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Demonstrating the cutting-edge capabilities of LLMs within the constraints of a secure, sandboxed environment

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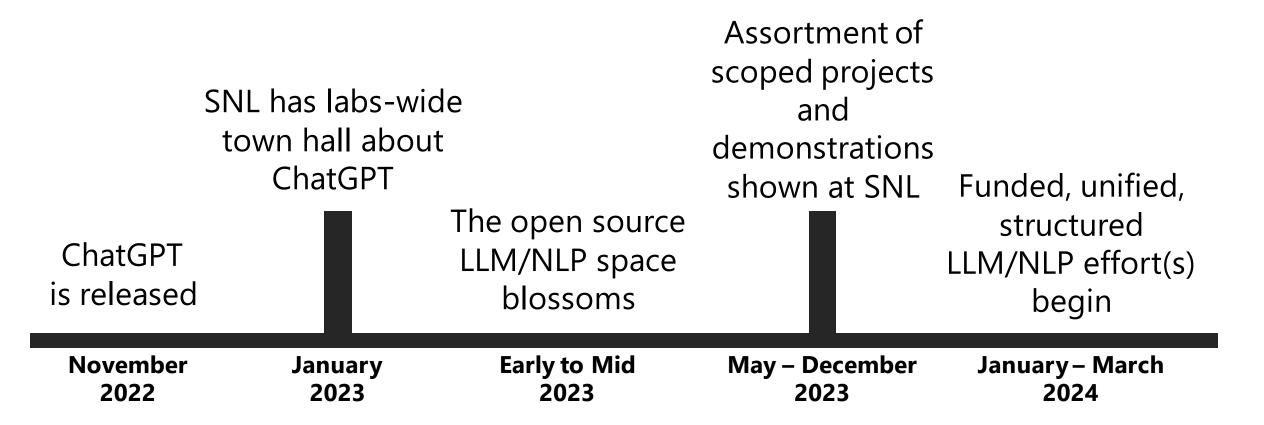
Our Goal: Bring LLM & NLP capabilities as a service to Sandia and its missions as quickly as possible while carefully upholding software, data, and compute policies

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Potential Use Cases

Mission	Operational
Trend Analysis & Document Clustering	Knowledge Transfer
Code Generation w/Custom Grammars	Onboarding
Visualization and Virtual Reality	Resume Evaluation
Custom Applications & Pipelines	





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Sandia's challenges

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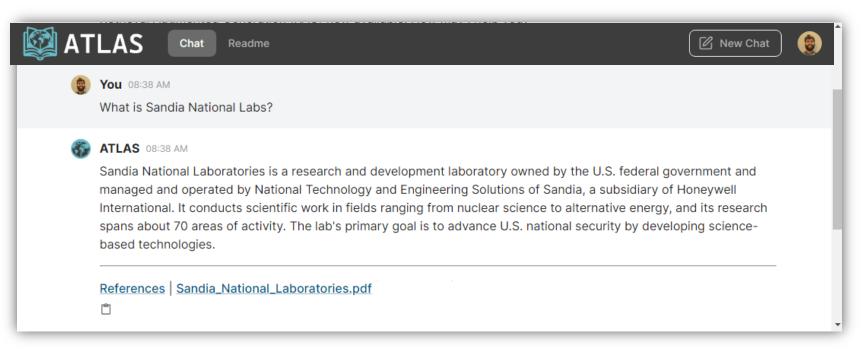
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ATLAS: A self-contained Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) web application powered with modular components

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Shirty: A suite of modular NLP technology leveraging state-of-the-art concepts made by Sandians for Sandians.





Network Infrastructure

Self-Contained Application

• **Modularity**: The flexibility to leverage the most current technology. Separation of concerns.

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- **Customization**: Rapidly generate a solution best fit for the need *on that system*
- **Policy:** Built with SNL's software policies as a staple feature
- **Portability:** Self-Contained. Take it anywhere!

