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Nothing is hallucinated, everything is stolen

IaT #3

First of all

A short time ago
in a galaxy not very far away

Why is it happending now?
It's not just the technology!
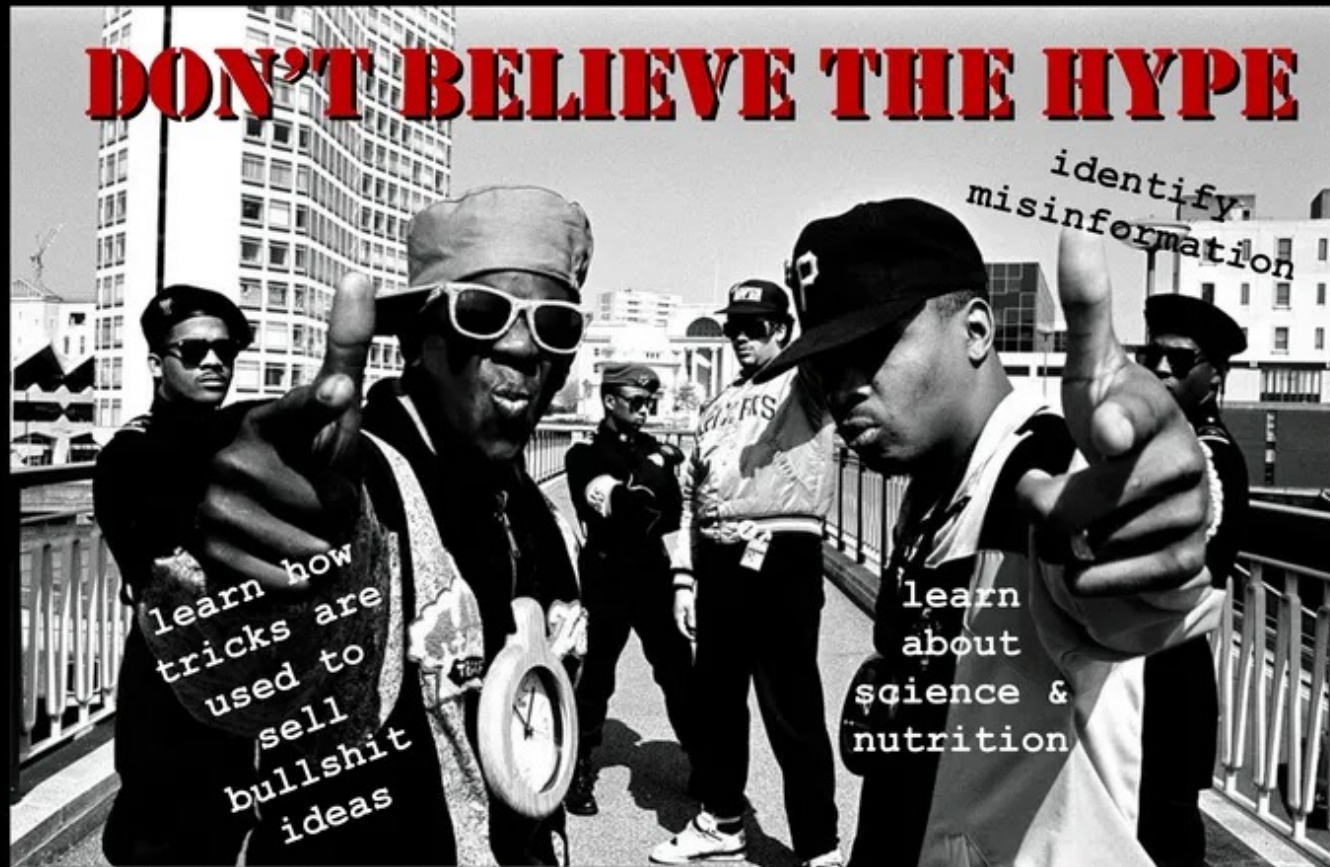
- Interest rates are rising

- Money isn't free anymore

- Bye, bye unicorns

- Crypto crashed

- The Metaverse imploded

- And Alexa won't be telling you how hot you are

  any time soon

- Now what???

The next big thing!

Large Language Models
What are they not?

- Machine Learning/AI is a great tool

- But it will not be what's hyped right now

- Let's get away from the marketing terms and over-awe

    - A lot of big data is now AI

- It's not human – it has no will/aspirations/desires

Large Language Models
What are they

- Autocomplete - on steroids

- "It's Just Adding One Word at a Time" Stephen Wolfram[1]

- There is no trust in itself - Habsburg

- Best def so far from Italy: AI.[3] SALAMI[2)

"Systematic Approaches to Learning

Algorithms and Machine Inferences"

-"Is this AI intelligent?"   -"Is this SALAMI intelligent?"

-"Can this AI write a novel?"   -"Can this SALAMI write a novel?"

-"Does this AI deserve human rights?"   -"Does this SALAMI deserve human right:

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Cui bono – who profits?
Who are the people behind the marketing?

- Peter „Competition is for suckers" Thiel

- Elon „I bought Twitter for 40 billion, now it's worth maybe 8 billion" Musk

    - Both investors in „OpenAI"

- The list of the usual tech bros goes on

What are they doing?
Narrative imposition

- They are telling us a story:

- "A fantasized AI-enabled utopia or apocalypse which promises either a "flourishing" or "potentially catastrophic" future"

- Best option: let us do what we want - don't ask questions

Narrative Imposition
Is truly harmful !!!!

- While we are supposed to adopt to this imagined future we miss the chance, to influence the very real present

- Data theft for the profit of the few

- Worker exploitation[5]

- CO_2

- Synthetic media = fake news+danger 2 info ecosystem[6]

A bit more practical
It wasn't me

- Avoiding responsibility while „supposedly" saving money

    - Judicial system[4)]/health care/unemployment/job applications, etc.

- There is a tried formula for this:

    - Apply new tech to vulnerable goups (prisoners, refugees, children, unemployed, call center workers)

    - Move tech up the salary chain – things invented in the Amaz warehouse are surveilling you in the home office now

Skin and the game
It's not Humpty Dumpty

"The hype of "powerful digital minds", by design, ascribes agency to the products rather than the organizations building them." Timnit Gebru[7]

Hyper-bureaucracy
Vs Good people

- What is being built here is a hyperbureaucracy

- A system of no appeals

        BUT

- It is not inherent in the tech

- The real question: How do we use the tech?

- There are many good people working on SALAMIs as we
    as Salamis

What can we do?
Against lock-in and centralization of power

- If we truly want to use these tools in creative and beneficial ways, we can

  - address issues of data theft (only open data sets)

  - include the people at the receiving end to build completely different types of SALAMIs

  - support the people that smartly critcize the hype

  - put some „skin in the game"

For Switzerland
And maybe others

- We have top-talent

- We have great companies

- Let's do this locally with the aim of solving the problem of the present so we can build a future we imagine ourselves

Thank you!

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Read this is you really want to know more

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