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## ABSTRACT

011 We present HUBBLE, a suite of open-source large language models (LLMs) for  
012 the scientific study of LLM memorization. HUBBLE models come as minimal  
013 pairs: standard models are pretrained on a large English corpus, and perturbed  
014 models are trained in the same way but with controlled insertion of text (e.g.,  
015 book passages, biographies, and test sets) designed to emulate key memorization  
016 risks. Our core release includes 8 models—standard and perturbed, with 1B or 8B  
017 parameters, trained on 100B or 500B tokens. HUBBLE’s core experiment estab-  
018 lishes that memorization risks are determined by the frequency of sensitive data  
019 relative to the training corpus size (i.e., a password appearing once in a smaller  
020 corpus is memorized better than the same password in a larger corpus). Our re-  
021 lease includes 6 more models with perturbations inserted at different pretraining  
022 phases; we observe perturbations without continued exposure can be forgotten.  
023 These findings suggest two best practices: to *dilute* sensitive data by increasing  
024 the training corpus size, and to *order* them to appear earlier in training. Beyond  
025 these general findings, HUBBLE enables a broad range of memorization research.  
026 We show that the randomized perturbations in HUBBLE make it an ideal testbed  
027 for membership inference and machine unlearning methods. We invite the com-  
028 munity to explore, benchmark, and build upon our work.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

031 Memorization of training data is a double-edged capability of large language models (LLMs) (Car-  
032 lini et al., 2021, *inter alia*). On the one hand, memorization supports downstream task performance,  
033 especially when factual knowledge is involved (Petroni et al., 2019; Feldman & Zhang, 2020). On  
034 the other hand, memorization of training data gives rise to a number of deployment risks (Hartmann  
035 et al., 2023), which we term memorization risks. These include copyright risks, if models reproduce  
036 copyrighted material (Henderson et al., 2023); privacy risks, if they reveal personal information  
037 (Brown et al., 2022); and test set contamination risks, if they memorize answers to benchmark  
038 datasets (Magar & Schwartz, 2022). Central to all these risks is the ability of LLMs to memorize,  
039 and the study of LLM memorization lays the technical foundation to address these risks.

040 Prior work on LLM memorization largely falls on two ends of a spectrum. On one end are controlled  
041 studies that retrain many smaller models (Zhang et al., 2023). By training on synthetic or templated  
042 data, memorization ability can be precisely measured (Allen-Zhu & Li, 2024; Morris et al., 2025).  
043 However, these findings are on small models that differ substantially from commercial LLMs. On  
044 the other end are observational studies of publicly available pre-trained models (e.g., Prashanth et al.,  
045 2025, *inter alia*). These studies analyze large-scale models, but most causal quantities on memo-  
046 rization are impossible to estimate. For example, it is difficult to disentangle whether a sentence  
047 is memorized because it is simple, or because it was repeated in training (Huang et al., 2024), and  
048 causal analyses are only possible when there is natural randomization (Leschi et al., 2024).

049 In this work we present HUBBLE, a suite of LLMs to advance the study of LLM memorization. In  
050 the spirit of Pythia (Biderman et al., 2023), HUBBLE models are fully open-source and intended for  
051 controlled, scientific study.<sup>1</sup> To combine the advantages of observational studies on large models  
052 with controlled experiments on small models, HUBBLE models come in minimal pairs: the *standard*  
053 models are pretrained on a standard English corpus, while the *perturbed* models are trained in the

<sup>1</sup>All our models, checkpoints, data, and code will be made available upon publication.

054 same way but with inserted text designed to emulate key memorization risks (described in §2). These  
 055 perturbations represent less than 0.01% of all training tokens, and are randomized and inserted at  
 056 different rates to induce varying degrees of memorization. Our core release includes 8 models which  
 057 establish that memorization risk is determined by the frequency of sensitive data relative to the size  
 058 of the training corpus. Our release includes 6 more models with perturbations inserted at different  
 059 phases of pretraining, and we observe perturbations without continued exposure can be forgotten.  
 060 These findings in §4.1 suggest two best practices: to *dilute* sensitive data by increasing the relative  
 061 size of the training corpus, and to *order* them to appear earlier in training.

062 Beyond these general findings, the HUBBLE models are designed to enable a broad range of research  
 063 on LLM memorization. For instance, our analysis in §4.2 on the inserted biographies alone yield a  
 064 rich set of observations, including reconstruction of different types of personal information. In §5,  
 065 we demonstrate that the randomized perturbations in HUBBLE make it an ideal testbed for mem-  
 066 bership inference and machine unlearning methods. For membership inference, the randomization  
 067 of our insertions allows for evaluation on members and non-members with no confounders (e.g.,  
 068 time) from which membership could be leaked (Duan et al., 2024). For unlearning, the inserted  
 069 biographies present a challenging setting requiring precise unlearning, and standard models serve as  
 070 a north star to benchmark unlearning methods against. The HUBBLE namesake is aspirational: we  
 071 hope our models open new scientific frontiers, in the spirit of the Hubble Space Telescope.

## 072 2 PERTURBATION DESIGN ACROSS RISK DOMAINS

073 LLM training requires vast amount of textual data, much of which is collected from the web. When  
 074 training on this data, memorization risks arise across multiple domains (Hartmann et al., 2023;  
 075 Satvaty et al., 2025): most web data is copyrighted (Longpre et al., 2024), these datasets include  
 076 personal information (Solove & Hartzog, 2024), and test sets can be included in plain text (Jacovi  
 077 et al., 2023). We review the literature and design perturbations which emulate risks in the domains  
 078 of *copyright*, *privacy*, and *test set contamination*. These perturbations are inserted into HUBBLE’s  
 079 training data not only to evaluate memorization risks but also to enable further technical study on  
 080 LLM memorization. Appendix A.1 reviews the relevant law and policy for each domain. All the  
 081 datasets and procedures to construct the perturbations are in Appendix A.2.

### 082 2.1 COPYRIGHT

083 **Passages.** Copyrighted books and news articles are used to train LLMs and their use is contentious  
 084 (Chang et al., 2023; Cooper et al., 2025). To study the measurement (e.g. Schwarzschild et al., 2024;  
 085 Hayes et al., 2025) and mitigation (e.g. Ippolito et al., 2023; Wei et al., 2024) of LLM memorization  
 086 on books and articles, we insert similar open-domain texts. From **popular Gutenberg** books and  
 087 **unpopular Gutenberg** books we sample and insert short passages (Gerlach & Font-Clos, 2018).  
 088 Books are stratified by popularity (determined by download counts), to enable further study on the  
 089 role of data density in memorization (Wang et al., 2025; Kirchenbauer et al., 2024). To study news  
 090 articles, we sample passages from **Wikipedia** articles covering recent events written after the cutoff  
 091 date of the DCLM corpus, reducing the chances of contamination.

092 **Paraphrases.** Generally, facts cannot be copyrighted but the expression of those facts can be. To  
 093 test the memorization of literal expressions, we take paraphrase datasets and randomly insert one of  
 094 two literally different but semantically equivalent paraphrases of, e.g., a headline. We sample and  
 095 insert paraphrases from **MRPC** and **PAWS** (Dolan & Brockett, 2005; Zhang et al., 2019). Copyright  
 096 law protects not only the literal text of a work but also its expressive elements, and paraphrases may  
 097 also be useful to study non-literal memorization (Chen et al., 2024; Roh et al., 2025).

