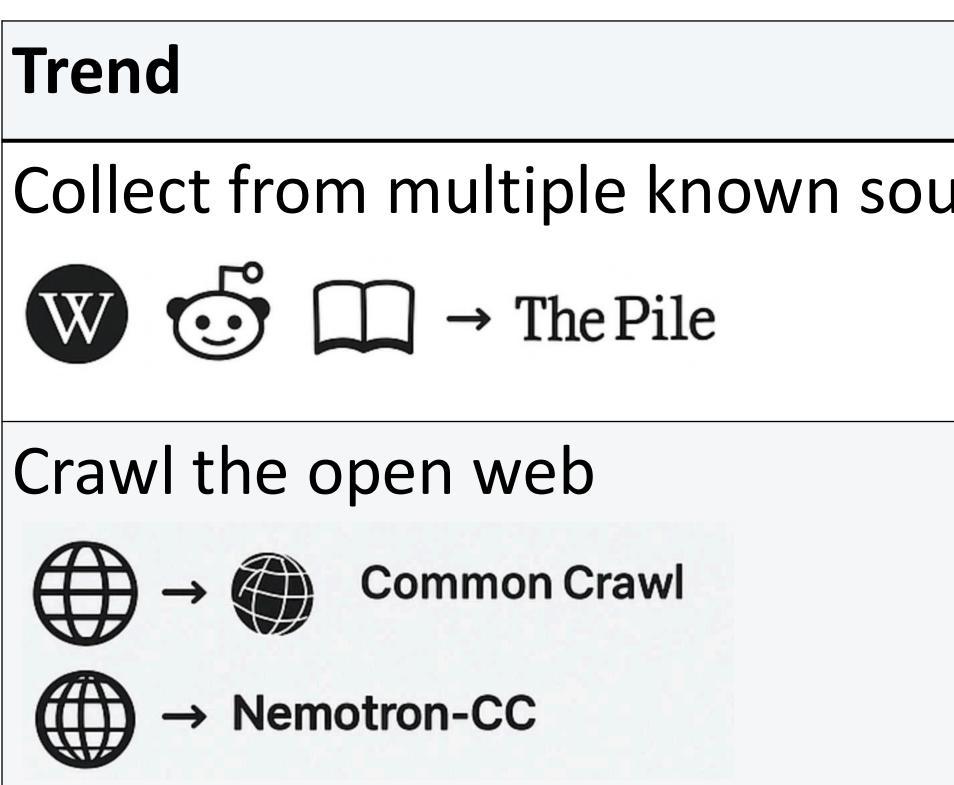
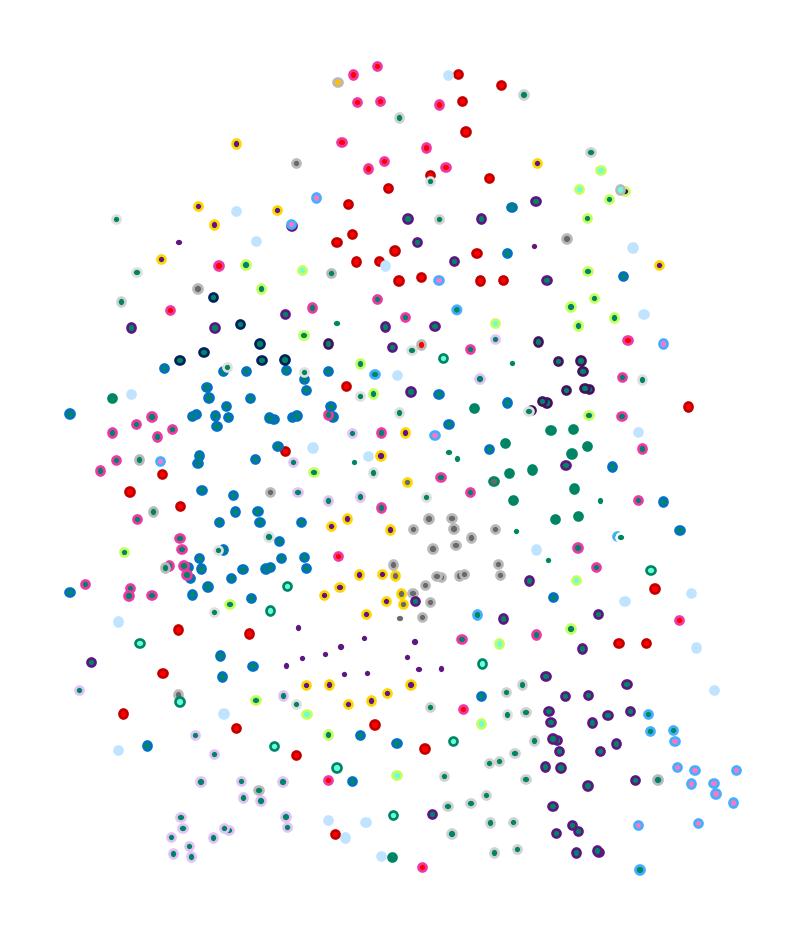
CLIMB: CLustering-based Iterative Data Mixture Bootstrapping for Language Model Pre-training