The Solutions

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The ATLAS solutions

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Equip the user with validation methods

Build with Sandia's posture as a staple component

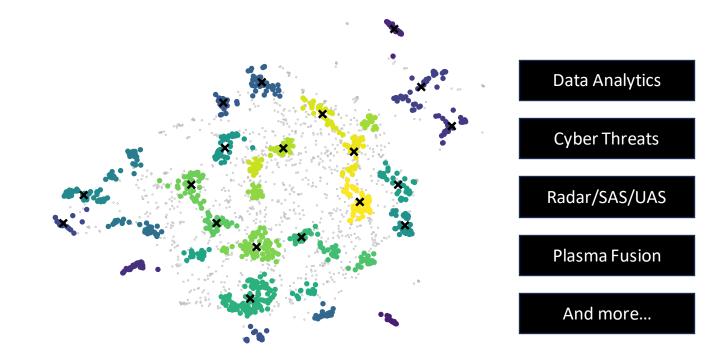
Design to:

- Be self-contained and standalone
- Leverage open-source
- Rapidly bring state of the art to SNL
- Maintain strict authorization constraints
- Be modular

Applications – Document Clustering

Clustering of DOE/OSTI articles on ML/AI. We identify clusters on data analytics, cyber threats, etc.

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2,400 OSTI ML/AI SAND reports (2010-2023), colored by topic

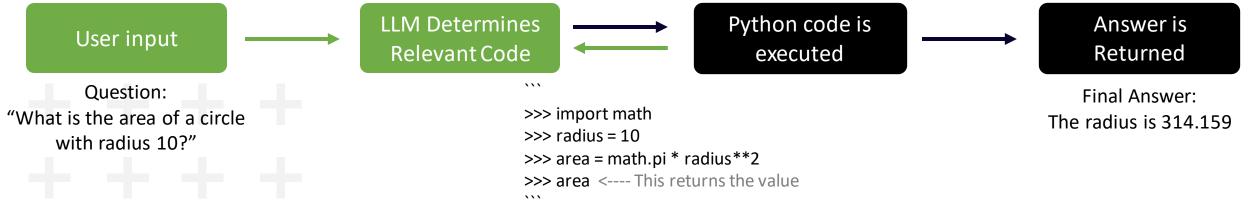
The Goal: Uncover groups of topics via document summary, enabling topical clustering and tracking of scientific document trends.



• The Goal: Use LLMs to drive generation and execution of code to derive an accurate quantitative answer from a quantitative question

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- Examples:
- "What is the area of a circle with radius 10?" -> "314.1592653589793"
- "Can you make a csv named latlon.csv and fill it with 100 random longitude and latitude values?" -> "Done"
- "Does the polygon with verticies [(0,0),(1,2),(5,3)] intersect [(1,1),(1,2),(0,0)]?" -> "The polygons intersect"
- "Does the polygon with verticies [(0,0),(1,2),(5,3)] intersect [(10,1),(11,10),(11,11)]?" -> "The polygons" don't intersect"



Applications - JARVIS

• **The Goal:** Interact and ask questions about VR Environments/Models in real-time using audible speech.



Gemini Scout Robot in the CAD2VR Application

Example Dialogue

User: What am I looking at?

JARVIS: That is the Gemini Scout Mine Rescue Robot, a robotic assistant designed by Sandia robotics engineers to help with rescue planning and response during a mining accident.

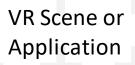
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User: How big is it?

JARVIS: It is less than four feet long and two feet tall and can navigate around tight corners and over safety hatches a foot high. It weighs approximately 190 Lbs.







Speech-to-Text



Context from

Vector DB



Output

LLM Input and





Text-to-Speech



Playback in VR Headset

OOC

Avoids the need to remove the VR headset at any point.

Final Thoughts

Summary:

Bringing LLM/NLP capability to SNL in a quick, modular, multi-use way while meeting SNL requirements & procedures.

This enabled rapid development of mission applications, some of which are noted here.

Questions?

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Other SNL LLM Projects:

- IRIS (Virtual Subject Matter Expert)
- Sandia AI Chat with Microsoft Azure
- Derivative Classification Assistance Portfolio

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