### 098 2.2 PRIVACY

099 **Biographies.** Biographical information is widely available on the web, making it a common source  
 100 of personally identifiable information (PII) in pre-training corpora. There are many studies on PII  
 101 leakage in finetuning (Lukas et al., 2023; Panda et al., 2024; Borkar et al., 2025), but memorization  
 102 dynamics in finetuning differ from pretraining (Huang et al., 2022; Zeng et al., 2024). To study  
 103 privacy leakage of PII in pretraining, we insert two types of biographies. The first type of biography  
 104 is templated text populated by sampling from the **YAGO** knowledge base (Pellissier Tanon et al.,  
 105 2020). Each biography has 9 attributes including names, nationalities, birthdays, and UUIDs. Some  
 106 attributes like nationalities are randomly sampled from YAGO, and other attributes like names are

108 sampled conditional on the nationality to improve plausibility. To complement the templated bi-  
 109ographies, we insert court cases from the European Court of Human Rights (**ECtHR**). These cases  
 110 include biographical information of the defendants and are annotated for PII in Pilán et al. (2022).

111 **Chats.** PII can be indirectly leaked by LLMs even if it does not explicitly appear in the training  
 112 data, and models may infer sensitive personal attributes from other public text (Yukhymenko et al.,  
 113 2025). To simulate indirect leakage, we insert dialogues with randomly assigned usernames from  
 114 Personachat (Zhang et al., 2018), which contains dialogues conditionally generated to reflect differ-  
 115 ent personas. Personachat was chosen because our initial experiments show that even small models  
 116 trained on chat histories indirectly leak personas.

### 117 2.3 TEST SET CONTAMINATION

118 **Standard test sets.** Test sets for standard benchmarks can often be found online and then included  
 119 in training (Dodge et al., 2021; Elazar et al., 2024). As in Jiang et al. (2024), we insert standard  
 120 benchmarks including **PopQA**, Winogrande, **MMLU**, **HellaSwag**, and **PIQA**. These test sets can  
 121 be used to study methods for detecting contamination (Oren et al., 2024; Golchin & Surdeanu, 2024;  
 122 Fu et al., 2025) or adjusting evaluation scores in the presence of contamination (Singh et al., 2024).  
 123 These test sets represent a range of difficulties to enable studies on the interaction of generalization  
 124 and memorization (Prabhakar et al., 2024; Huang et al., 2024). For Winogrande, we contaminate  
 125 two forms of the dataset: a **Winogrande infill** version, where the blanks are filled in with the correct  
 126 answer and a **Winogrande MCQ** version where the answer is given as a multiple choice question.

127 **New test sets.** Li & Flanigan (2024) show that LLMs perform better on datasets released before  
 128 their training cutoff compared to after. While we decontaminate the perturbation data, we also insert  
 129 in new test sets created after the DCLM dataset cutoff, which reduces the chances of contamination.  
 130 These two test sets include **ELLie** (Testa et al., 2023), a linguistic task to resolve ellipses, and  
 131 **MUNCH** (Tong et al., 2024), a metaphor understanding task.

## 134 3 THE HUBBLE SUITE

135 Our goal in training HUBBLE is to provide a suite of LLMs suitable for academic study. For the  
 136 purposes of memorization research, fully open source models are important to study as everything  
 137 the model has seen is known. HUBBLE is fully open source, and all our models, training code, con-  
 138 figuration, checkpoints, datasets, and evaluation code are public, following scientific releases like  
 139 Pythia (Biderman et al., 2023), Olmo (Groeneveld et al., 2024), and others (Swiss AI, 2024; Liu  
 140 et al., 2023). We choose model and dataset sizes that are manageable for academics with limited  
 141 computing resources (using Khandelwal et al., 2025, as a reference). In terms of scale, the largest  
 142 pretraining dataset size used for HUBBLE is 500B tokens, which is roughly 22x and 3.7x the Chin-  
 143 chilla optimal training set size for the 1B and 8B parameter models respectively (Hoffmann et al.,  
 144 2022). Compared to Pythia, which was trained on the Pile (Gao et al., 2020), HUBBLE models are  
 145 trained on roughly 1.6x more tokens. Compared to commercial LLMs like Llama3 which are trained  
 146 on 15T tokens (Grattafiori et al., 2024), there is still a significant gap.

### 147 3.1 PRETRAINING DATA

148 **Base corpus.** Our base pretraining corpus is the baseline dataset introduced in DataComp-LM  
 149 (DCLM; Li et al., 2024a). DCLM is a model-based data filtering pipeline over CommonCrawl  
 150 which improves model performance over a set of representative tasks. We use their filtered dataset,  
 151 `dclm-baseline-1.0`, as source documents for our tokenization pipeline. Since the DCLM  
 152 corpus is already deduplicated using Bloom filtering, we do not perform this step again. After de-  
 153 contamination (see below), the documents are tokenized with the OLMo tokenizer (from Groeneveld  
 154 et al., 2024) which produces a corpus of over 500B tokens. The smaller 100B corpus is a subset of  
 155 the 500B corpus, and consists of the first 100B training tokens following GPT-NeoX’s fixed random  
 156 ordering for shuffling and batching from the entire corpus.

157 **Decontamination.** To ensure that our inserted perturbations accurately reflect the number of dupli-  
 158 cates in the corpus, we remove training documents that match any perturbations. For shorter pertur-  
 159 bations that may have many spurious matches, we drop the perturbation. Our two-phase procedure  
 160 for decontamination is described in Appendix A.4. This process removes 7540 training documents  
 161 (removing less than 0.002% of all documents), and manual inspection confirms high precision.

162 **Inserting Perturbation Data.** The base corpus and decontamination described previously form the  
 163 training corpus for the *standard* models. We create the corpus for training the *perturbed* models  
 164 by injecting the perturbation data into the *standard* training corpus.<sup>2</sup> Our insertion attempts to  
 165 simulate training as if the perturbation was a regular document included in the corpus, and closely  
 166 matches the order and content of the training sequence in the standard model after perturbation.  
 167 Figure 4 visualizes an insertion. For each perturbation dataset, we randomly assign examples to  
 168 be duplicated 0, 1, 4, 16, 64, or 256 times (we use powers of 16 for smaller datasets). To prevent  
 169 a large number of examples from being duplicated 256 times, we assign fewer examples to larger  
 170 duplication counts.<sup>3</sup> The total amount of duplicated perturbations inserted totals to 79.9M tokens  
 171 (818k sequences). Hernandez et al. (2022) found that language model performance can degrade  
 172 significantly if there is substantial repeated data in the corpus. When duplicated and inserted into  
 173 the pre-training corpus, our perturbations only account for 0.08% of the tokens of the 100B corpus  
 174 (and 0.016% for the 500B corpus). Thus, we expect no significant degradation in the perturbed  
 175 model. See Table 3 for detailed statistics.

### 176 3.2 MODELS

177 **Model architecture.** HUBBLE models are based off the Llama 3 architecture (Touvron et al., 2023;  
 178 Grattafiori et al., 2024), which we chose due to its popularity. A few modifications to this architec-  
 179 ture are made for HUBBLE: first, the smaller OLMo tokenizer is used instead of the original Llama  
 180 tokenizer (reducing the vocabulary size from 128K to 50K), which substantially reduces the size of  
 181 the embedding and output projection matrices. The weight embeddings are also untied to support  
 182 interpretability methods like the logit or tuned lens (consistent with GPT-2 and the Pythia suite stud-  
 183 ied in Nostalgia, 2020; Belrose et al., 2025). Finally, the 8B model has 36 layers instead of 32  
 184 in Llama 3.1, to maximize the GPU utilization. Appendix C contains more details on our models,  
 185 considerations, and training setup.

186 **Runs.** An overview of our models is given below, organized by experiment. The amount of GPU  
 187 hours consumed for each run is listed in Appendix B.2.