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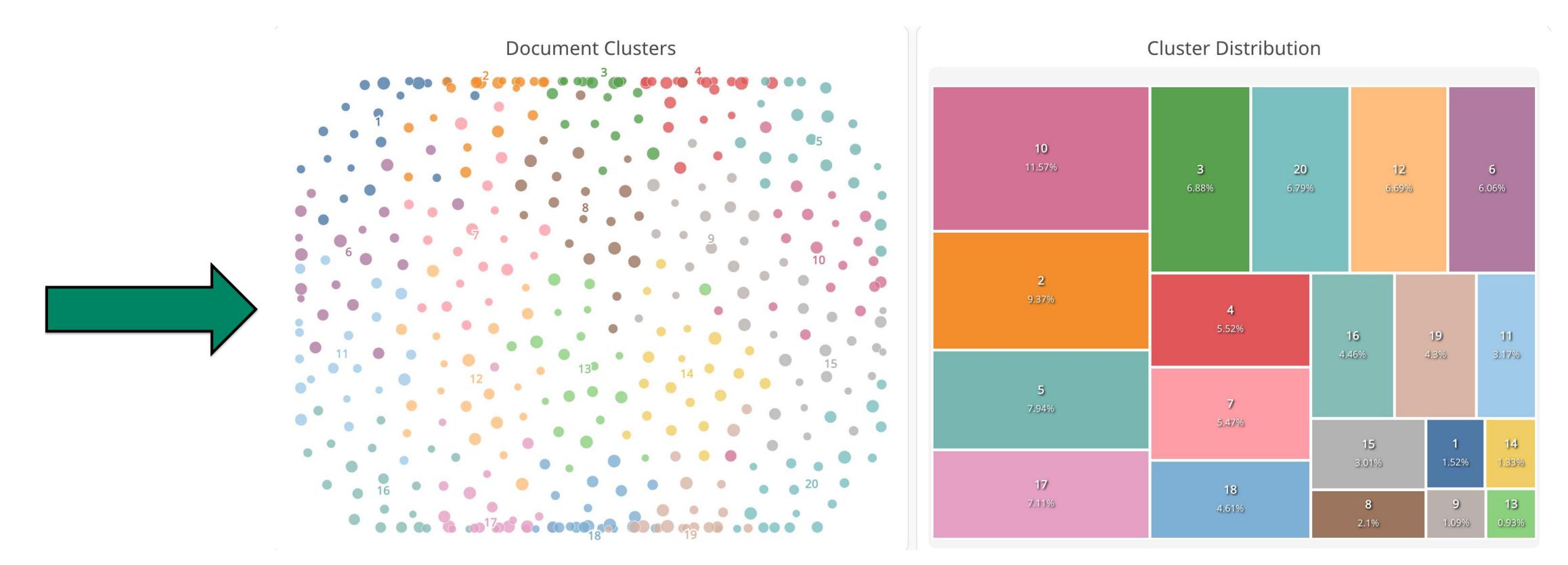


Trends and Challenges in Pre-training Data Curation





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 Quality and Efficiency: High quality data leading to better data efficiency • **Diversity**: Data diversity matters, we need domain-aware data Search: Neural Data mixtures as an optimization problem

Expectation





Pilot Study



Data Organization: CLIMB-Clustering

Clustering

- Data quality and data diversity
- Neural Classifier
- Data Mixing: CLIMB-Search
 - Lightweight Proxy Model
 - Predictor Training

Exploration

Cluster huge data into different clusters based on semantic meaning

 Prompt Teacher model to generate data to train classifiers More fine-grained scores with clear criteria and efficient classifiers



- Step 1: Embedding. Convert texts to embedding vectors
 - Embedding Model: stella_en_400M_v5 (400M, dim=1024)
- Step 2: Clustering.
 - Clustering algorithm: K-Means
- Step 3: Cluster Pruning.
 - Verify each cluster based on some proxy
 - High- (keep), Medium- (drop), Low- (drop) quality clusters



