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Threats and Opportunities for Leveraging LLMs

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Company Summary

- Small U.S. business est. 2001
- Core capabilities in AI, Machine Learning
- Serving multiple USG clients in DOD, DHS, NSF
- Significant experience designing, building, testing and evaluating LLMs
- Research into building and deploying AI for DARPA
- Cutting-edge NSF work on LLM bias, threat and vulnerability detection and mitigation

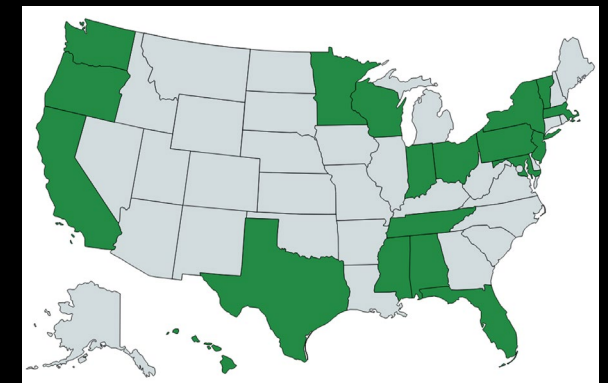
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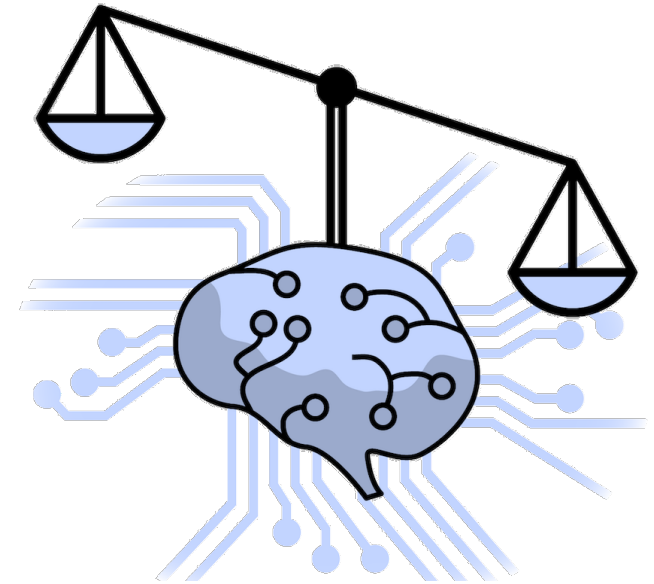


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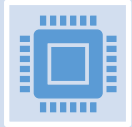
- Rapidly summarize/contextualize information relevant to IC
- Avoid biases and toxic or erroneous outputs
- Create novel approaches to address LLM vulnerabilities



Threats



Injection attacks while training LLMs: nearly impossible to detect with 100% certainty



Inference attacks: can be mitigated with extensive testing, but full protection requires human in the loop



LLMs trained on US/Western data will have biases that cloud responses to foreign threats



Hallucinations, especially from COTS LLMs, will produce responses that appear legitimate but are entirely falsified