- 188 • **Core.** The core experiment in HUBBLE formally establishes the phenomenon of dilution, and  
 189 consists of 8 models in a  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  factorial design: model size {1B, 8B}  $\times$  data condition  
 190 {standard, perturbed}  $\times$  training set size {100B, 500B}.
- 191 • **Interference.** Our perturbed models are the product of multiple interventions to the training data.  
 192 To confirm that these interventions minimally interfere with each other, we train three 1B models  
 193 on 100B tokens with perturbations only in {copyright, privacy, test set contamination} to compare  
 194 against the perturbed model trained on all perturbations.
- 195 • **Timing.** To study how memorization of the perturbations is affected based on when they are  
 196 encountered in training, we train six 1B models on 100B tokens where perturbations are inserted  
 197 in specific timeframes. This includes four models trained where perturbations are inserted at  
 198 quarter-span intervals of training at  $\{(0, 25), (25, 50), (50, 75), (75, 100)\}$  and two model with  
 199 half-span intervals of  $\{(0, 50), (50, 100)\}$ .
- 200 • **Paraphrased.** To study how paraphrased knowledge is memorized, we train perturbed models  
 201 with the templated YAGO biographies and MMLU test set paraphrased by gpt-4.1-mini. The  
 202 details are in Appendix A.5. We train 1B and 8B paraphrased models on 100B tokens.
- 203 • **Architecture.** To study the effect of model depth on memorization, we train two 1B models on  
 204 100B tokens with either 8 or 32 layers (half and double the original 1B model, respectively) and  
 205 re-scale the intermediate and MLP dimensions to hold the total parameters roughly constant.

### 206 3.3 EVALUATIONS

207 **General evaluations.** While our models are trained for scientific interest rather than performance,  
 208 we provide evaluation results on general capabilities. We evaluate on the same set of tasks as the  
 209 Pythia suite using the implementations in the Language Model Evaluation Harness (lm-eval-harness;  
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211 <sup>2</sup>During our perturbation workflow, we identified the need for a more streamlined setup and consolidated  
 212 the various scripts we used to edit the tokenized bin files into a single interface. This library simplifies pre-  
 213 training dataset management for Megatron-based frameworks and provides functionality for dataset editing,  
 214 visualization, sampling, and exporting, which we will make available upon publication.

215 <sup>3</sup>In our final perturbed dataset, the number of examples duplicated 0, 1, 4, 16, and 64 times is roughly 28x,  
 10x, 10x, 5x, and 2x the number of examples duplicated 256 times.

216 Gao et al., 2023). Table 6 contains the results of our (standard) models against other open-source  
 217 and open-weight models. We report additional results and comparisons to models trained on the  
 218 DCLM corpus in Appendix C.2. Under both evaluation settings, Hubble models generally perform  
 219 on par with other open-source models at similar parameter and data scales.

220 **Memorization evaluations.** We implement a set of basic memorization evaluations on the inserted  
 221 perturbations. These basic evaluations are only lower bounds on model memorization, and may not  
 222 reveal the full extent of memorized information. Our evaluations elicit model memorization in three  
 223 ways: (1) **Loss.** Seen examples can have lower loss compared to unseen examples, and loss can leak  
 224 membership information (Shokri et al., 2017). Evaluations using loss directly report the model’s  
 225 log likelihood on inserted perturbations, normalized by sequence length. (2) **Loss-based choice.**  
 226 Many of our inserted perturbations (e.g., test sets) contain alternative answer choices. Evaluations  
 227 using loss-based choice compute the model’s loss for each candidate answer, and the lowest-loss  
 228 option is taken as the model’s choice. (3) **Generative.** For some perturbations (e.g., biographies),  
 229 we are interested in whether models can generate the correct continuation of a sequence. Generative  
 230 evaluation prompts the model to produce a fixed number of next tokens, which are then compared  
 231 against the ground-truth continuation using exact match or word recall (metrics originally used in  
 232 Rajpurkar et al., 2018). The evaluation metrics we use for each dataset is as follows:

- 233 • **Copyright.** For the inserted passages (**Gutenberg popular**, **Gutenberg unpopular**, **Wikipedia**)  
 234 we report loss. In Appendix D.1, we also measure  $k$ -eidetic memorization on passages imple-  
 235 mented using generative evaluation and exact match. For the paraphrases (**MRPC** and **PAWS**),  
 236 we use loss-based choice between two paraphrases, one of which was randomly inserted in train-  
 237 ing. If the model prefers the literal expression it saw during training, we mark it as correct.
- 238 • **Privacy.** Our *threat model* considers an adversary with black-box API access to the models. The  
 239 adversary can obtain the entire probability vector of the next most probable token on any given  
 240 prompt. For the biographies (**YAGO** and **ECtHR**), we simulate PII reconstruction using a partial  
 241 biography to reconstruct the remaining PIIs using generative evaluations. In Appendix D.2, we  
 242 report results when the adversary has access to different auxiliary information (e.g., predicting an  
 243 attribute given only the name), which are implemented by varying the information in the prompt  
 244 before generation. For the chats (**PersonaChat**), we simulate an attacker performing PII inference  
 245 using loss-based choice. One task predicts personas, where, for a given username, the model must  
 246 select the correct persona from 10 candidate personas. Another task predicts usernames, where,  
 247 for a given persona, the model must select the correct username from 10 candidate usernames.
- 248 • **Test set contamination.** For the standard test sets, only **PopQA** uses generative evaluation. We  
 249 measure case-insensitive exact match between the predicted answer and the ground-truth answer.  
 250 For all other test sets (**Winogrande-infill**, **Winogrande-MCQ**, **HellaSwag**, **PIQA**), we evaluate  
 251 zero-shot accuracy using loss-based choice, following the original implementation in the lm-eval-  
 252 harness. For the new test sets (**ELLie** and **MUNCH**) we provide both loss and loss-based choice  
 253 evaluations. Since our models perform very well on this task, accuracy of loss-based evaluation is  
 254 saturated and loss is more informative, which shows the margin of correct predictions. Appendix  
 255 D.3 discusses the effect of alternative evaluation formats for these tasks.

## 255 4 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

256 This section is organized in two parts. First, we present our domain-agnostic studies on the *relative*  
 257 *frequency* and *placing* of duplicates in LLM training. For relative frequency, our core runs com-  
 258 pare models with varying training set sizes, which intuitively changes the average spacing between  
 259 examples. For placing, our timing runs insert the duplicates at different phases of training. Our  
 260 findings yield two best practices of dilution and ordering which are general and mitigate memorization  
 261 risk across domains. In the second part, we present our domain-specific studies, where we analyze  
 262 specific perturbations in HUBBLE to yield a rich set of observations for the domains of copyright,  
 263 privacy, and test set contamination.