Data Clustering

Documents and Topics

- Eternal Darkness and Corruption
- Tech Solution Provider Merger
- Luna Sea Monkey Hardware Discussion
- Energy Efficiency Solutions
- Christopher Columbus' Voyages
- Effective Health and Therapy
- Healthy Eating Habits
- Do chickens bathe in water?
- Best Casino Games Selection
- Arctic Oil Spill Response
- Music reviews and interviews
- Car Window Washing System Repair
- Sleep and Happiness Juggling

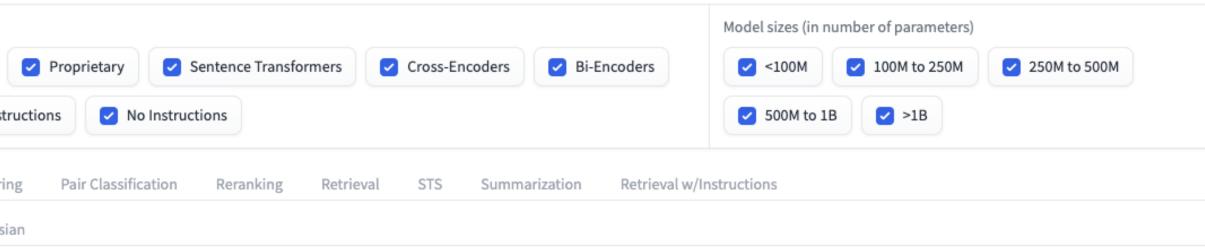
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Massive Text Embedding Benchmark (MTEB) Leaderboard. To submit, refer to the MTEB GitHub repository 🤐 Refer to the MTEB paper for details on metrics, tasks and models. Also check out MTEB Arena 🔀

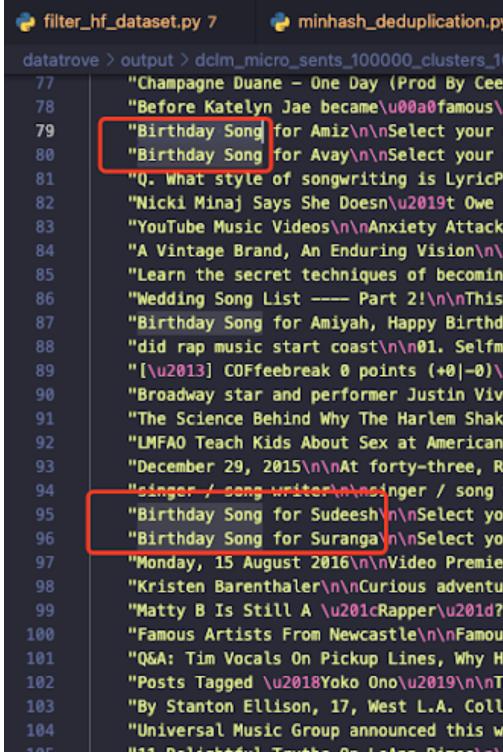


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7613	28.36	3584	131072	70.24	86.58	56.92	85.79
435	1.62	8192	8192	70.11	86.67	56.7	87.74
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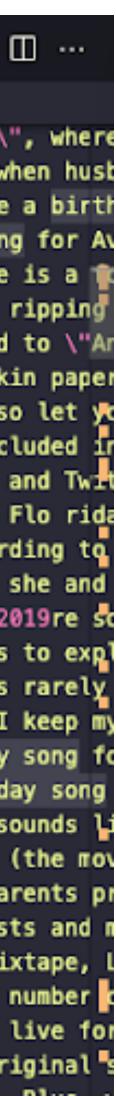
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• Finding #2: identify bad data semantically

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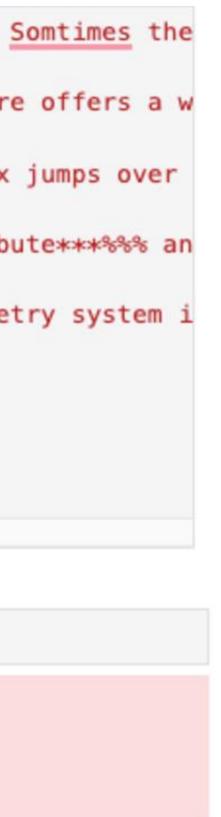
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- Step 1: Leverage larger teacher model (Nemotron-340B) evaluating a subset of pre-training data.
- Step 2: With teacher's generation, train fasttext-based quality classifiers
- Step 3: Filter cluster with model-based quality classifiers

