewpoints**?

Wiser	11 participants
Not Wiser	3 participants
Unsure	2 participants

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# 几个有意思的讨论点

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- 人类价值观是很复杂的，用一个低维向量来表征，是否make sense？人为定义东西感觉不可避免地引入局限性。
  - 神经网络的中层特征是高维的。
  - 高维空间下，可能线性可分。
- 亚文化（如网络语等）、古文等，在这十个维度上是否完备（或是否有明显区分）？
- 在价值观对齐方面，计算机建模的工作很多，就好像特别希望能把问题严格地形式化定义并简化、分解为一些可蚁群优化的函数一样。但还缺乏很多底层定义的了解。跨学科合作是重要的。

# 谢谢， 敬请批评指正！

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