### 264 4.1 DOMAIN-AGNOSTIC RESULTS

265 **Diluting sensitive data by training on larger corpora reduces memorization risks.** Figure 1  
 266 plots the memorization evaluations for the perturbed 8B models trained on either 100B or 500B  
 267 tokens. Both models are trained on the same set of perturbations, but the spacing and relative  
 268 frequency of the perturbations differ. When trained on more tokens, the model’s memorization on

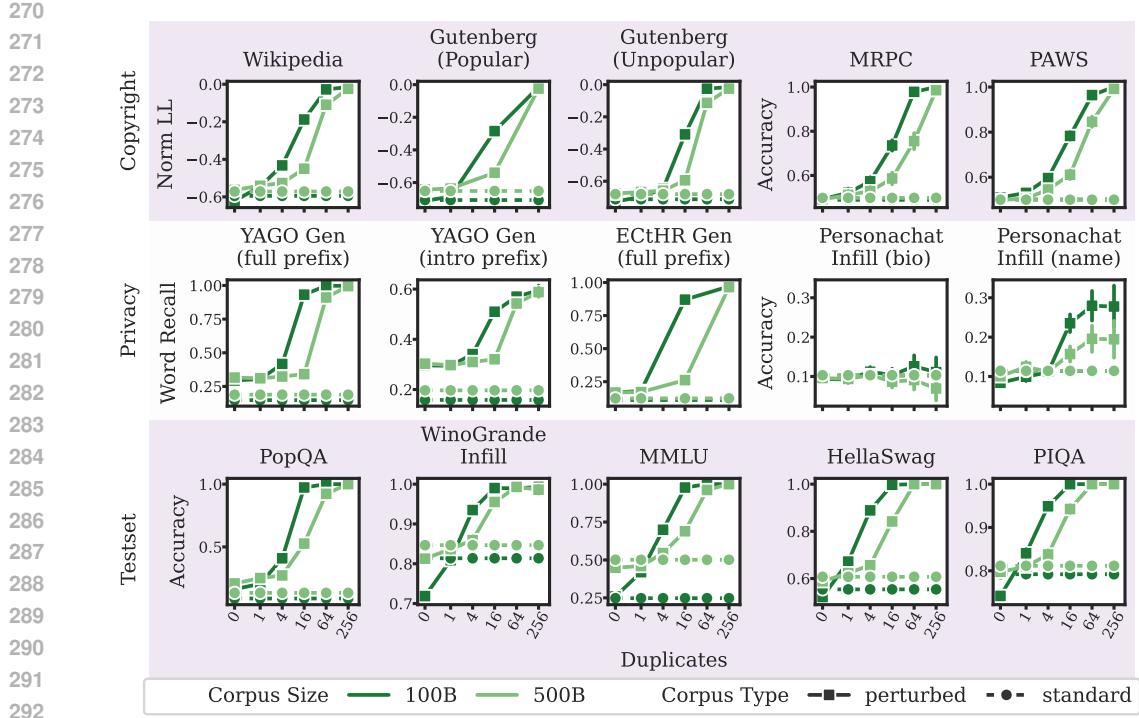


Figure 1: **Memorization is diluted by training on larger corpora.** We report memorization evaluations on a subset of tasks within Hubble. We compare memorization of the 8B Hubble model trained on 100B tokens and 500B tokens. Across all memorization tasks (where memorization is observed on the 100B token corpus), memorization is weaker on the 500B token corpus.

nearly all tasks in all domains increases slower with respect to frequency. This generalizes the result of Bordt et al. (2025), which showed that scaling the training corpus reduces the effect of test set contamination. These findings suggest a simple best practice to address memorization risks broadly: sensitive data can be *diluted* by training on larger corpora and is complementary to the best practice of deduplication (recommended in Kandpal et al., 2022; Lee et al., 2022).

**Ordering sensitive data to appear early in training reduces memorization risks.** We present a selection of results for the timing runs in Figure 2 and the full set of results in Figure 22. When perturbations are inserted in only the first quarter of training, the final model does not memorize the data. From Figure 14, the intermediate checkpoints show that if the model does not receive continued exposures to duplicates, the model can forget the perturbations and this provide a form of privacy (Jagielski et al., 2023; Chang et al., 2024a). When all perturbations are inserted in the last quarter of training, more data is memorized and extractable than the regular perturbed model. This is consistent with More et al. (2025), which finds that data at the end of training is more likely to be extractable. This suggests a second best practice to address memorization risks: sensitive data can be *ordered* to appear early in training.

**Larger models memorize at lower duplications.** Figure 21 compares the memorization strength of both the 1B and 8B parameter models trained on the 500B token corpus. Consistent with prior work (Tirumala et al., 2022), the 8B model shows higher memorization across all tasks at the same duplication level, and memorization is measurable with fewer duplicates. Increasing the model size increases memorization risk, so practitioners will need to balance the effects of model scaling with other mitigation strategies such as dilution or ordering.

**Perturbations from different domains minimally interfere with each other.** Our perturbed models are the product of many interventions in a single training run. If the perturbations interfere with each other (e.g., a highly duplicated example in a test set affects the memorization of a paraphrase), that would undermine the validity of our analyses. Although exhaustively characterizing such interference (as in Ilyas et al., 2022) would be impractical, we perform a check by training three 1B

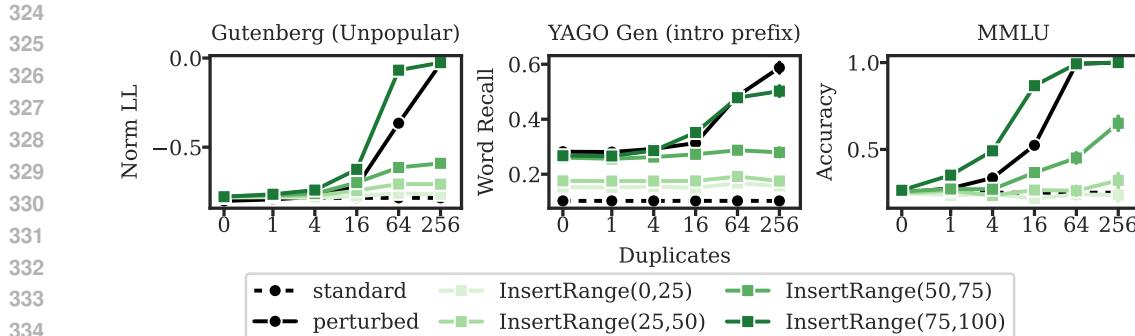


Figure 2: **Memorization is weaker on data encountered in early training stages.** We report the performance of a series of 1B parameter models trained on 100B tokens with different “insertion ranges” (the range of batches in which the perturbations are injected, where 0 indicates the start of training and 100 is the end of training). We compare against the 1B parameter standard and perturbed models trained on 100B tokens (from our core experiments).

models each containing perturbations from only a single risk domain. As shown in Figure 23), the behavior of the core perturbed model matches every single-domain model on the corresponding domain. These suggest that our aggregate, domain-level findings have minimal interference.

#### 4.2 DOMAIN-SPECIFIC RESULTS

**Copyright.** In Appendix D.1, we additionally evaluate  $k$ -eidetic memorization (introduced in Carlini et al., 2023) on the copyright data. A key finding is that the detectability of LLM memorization is dependent on the dataset and metric. The loss-based evaluations show significant difference in memorization at lower duplicates counts, when the  $k$ -eidetic metric does not. Figure 5, shows that the normalized log-likelihood of Wikipedia passages starts to show significant memorization at 4 duplicates (for the 8B, 100B tokens model). When measuring  $k$ -eidetic memorization, the perturbed model only differs from the standard model at 16 duplicates.

**Privacy.** In Appendix D.2, we study the reconstruction of PII in YAGO biographies. We find that the more pieces of auxiliary information the attacker has access to, the higher the success rate of reconstruction for a given PII in the biography. For the paraphrased models, which were trained on paraphrased biographies, PII reconstruction attacks remains successful. This means the paraphrased model has not just memorized a fixed string, but generalizes to unseen queries for the PII and this knowledge is retrievable (similar to the retrievability observed in Allen-Zhu & Li, 2024). Personachat also shows the model’s ability to retrieve memorized information, and models can infer a user’s persona based on the memorized chat logs (although the accuracy is low).

**Test set contamination.** In Appendix D.3, we find that perturbed models begin to memorize test set examples with as few as four duplicates. However, memorizing test set examples does not translate into generalization on that task: perturbed models show no improvement over standard models when trained on contaminated tasks (judging by 0 duplicate performance), aside from small improvements on PopQA and HellaSwag. Likewise, the paraphrased model fails to answer MMLU questions which were contaminated with paraphrases of that question. We hypothesize that pretraining on a handful of contaminated test examples is not enough to generalize on the task, leading only to memorization.