Neural Classifier

Evaluation Criteria for Pre-Training Data

You are an expert evaluator assessing a text for suitability as pre-training data for a large language model. For each criterion, start from 0 points. Then add points based on the conditions described. If no conditions are met, the score remains 0. Please evaluate the given text using the rating scale below. Assign a score from 0 to 5 for each criterion, and reference the expanded guidelines under each category to determine the appropriate rating: **Rating Scale:**

- 0: Does not meet the criterion at all
- 1: Partially meets the criterion
- 2: Fairly meets the criterion
- **3**: Mostly meets the criterion
- 4: Fully meets the criterion • 5: Exceeds the criterion

Criteria and Expanded Guidelines:

- - +1: Correct basic spelling and mostly proper grammar, despite minor slips.

 - +1: Natural language, free from repetitive phrasing, easy to read.

- 2. Advertisement: The text should avoid excessive promotional language or overt advertising.

- +1: At least one accurate fact or relevant information.
- +1: Multiple useful pieces of information.
- +1: Enhances understanding, presents explanations.
- +1: Substantial, well-structured, reliable information.
- +1: Exceptional depth, authoritative content.

- +1: Basic educational relevance, even if mixed with non-academic content.
- +1: Addresses education but lacks strong alignment with standards.
- +1: Suitable for educational use, introduces key concepts.
- +1: Highly relevant for structured learning, minimal extraneous content.
- +1: Outstanding educational value, clear, easy-to-follow insights.

Final Output Format:

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1. Quality: The text is natural, clean, and free from severe grammatical errors, spelling mistakes, syntactical issues, repetitive phrasing, or random symbols.

- +1: Coherent sentence structures, no glaring syntactical breakdowns.
- +1: Polished, no major grammatical errors or spelling mistakes.
- +1: Professional-level writing quality, free from unnatural phrasing.
- +1: Minimal promotional elements, not distracting.
- +1: Subtle promotional aspects, not overshadowing content.
- +1: Mostly neutral with slight marketing-like language.
- +1: Almost free from advertisements, at most one mild reference.
- +1: No detectable promotional content.
- 3. Informational Value: The text provides accurate insights, useful facts, or relevant knowledge.

4. Educational Value: Assess if the text is beneficial for structured learning.

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- Step 1: Clustering Nemotron-CC-HQ (500B tokens) into 1000 clusters
- Step 3: Apply classifiers to filter bad clusters out

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Advertisement

(\n<<<EVERY ORDER FROM THIS SALE RECEIVES A FREE GIFT VALUED AT \$25!>>>\n\nl have this, bought from COTD, and the biggest problem is, after changing bits a few times, the bits keep falling out as there's not enough inside the holder to grab them.

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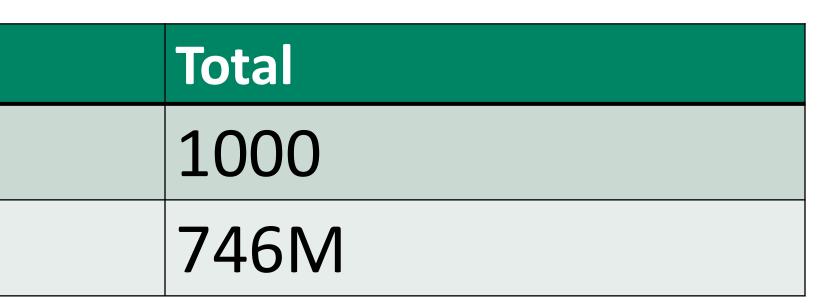
Qualitative Analysis of Clustering-based Data Filtering

• Step 2: Train several classifiers: advertisement > 2, educational > 1 based on the annotations from Nemotron-340B

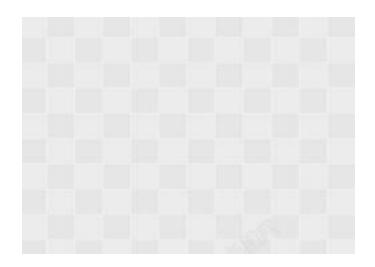
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Results on Nemotron-CC-HQ (500B tokens) data looks promising

- CLIMB-Clustering does not hurt performance, offers gains to MMLU and Math.
- It also has great potential to reduce the model's toxicity.
- Apply the same process to larger, lower-quality datasets, expect even greater improvements
- Note: the original data is of high-quality.