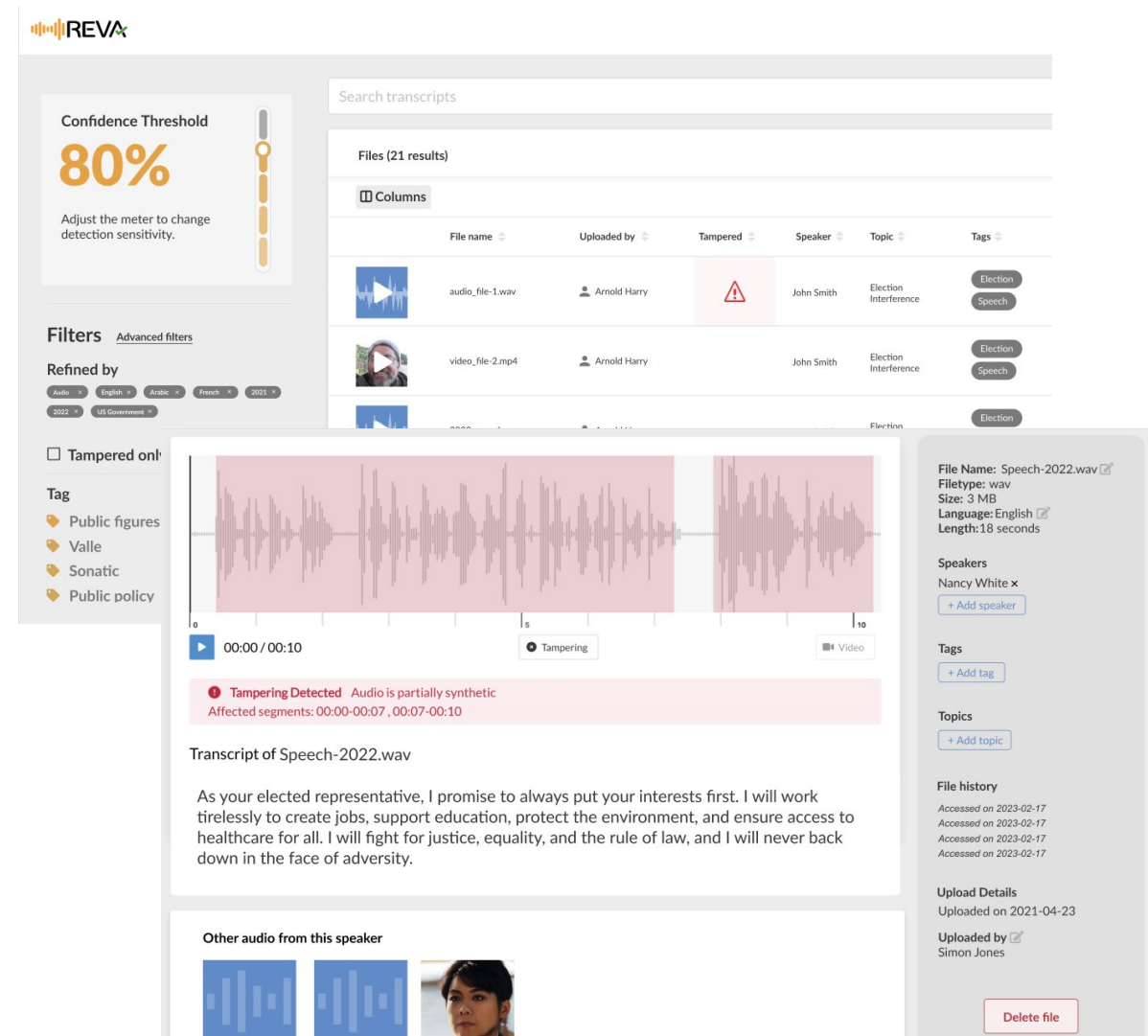
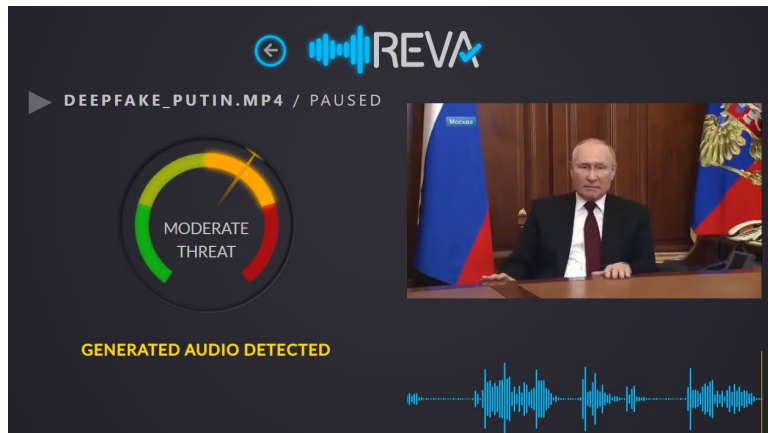
Current DARPA Work: Countering Deepfakes

Summary

- Developed by Eduworks for DARPA under SBIR 2017-2024
- Detects GAN-generated speech deepfakes in real time
- Can be used forensically to analyze large media collections
- Uses ML ensemble trained on a large, varied dataset
- Robust to degraded audio conditions (telephone, VOIP)

Benefits

- Gives analysts better SA than vulnerable legacy techniques
- API can readily provide REVA services to any client system
- Powerful job aid to rapidly triage collected media
- Localization, Diarization, Topic Extraction, Language ID



Current NSF Work: Safe LLMs

Summary

- AI alignment of skills with job postings
- Extracts skills and relationships in unstructured text.
- Prioritized list of most relevant skills for a job title or description.
- Scores alignment between KSAs and a course materials.
- Finds and replaces Company Identifiable Information (CII)
- Developing de-biasing techniques for LLM training and tuning



Benefits

- **Bias Mitigation** via pre-training our LLMs enables mitigation and bias measurement at all levels
- Bias testing pipelines built into each model design
- **Counterfactual Data Augmentation** replaces biased terms with neutral equivalent or multidirectional expansion
- **Bias regularization** debiases embedding during LLM training by minimizing projection of neutral words on relevant axes

Mechanical Engineer

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[Add Skills Manually](#) [Upload Job Description](#)

Add Training Objectives

Search By Skill Job Title

Select the skills you want trained.

- 2 Design computer modeling or simulation programs.
 - Mathematicians
 - Operations Research Analysts
 - Search Marketing Strategists
 - Biostatisticians
 - Database Architects
- 2 Model operational processes.
 - Multiple sources...

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Training Objectives

Skills

- 1 Apply mathematical principles or statistical approaches to solve problems in scientific or applied fields.
- 2 Recommend design modifications to eliminate machine or system malfunctions.
- 3 Confer with engineers or other personnel to implement operating procedures, resolve system malfunctions, or provide technical information.
- 2 Prepare specifications, designs, or sketches for machines, components, or systems related to the generation, transmission, or use of mechanical or fluid energy.

Summary and Benefits

Use-case focused LLMs:

- Custom LLMs via pretraining, fine tuning, and expanded architecture
- Models that offer confidence scores
- RLHF options to improve accuracy of confidence measures

Anticipated Benefits:

- Dramatically reduce hallucination
- Minimize costly retraining
- Provide access to real-time data
- Integrate into existing infrastructure



Thank You

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