## 5 USE CASES OF HUBBLE

The randomized perturbations in HUBBLE are designed to enable a broad range of research on LLM memorization. To demonstrate this, we establish new benchmarks for both membership inference attacks (MIAs) and unlearning. Membership inference seeks to infer which data was part of the training set and MIAs are used to audit privacy risks of trained models (Shokri et al., 2017). Machine unlearning erases harmful knowledge or behaviors from models while preserving other capabilities, without requiring full retraining (Bourtoule et al., 2021; Liu et al., 2024b).

378 **Table 1: ROC AUC scores of baseline MIAs for our largest perturbed model (8B, 500B tokens).**  
 379 *Dup* indicates the duplication level of members. *Dup*  $\neq 0$  treats all inserted perturbations as mem-  
 380 bers. Non-members are always drawn from perturbations inserted 0 times. As duplication increases,  
 381 memorization is stronger, and it is easier for MIAs to distinguish members and non-members. All  
 382 HUBBLEMIA results are reported in Appendix F.

Evaluation	MIA	HUBBLE 8B (500B tokens) Perturbed					
		Dup $\neq 0$	Dup = 1	Dup = 4	Dup = 16	Dup = 64	Dup = 256
Gutenberg	Loss	0.629	0.539	0.556	0.732	0.996	1.0
	MinK%	0.629	0.539	0.556	0.732	0.996	1.0
	Unpopular	0.666	0.545	0.62	0.813	0.987	0.949
	ZLib	0.622	0.53	0.551	0.722	0.996	1.0

### 5.1 HUBBLE AS AN MIA BENCHMARK

**Current MIA benchmarks for LLMs.** Shi et al. (2024) introduces WIKIMIA, a membership inference benchmark for LLM pretraining data and labels Wikipedia articles before a model’s knowledge cutoff as members and those after as non-members. Subsequent analyses revealed spurious correlations (such as temporal cues) allowing non-members to be distinguished from members (Duan et al., 2024; Meeus et al., 2025; Naseh & Mireshghallah, 2025). This line of work also shows, using the randomized train and test sets of Pythia, that detecting pretraining data is difficult, with most membership inference methods achieving only marginal performance.

**The HUBBLEMIA benchmark.** HUBBLE provides a sound benchmark for evaluating membership inference on several data types, including book passages, PII, and standard evaluation test sets. Since each perturbation is randomly duplicated zero or more times, there are no confounders between members and non-members, and it is suitable for use as an MIA benchmark. Perturbations in HUBBLE are also inserted at different frequencies, which allows comparisons of membership inference effectiveness on low- versus highly-duplicated examples.

**Experimental setup.** MIAs are evaluated with perturbations duplicated zero times as non-members, and perturbations duplicated more than once as members. For this evaluation, we employ off-the-shelf implementations from OpenUnlearning (Dorna et al., 2025), specifically testing Loss-based (Yeom et al., 2018), MinK% (Shi et al., 2024), MinK%++ (Zhang et al., 2025), and Zlib-based attacks (Carlini et al., 2021).

**Results.** Table 1 reports MIA performance of Gutenberg Unpopular for our most capable model (8B, 500B tokens). MIA performance on all datasets and models are presented in Appendix F. Across all benchmarks, membership inference methods are strongest when distinguishing non-members from members duplicated 256 times, and MIA performance improves consistently as the duplicate count increases. However, distinguishing members duplicated only once produce near-random results. These findings confirm the observation in Duan et al. (2024) that MIAs only perform well on members that are highly duplicated. Generally, our results show MinK%++ to be the best attack.

### 5.2 HUBBLE AS AN UNLEARNING BENCHMARK

**Current LLM unlearning benchmarks.** Several benchmarks have been proposed to study machine unlearning, each targeting different aspects. TOFU (Maini et al., 2024) creates synthetic author biographies and finetunes models on them, providing a controlled benchmark for unlearning. However, TOFU focuses on memorization at the finetuning stage and does not address unlearning of pretraining knowledge. MUSE (Shi et al., 2025) evaluates unlearning on narrow real-world domains such as Harry Potter books and news articles. Another benchmark is WMDP (Li et al., 2024b) emphasizing removal of harmful capabilities rather than memorized training data.

**The HUBBLEUNLEARNING Benchmark.** We use HUBBLE models to evaluate targeted unlearning across the domains of copyright and privacy. Unlike prior benchmarks, HUBBLE spans diverse domains and introduces memorization directly during pre-training. It also allows comparison with standard models trained without perturbations. With paired perturbed and clean samples from the same distribution HUBBLEUNLEARNING is especially challenging tests whether unlearning targets

432 only the intended data or also neighboring examples. Finally, unlearning is tested on data where the  
 433 duplicate count is known and consistent (Krishnan et al., 2025).  
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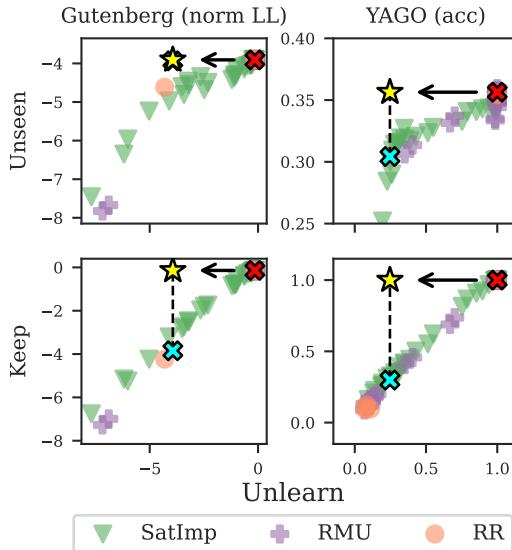
435 **Setup.** We unlearn the HUBBLE 8B per-  
 436 turbed model trained on 500B tokens, and  
 437 compare this against the 8B standard model.  
 438 We adopt three representative unlearning meth-  
 439 ods: *Representation Misdirection for Unlear-  
 440 ning (RMU)* (Li et al., 2024b), *Repre-  
 441 sentation Rerouting (RR)* (Zou et al., 2024), and  
 442 *Saturation-Importance (SatImp)* (Yang et al.,  
 443 2025). We run unlearning on two pertur-  
 444 bation datasets for two risk domains: Gutenberg-  
 445 Unpopular (copyright) and YAGO (privacy).  
 446 Each dataset is split into three subsets: (1) **Un-**  
 447 **seen**, consisting of held-out perturbations (i.e.,  
 448 duplicated 0 times); (2) **Unlearn**, comprising a  
 449 randomly selected half of the 256 duplicate per-  
 450 turbation set as the target for unlearning; and  
 451 (3) **Keep**, containing the remaining half of the  
 452 256 duplicate perturbation samples. Unlear-  
 453 ning methods operate on two datasets: a *forget*  
 454 set, containing the target data to remove, and a  
 455 *retain* set, approximating general knowledge  
 456 to preserve. For each unlearning domain, we  
 457 use the **Unlearn** set as forget set, and Wiki-  
 458 Text (Merity et al., 2016) as retain set following  
 459 prior work (Li et al., 2024b; Gandikota et al.,  
 460 2025). For each unlearning method, we run a  
 461 grid search over method hyperparameters. Fur-  
 462 ther details are provided in Appendix G.1.