Data	Avg_MMLU	Avg_code	Avg_Math	Avg_other	Avg.
Nemotron-CC-HQ	35.80	26.68	21.91	49.71	29.14
-good	36.53	26.54	22.82	49.89	29.57

CLIMB-Clustering

Clustering-based Data Filtering





CLIMB: the approach



- 1. Embedding all documents into semantic space with embedding models.

- 4. and a regression model to predict the optimal mixture weights.

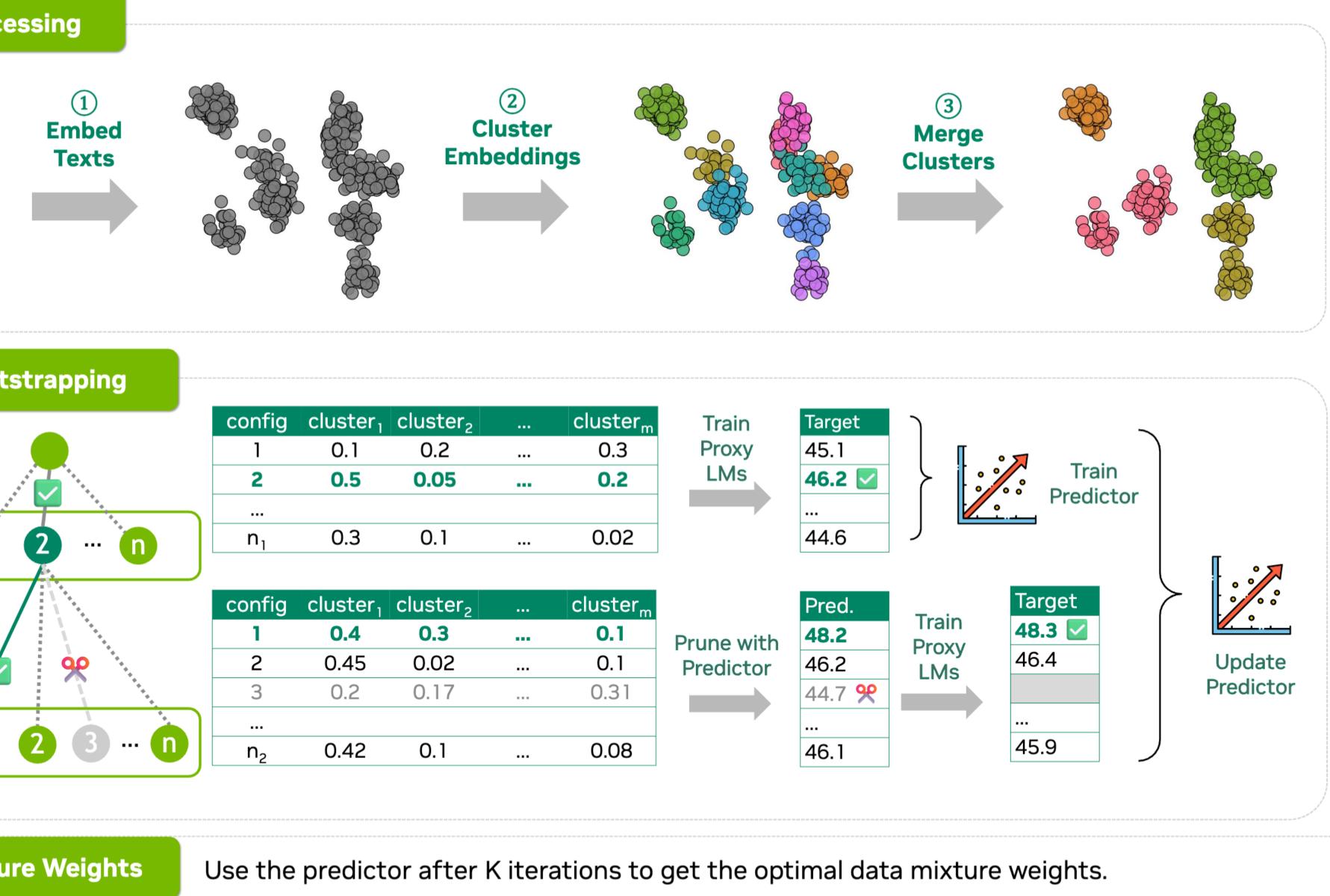
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CLIMB algorithm

2. Grouping all embeddings into N clusters via clustering algorithm (e.g., K-Means).

3. Identifying and filtering bad clusters with quality filters and merging good clusters into M super-clusters.

With the remaining high-quality clusters, searching the optimal mixture weights to combine them. This step, we will train proxy models





- Pre-training
 - Phase1
 - Phase2
 - Phase3
 - Phase4
- Implementation
 - Embedding Model: NovaSearch/stella_en_400M-v5
 - Clustering: K-means into 1000 clusters

Experiments

• Cluster Merging: reduce the clusters from 1000 to 240 with neural classifiers, then group into 21 clusters based on distance. • Iterative Bootstrapping: 64, 32, 16 searches in the first, second, and third iterations. • Predictor Training: LightGBM regression model, L1 and L2 regularization, early stopping, max_depth=4 to prevent overfitting.



- Starting point: Phase1 Pre-trained on 10T tokens (dclm and txt360) using warmup-stable-decay LR schedule • Proxy Model: 350M Transformer, Target Model: 1B Transformer
- Starter Data: Nemotron-CC + smollm-corpus
- CLIMB: 21 clusters containing 800B tokens

Size	Model	Proxy	wiki	lambda	piqa	arc_c	arc_e	hellaswag	winogrande	siqa	avg.
	Base	_	22.70	8.87	70.03	28.11	56.12	51.16	54.48	40.75	50.11
350M	Random	-	20.92	9.85	71.16	30.54	62.50	52.14	55.40	41.29	52.17
	Doremi	350M	19.41	10.39	70.29	33.53	66.41	52.25	55.95	41.86	53.38
	RegMix	350M	20.93	10.32	71.92	33.42	66.12	53.69	55.27	42.23	53.78
	CLIMB	350M	19.67	9.29	72.21	34.87	67.25	55.32	56.79	42.54	54.83
	Base	-	17.79	6.65	73.89	34.92	66.77	62.12	59.82	41.26	56.46
	Random	-	17.82	6.53	74.05	37.12	70.24	62.90	60.77	42.48	57.93
1B	Doremi	350M	15.78	6.33	74.91	40.01	72.34	63.53	61.08	43.09	59.16
	RegMix	350M	16.19	6.62	75.22	40.42	71.32	64.73	62.33	42.22	59.37
	CLIMB	350M	15.96	6.44	75.78	40.98	72.97	66.01	63.32	43.37	60.41

Phase2 Pre-training

Table 1 | Comparison with data mixture methods. All models are continuously trained on the same number of tokens (40B). The best results are highlighted in **bold**. Base refers to the model before training and serves as the starting point for all other models. We report perplexity for wiki and lambda, accuracy for arc_e, winogrande, siqa, accuracy_norm for piqa, arc_c, hellaswag.



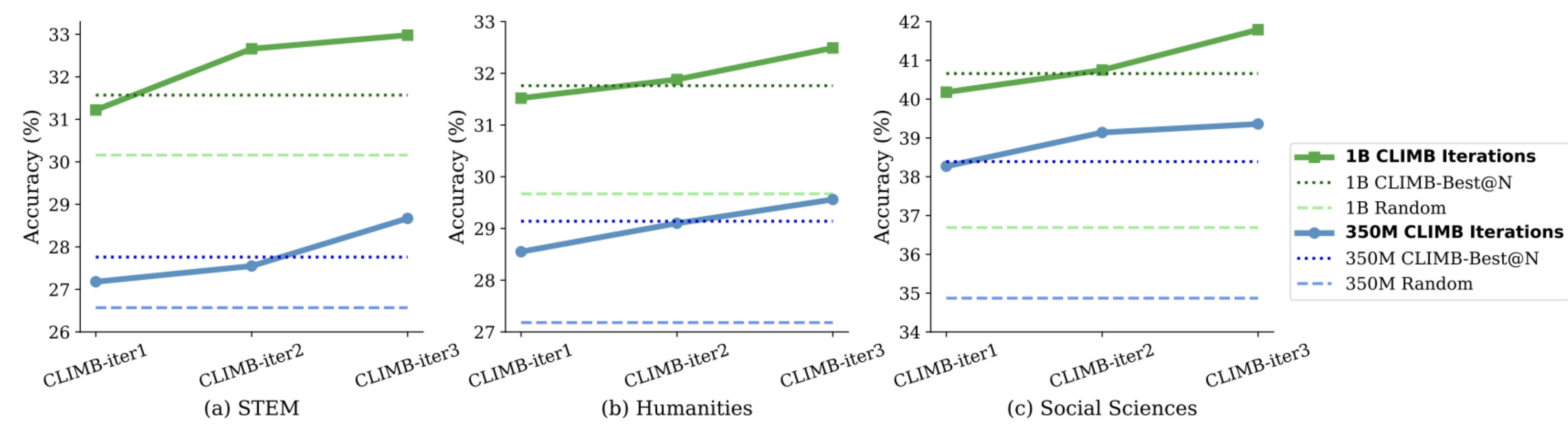
- Starting point: Phase1 Pre-trained on 10T tokens (dclm and txt360) using warmup-stable-decay LR schedule • Proxy Model: 350M Transformer, Target Model: 1B Transformer
- Starter Data: Nemotron-CC + smollm-corpus
- CLIMB: 21 clusters containing 800B tokens