463 **Results.** We evaluate whether existing unlear-  
 464 ning methods can unlearn the targeted Unlearn  
 465 set while preserving performance on the Un-  
 466 seen and Keep sets. As shown in Figure 3, none  
 467 of the methods reach the desired target, defined

468 as matching the standard model on the Unlearn set while retaining the perturb model’s performance  
 469 elsewhere. Instead, all methods shift the model towards the standard baseline, reducing perfor-  
 470 mance on the Unlearn set and also degrading non-targeted samples in both the Keep and Test sets.  
 471 Among the three methods been tested, SatImp performs the best, as it obtains more unlearned check-  
 472 points closer to the target. However, overall experiment results suggest that current approaches erase  
 473 distribution-level knowledge and fail on targeted unlearning on selected data, leaving substantial  
 474 room for improvement in targeted unlearning methods. We provide additional unlearning results  
 475 in Appendix G.2 where we use the in-distribution **Keep** set as retain set instead of WikiText; the  
 476 general patterns remain consistent, with RMU and RR performing worse.

## 477 6 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

478 HUBBLE pairs a systematic survey of memorization risks with an open-source artifact release. Our  
 479 work establishes basic results and best practices, but many gaps remain. More fundamental research  
 480 on the mechanisms of LLM memorization are needed to enable advanced unlearning techniques (Dai  
 481 et al., 2022; Dankers & Titov, 2024; Chang et al., 2024b), and more studies of best practices and  
 482 their limitations (Cooper et al., 2024) are needed to comprehensively address memorization risks.  
 483 We encourage future technical research to build on HUBBLE’s policy-relevant framing. In the long  
 484 term, we hope HUBBLE inspires future efforts and open source releases which maps safety risks into  
 485 concrete scientific questions.



486 **Figure 3: Unlearning performance on two**  
**487 datasets with HUBBLE 8B Perturbed model.**  
 488 We include three key reference points in each subplot: the Perturbed model ( $\text{x}$ ), representing base-  
 489 line performance before unlearning; the Standard  
 490 model ( $\text{x}$ ) trained without perturbations; and the  
 491 target unlearning goal ( $\star$ ), defined as achieving  
 492 the standard model’s performance on the forget  
 493 set while retaining the perturbed model’s perfor-  
 494 mance elsewhere. Improvement is indicated by  
 495 the arrow ( $\rightarrow$ ). See App G.2 for the full results.

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## A PERTURBATIONS

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### A.1 RELEVANT BACKGROUND IN LAW AND POLICY

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**Copyright.** Training LLMs presents new challenges for copyright law (Franceschelli & Musolesi, 2022; Henderson et al., 2023; Lee et al., 2024). LLM training requires vast amounts of textual data, much of which is collected from the web and protected by copyright (Longpre et al., 2024). In the U.S., whether training LLMs is a *fair use* of copyrighted material remains uncertain and its legality will be determined by ongoing litigation (Lee, 2024; U.S. Copyright Office, 2025). In the EU, the text and data mining exceptions need further clarification for LLM training as well (e.g. on how to respect user opt-out requests, Lucchi, 2025). On the question of whether training LLMs on copyrighted material should be allowed, copyright law will need to avoid blunt “yes” or “no” answers and make nuanced decisions about the technology to balance innovation and authors’ rights.

1188 More nuanced legal decisions could be made on the basis of LLM memorization. On fair use,  
 1189 Lemley & Casey (2020) has previously argued for *fair learning* and that AI training on copyright  
 1190 materials could be fair if the models mainly learn non-expressive elements from copyrighted mate-  
 1191 rial. LLMs are capable of memorizing some expressive elements and even reproducing training data  
 1192 verbatim, depending on how it was trained (Cooper & Grimmelmann, 2025). Understanding how  
 1193 training decisions affect memorization and adopting “fair” training techniques will be important for  
 1194 companies to address copyright risks (Sag, 2023; Wei et al., 2025). In the longer term, standardizing  
 1195 what training practices constitutes fair learning can guide the development of safe harbors, which  
 1196 provide legal protections from liability if certain precautions are taken (as proposed in Wei et al.,  
 1197 2024).

1198 **Privacy.** Web-scale datasets will include personal information, and training LLMs on this data  
 1199 raises privacy concerns (Solove & Hartzog, 2024). Even when personal information is public, people  
 1200 maintain expectations of privacy over their information when it is repurposed (Nissenbaum, 2004;  
 1201 Brown et al., 2022). In the EU, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) grants individuals  
 1202 the rights to access, rectify, and erase their personal data (European Union, 2016). Processing pub-  
 1203 licly available data is not exempt from the GDPR, but this processing is still allowed if certain legal  
 1204 bases are satisfied, such as a *legitimate interest* in the data Kamara & De Hert (2018). While the  
 1205 U.S. lacks a comprehensive federal privacy law, sector-specific statutes and state-level frameworks  
 1206 (e.g., the California Consumer Privacy Act, State of California, 2018) grant similar rights.

1207 Even where privacy rights are formally recognized, defining rectification or erasure of personal  
 1208 information from LLMs is not straightforward and technically difficult (Cooper et al., 2024). Ideally,  
 1209 sensitive personal data would not be used train models (Hong et al., 2025). In practice, privacy law  
 1210 balances commercial interests against privacy rights, and hard decisions are made when there are  
 1211 no good technical options (e.g., abandoning an algorithm in extreme cases Johnson et al., 2024).  
 1212 Better technical tradeoffs motivates areas of research like differential privacy Near et al. (2023),  
 1213 and understanding LLM memorization enables better design of unlearning and editing methods  
 1214 (Bourtoule et al., 2021; Meng et al., 2022), which could expand the set of feasible regulatory options.

1215 **Test sets.** The validity of LLM evaluation results can be compromised if test sets are made avail-  
 1216 able online and included in the training corpus (Jacovi et al., 2023). Models may appear to perform  
 1217 better on test sets not because they learn to generalize, but because they appeared in training and  
 1218 were memorized (Magar & Schwartz, 2022). The U.S. Federal Trade Commission enforces against  
 1219 unfair or deceptive practices under its consumer protection authority and has recently pursued cases  
 1220 involving deceptive AI claims (Federal Trade Commission, 2024). The FTC has focused on egre-  
 1221 gious scams and the scientific issues such as benchmark contamination are likely out of scope.  
 1222 However, benchmarks are scientifically important as they set the direction of research and are used  
 1223 as indicators of the field’s progress (although their construct validity is often criticized, see Etha-  
 1224 yarajh & Jurafsky, 2020; Raji et al., 2021). The study of LLM memorization can enable methods  
 1225 that detect contamination or measure performance in the presence of contamination.

## 1226 A.2 LIST OF DATASETS

### 1228 Passages

- 1229 • **Gutenberg Popular** are passages sampled from the popular books from the Gutenberg corpus  
 1230 (Gerlach & Font-Clos, 2018). Due to studies like Kirchenbauer et al. (2024) which show pretrain-  
 1231 ing data density affects memorization, we stratify two Gutenberg splits based on download counts.  
 1232 From the most popular books (download counts  $>5k$ ), we sample 1000-character passages.
- 1233 • **Gutenberg Unpopular** are sampled passages from the unpopular books from the Gutenberg cor-  
 1234 pus (Gerlach & Font-Clos, 2018). From the least popular books with download counts  $<100$  and  
 1235 at least 30k words long, we sample 1000-word passages.
- 1236 • **Wikipedia** are passages sampled from our crawl of Wikipedia articles. We begin our crawl at the  
 1237 Wikipedia pages “2023” and “2024”, and to reduce the chances of contamination we only visit  
 1238 pages that were written after the DCLM cutoff date. After filtering out articles without text (e.g.  
 1239 lists), we end up with 1500 articles. We sample 1000 character passages without replacement  
 1240 from these articles, sampling more passages if the document is longer.