Table 2 | Comparison with state-of-the-art language models on general reasoning benchmarks. CLIMB is continuously trained on 400B tokens with the optimal data mixture. The best results are highlighted in **bold**.

Model	Size	piqa	arc_c	arc_e	hellaswag	winogrande	siqa	mmlu	obqa	boolq	race	lambda	truthfulqa	Avg.
Qwen2.5	490M	69.96	32.42	64.60	52.14	56.59	44.22	33.03	35.20	62.29	34.93	52.51	39.74	48.14
SmolLM	$360 \mathrm{M}$	71.49	36.00	70.08	53.52	56.75	41.20	32.98	37.60	55.29	34.74	45.76	37.93	47.78
CLIMB (Ours)	$350\mathrm{M}$	72.52	35.07	67.38	56.27	57.93	42.88	33.28	36.60	62.29	33.39	52.62	36.86	48.93
TinyLlama	1.1B	73.29	30.12	60.31	59.19	59.12	40.63	31.60	36.00	57.83	36.46	58.84	37.60	48.42
AMD-OLMo	1.2B	75.63	33.70	65.95	63.61	61.64	44.17	31.92	35.80	60.58	34.64	59.31	32.22	49.93
Llama-3.2	$1.2\mathrm{B}$	74.59	36.26	65.49	63.67	60.69	42.99	35.40	37.20	63.98	37.80	62.99	37.67	51.56
CLIMB (Ours)	$950\mathrm{M}$	75.46	40.96	73.57	66.90	63.54	43.55	36.47	41.20	66.02	36.65	59.05	39.06	53.54

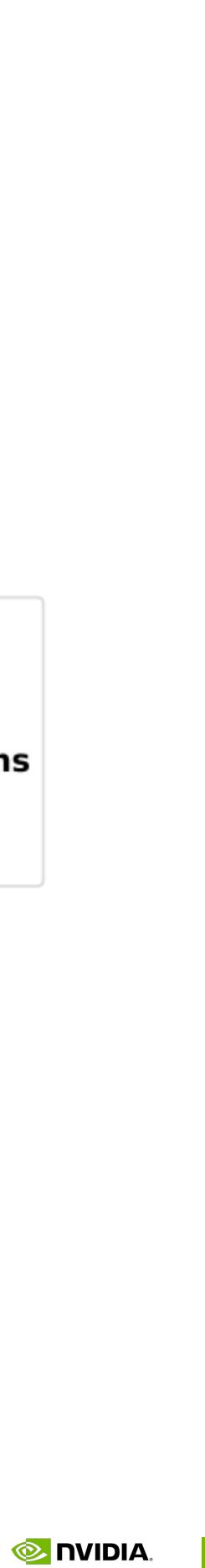
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Analysis – Domain Adaptation