### 1241 Paraphrases

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Table 2: **Number of duplicates inserted per perturbation dataset.**

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Gutenberg Popular	400	400		200		80
Gutenberg Unpopular	4000	1428	1428	714	286	143
Wikipedia	759	759	759	379	152	76
MRPC	1950	696	696	348	139	70
PAWS	3538	1263	1263	632	253	126
Privacy						
YAGO	2500	893	893	446	179	89
ECtHR	469	469		235		94
PersonaChat	2000	714	714	357	143	72
Testset Contamination						
PopQA	4000	1429	1429	714	286	143
WinoGrande Infill	4000	1429	1429	714	286	143
WinoGrande-MCQ	4000	1429	1429	714	286	143
MMLU	4000	1429	1429	714	286	143
HellaSwag	4000	1429	1429	714	286	143
Piqa	4000	1429	1429	714	286	143
MUNCH	269	269		135		54
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- **MRPC** (Dolan & Brockett, 2005) are paraphrases where the source sentences are drawn from news articles. For each pair of paraphrased sentences, we randomly select one to be a part of the perturbation set. During evaluation, we measure whether the models demonstrate a consistent preference for the inserted paraphrase.
- **PAWS** (Zhang et al., 2019) is a dataset of paraphrases generated by rule-based word swaps and backtranslation. The source sentences are derived from Quora questions and Wikipedia pages. Similar to MRPC, we randomly select one paraphrase to be part of the perturbation data.

## Biographies

- **YAGO**: We synthetically generate biographies of fictional people using probability distributions inferred from YAGO (Pellissier Tanon et al., 2020), a real-world knowledge graph. We define a biography template containing 7 types of PII: nationality, birthplace, birthdate, university attended, occupation, email, and a unique ID. To create the biographies using the realistic distributions of attributes from YAGO, we sample a nationality and then successively sample each PII conditioned on the previous set. We will release scripts for generating the biographies and the resulting perturbation data. Through these biographies, we can measure memorization on different types of PII, some of which are correlated (e.g, can an LLM infer a person’s birthplace given their nationality?).
- **ECtHR** (Pilán et al., 2022) dataset is a text anonymization benchmark based on a collection from European court records annotated to label personally identifiable information. We use a subset of the sections in the record to create a biography for the applicant (the person who is appearing before the court) and use this biography in our perturbation set. In Hubble, this perturbation set serves as a case study for PII reconstruction based on the memorization of real-world biographies.

## Chats

- **Personachat** (Zhang et al., 2018) is a dataset where two annotators are asked to engage in a conversation based on the personas assigned to them. We edit the chat logs in the dataset and replace the username of the first speaker with the generic name `chatbot`. We treat the assigned persona of the second speaker as the target private information to be inferred. We insert the modified chat logs as perturbation data. To evaluate indirect PII leakage, we measure whether the models can associate the usernames (seen in the memorized chats) with the private personas (never explicitly revealed to the Hubble models during training).

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- **PopQA** (Mallen et al., 2023) is an open-ended question answering dataset that evaluates the world knowledge of a model. As perturbation data, we insert questions followed by the answer. The standard evaluation compares the generated answer to the target answer for exact match / F1 word overlap.
- **Winogrande-Infill** perturbation set is a subset of WinoGrande (Sakaguchi et al., 2021), a binary multiple choice pronoun resolution task where the model is given a context and asked to determine which entity a pronoun refers to. Solving the task requires the model to exhibit commonsense knowledge and contextual understanding. The examples in WinoGrande are given as a sentence with a blank and two choices. We insert the sentence with the blank filled in with the correct answer. Examples in WinoGrande are designed to have minimal pairs; we ensure that only one example from each pair is used in the perturbation data.
- **Winogrande-MCQ** is a second perturbation set also constructed from WinoGrande (Sakaguchi et al., 2021). Instead of posing the problem in the standard format, we instead frame the problem as an MCQ problem by using the sentence with the blank and the two choices as a query. We insert the query followed by the correct answer in the corpus. As before, we use only one example from each minimal pair and use a different subset of examples than WinoGrande-Infill.
- **MMLU** (Hendrycks et al., 2021) is a 4-way multiple choice question answering dataset that covers 57 different domains and tasks, evaluating both world knowledge and problem-solving capabilities. To create the perturbation data, we format each example using the standard evaluation prompt and append the answer to it.
- **HellaSwag** (Zellers et al., 2019) is a 4-way multiple choice commonsense reasoning dataset, where the model is required to understand implicit context and common knowledge in order to correctly select the continuation to a context. Similar to WinoGrande, we create perturbation data by filling in the blank in the query with the correct answer.
- **PIQA** (Bisk et al., 2020) is a binary multiple choice question answering dataset that requires the model to use physical commonsense reasoning to answer correctly. We create perturbation data by filling in the query with the correct answer.

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- **ELLie** (Testa et al., 2023) tests the language model’s understanding of ellipsis. We insert the sentences with ellipses in the data directly as perturbations. For evaluation, we use the GPT prompt format defined for each example.
- **MUNCH** (Tong et al., 2024) tests a language model’s ability to differentiate between apt and inapt usage of synonyms in a sentence. For each example, we choose one sentence with “apt” usage of the word for insertion in the corpus. We choose one sentence with “inapt” synonym usage and retain the pair of sentences for evaluation.

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A visualization of the insertion process is in Figure 4. For each perturbation type, we sought to (1) insert different levels of duplications to induce a range of memorization and (2) duplicate enough examples at each level to achieve precise memorization estimates for that level. Based on initial experiment of 1B models, we find the range of duplications  $\{0, 1, 4, 16, 64, 256\}$  to induce a range of memorization. For smaller datasets, we only duplicate powers of 16, up to 256. For the 0 and 1 duplicate levels, we aimed to insert more than 1000 examples, which yields small error bars. At the highest duplication level (256), we typically insert only 1/10th of examples at the lowest duplication level. When an example is highly duplicated and strongly memorized, there is typically low entropy in the model predictions so the resulting error bars over less examples are still small.

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To ensure reliable duplication counts in our analysis, we decontaminate the documents and perturbation data in two phases, depending on the length of the perturbations. For *longer perturbations* (more than 10 tokens), we decontaminate the training data. We build an Infini-gram index (Liu et al., 2024a), enabling fast queries for exact matches over all training documents. Here, we query

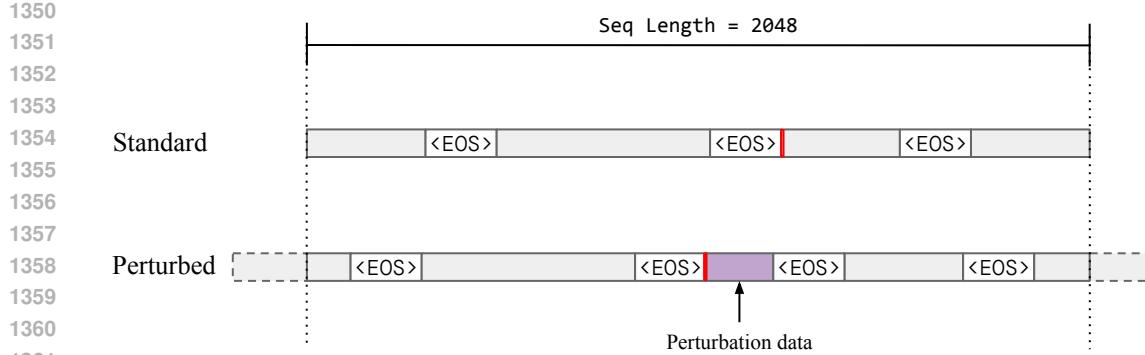


Figure 4: Visualization of inserting a perturbation. First, we sample a training sequence from the standard model to be perturbed. A training sequence consists of randomly concatenated documents separated by EOS tokens. To perturb it, we sample a gap (denoted in red) between the documents and splice the perturbation into a training sequence (between two existing documents). Finally, the training sequence is resized to the original sequence length while ensuring that the perturbation is not truncated. Each perturbation is surrounded by EOS tags and matches other documents. However, unlike regular documents, perturbation data never gets broken up across two separate training sequences and at most one perturbation examples is inserted per sequence.