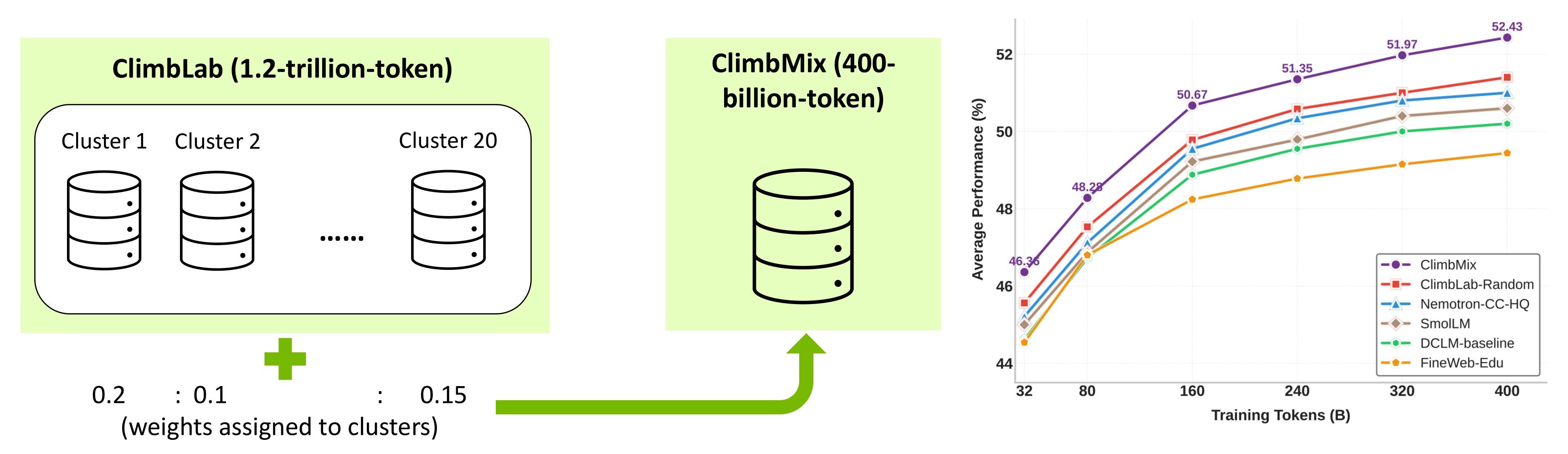
- 1. More compute in search, better performance
- 2. Balance search depth and breadth.
- 3. Proxy model size could be reduced.
- 4. Robust to number of clusters
- 5. Robust to initialization method

Ablation Study

Setting	Model	Proxy	Comp.	piqa	arc_c	arc_e	hellaswag	winogrande	siqa	Avg.
	CLIMB	350M	100%	75.78	40.98	72.97	66.01	63.32	43.37	60.41
Ableomp	CLIMB	350M	150%	76.23	41.28	73.16	66.41	63.53	43.71	60.72
Abl.comp	CLIMB	350M	200%	76.51	42.31	73.41	66.81	63.70	43.99	61.12
	CLIMB	350M	6:1	75.32	40.80	72.91	65.51	62.84	42.93	60.05
Abl.allo	CLIMB	350M	4:2:1	75.78	40.98	72.97	66.01	63.32	43.37	60.41
	CLIMB	350M	2:2:1:1	75.36	40.77	72.88	65.86	62.97	43.02	60.14
	CLIMB	62M	100%	75.41	40.56	72.82	65.76	63.23	42.89	60.11
Abl.proxy	CLIMB	132M	100%	75.56	40.93	72.94	65.57	63.09	43.07	60.19
	CLIMB	350M	100%	75.78	40.98	72.97	66.01	63.32	43.37	60.41
	48-21 cluster	350M	100%	75.89	39.91	71.92	65.87	63.21	42.62	59.90
	64-21 cluster	350M	100%	75.87	40.34	72.44	65.39	63.14	43.55	60.12
Abl.clus	100-21 cluster	350M	100%	76.13	40.73	72.57	66.13	63.39	43.70	60.44
	1000-21 cluster	350M	100%	75.78	40.98	72.97	66.01	63.32	43.37	60.41
	2000-21 cluster	350M	100%	75.37	41.33	72.47	65.79	63.46	42.99	60.24
	1000-15 cluster	350M	100%	75.94	41.33	73.34	66.28	63.62	43.05	60.59
	1000-30cluster	350M	100%	76.03	40.49	72.66	65.78	63.45	43.12	60.25
Abl.init	Random	350M	100%	75.42	40.12	72.47	65.73	64.27	43.22	60.21
ADI.IIII	Dirichlet	350M	100%	75.78	40.98	72.97	66.01	63.32	43.37	60.41

Starting point: smollm (300B) + Nemotron-CC-HQ (500B) + Nemotron-CC-HQ-Synthetic (500B)

- 1.
- optimal data mixture and create a compact yet powerful corpus.



New Datasets

Phase1 pre-training

ClimbLab: a 1.3-Trillion-token corpus with 20 clusters. Based on Nemotron-CC and SmolLM-corpus, we apply CLIMB-clustering algorithm to cluster and filter data. This is a good playground for data mixing research.

2. ClimbMix: a 400-Billion-token corpus for efficient LM pre-training. Based on ClimbLab, we apply CLIMB-search algorithm to identify the



Thank you!