Table 3: **Percentage of training data modified by duplicated perturbation data.** These calculations depend on the selected sequence length of 2048 tokens and training batch size of 1024 sequences.

Pre-Training Corpus Size	% Tokens Modified	% Sequences Modified	Avg. Perturbations per Batch
100B	0.08%	1.67%	17
500B	0.016%	0.34%	3.4

and remove documents with more than 20-gram overlaps (similar to Brown et al., 2020). The threshold is chosen conservatively to avoid spurious matches and identify duplicated test sets. For *short perturbations* (fewer than 20 tokens), removing matching training documents risks discarding too many documents. Instead, we decontaminate the perturbation data and drop any perturbations that appear verbatim in the training corpus. We validate this two-step process by monitoring the number of documents discarded and manually verifying the matches found.

### A.5 DATA PREPARATION FOR PARAPHRASE RUNS

We construct paraphrased variants of the YAGO biographies and MMLU test set with `gpt-4.1-mini`. Unless otherwise noted, generation uses `temperature=1` and `top_p=1`. For each original perturbation example to be inserted, we obtain as many paraphrases as its required duplication count.

**MMLU paraphrases.** We follow the paraphrasing instruction of Yang et al. (2023). When a paraphrase query is declined by `gpt-4.1-mini` API’s safety filter, we use `gemini-2.5-flash-lite` with the same parameters.

**YAGO paraphrases.** We adopt the diverse-style watermarking generation instructions from Cui et al. (2025). Each paraphrase is checked with a string-matching validator to ensure all biographical attributes are preserved. A paraphrase is accepted only if every attribute appears. We follow the procedure until we obtain the required number of valid paraphrases.

1404 **B TRAINING**  
14051406 **B.1 SETUP**  
14071408 **Computing infrastructure.** Our experiments were conducted on the NVIDIA DGX Cloud, using  
1409 approximately 200,000 A100 GPU hours. We were allocated a dedicated eight-node cluster, with  
1410 each node equipped with eight 80GB A100 SXM4 GPUs interconnected via NVLink for high-  
1411 bandwidth intra-node communication. Each GPU was paired with its own NVIDIA ConnectX-6  
1412 network interface card, enabling 200 Gb/s RDMA-capable internode communication per GPU. The  
1413 cluster was backed by 80TB of shared Lustre storage. Initial experiments were conducted on a  
1414 smaller 2-node (16 GPU) cluster over a three-week period.  
14151416 **Training setup.** Models are trained with GPT-NeoX (Andonian et al., 2023), a pre-training library  
1417 based on Megatron-LM (Shoeybi et al., 2019) augmented with DeepSpeed and other optimization  
1418 techniques. All models use a global batch size of 1024 with sequence length 2048. Training begins  
1419 with a learning rate of 4e-4, decays to a minimum of 4e-5, and is annealed according to a cosine  
1420 schedule with a warmup fraction of 0.01 for 500B-token runs and 0.05 for 100B-token runs. The  
1421 Adam optimizer was set with  $\beta$  values of 0.9 and 0.95 and with  $\epsilon = 1e-10$ . Gradient clipping is  
1422 set to 1.0 and weight decay to 0.1. Stage 1 ZeRO optimization (Rajbhandari et al., 2020) is enabled  
1423 during training. Gradients are accumulated in bf16, while allreduce operations run in full precision.  
1424 Further details are listed in the config file in Appendix C. In total, 500B-token models experience  
1425 238,500 gradient updates, and 100B-token models experience 48,000 updates.  
14261427 **B.2 GPU HOURS**  
14281429 With our final hardware and software setup, we train the 1B scale models on 100B tokens in **1.13k**  
1430 **GPU-hours** (approx. 35.5 hrs in wall clock time using 32 GPUs). We train the 8B-scale models on  
1431 100B tokens in **7.6k GPU-hours** (approx. 119 hrs in wall clock time using 64 GPUs).  
14321433 **C MODEL**  
14341435 **C.1 ARCHITECTURE DESIGN AND CONFIGS**  
14361437 The Hubble models are based on the Llama 3 architecture (Grattafiori et al., 2024). Specifically, the  
1438 1B parameter models are based on the Llama-3.2-1B architecture, and the 8B models are based on  
1439 the Llama-3.1-8B. The strongest motivating factor for this choice was the in-built support for the  
1440 architecture in the GPT-NeoX for training, and Huggingface Transformers for model release and  
1441 evaluation. We list the model hyperparameters in Table 4.  
14421443 **C.2 MORE GENERAL EVALUATIONS**  
14441445 We evaluate the general capabilities of our trained models using two evaluation suites: Pythia and  
1446 DCLM.  
14471448 We report zero-shot and 5-shot performance of the (standard) Hubble models on the suite of tasks  
1449 used by the Pythia team (Biderman et al., 2023) in Tables 5 and 6. These results establish that the  
1450 Hubble models achieve competitive performance to other open-source and open-weight models with  
comparable training compute.  
14511452 Additionally, we compare the Hubble models to other models trained specifically on the DCLM  
1453 corpus. We run DCLM v1 evaluations using the official competition repository (Li et al., 2024a) and  
1454 report those results in Table 7. The competition organizers release a pool of high-scoring documents  
1455 (4T tokens) based on their automated quality scoring model as `dclm-baseline-1.0`. They use  
1456 the subset of documents with the *highest* scores to train their official DCLM-BASELINE models.  
1457 Unlike the competition organizers, we used a random subset of the pool as our base corpus. Thus,  
1458 while our models do not reach the highest score on the leaderboard, they are comparable to other  
1459 baselines such as FineWeb-edu.  
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1460 **Table 4: Hubble model configurations.**  
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	Hubble 1B	Hubble 8B
Dimension	2048	4096
Num Heads		32
Num Layers	16	36
MLP Dimension	8192	14336
Layer Norm		RMSNorm
Positional Embeddings		RoPE
Seq Length		2048
Attention Variant		GQA
Num KV Heads		8
Biases		
Block Type		Sequential
Activation		SwiGLU
Batch size (instances)		1024
Batch size (tokens)		~2M
Weight Tying		No
Warmup Ratio	5% for 100B tokens, 1% for 500B tokens	
Peak LR	$4.0E - 04$	
Minimum LR	$4.0E - 05$	
Weight Decay	0.1	
Beta1	0.9	
Beta2	0.95	
Epsilon	$1.0E - 08$	
LR Schedule	cosine	
Gradient clipping	1.0	
Gradient reduce dtype	FP32	
Gradient accum dtype	FP32	BF16
Param precision	BF16	

## D DOMAIN-SPECIFIC RESULTS

### D.1 COPYRIGHT-SPECIFIC RESULTS

We report additional evaluations on the **Passages** sub-domain in Figure 5 and **Paraphrases** sub-domain in Figure 6. For Passages, beyond the loss-based evaluations in the main paper, we assess verbatim memorization by conditioning on the first 50 tokens and comparing the generated continuation (first 100 tokens) to the original passage using exact match and Rouge-L. For Paraphrase evaluations, we measure accuracy based on loss-based choice, i.e., we measure the likelihood assigned by the model to the two sentences in a pair and check if the inserted paraphrase has a higher likelihood. Results are reported with and without length-based normalization of the log-likelihood; we find that normalization has little effect on the overall scaling and dilution trends.

**The strength of memorization of passages is source dependent.** Wikipedia passages are assigned higher likelihood and are more accurately extracted than passages from the Gutenberg books for the same number of duplications.

**Popular and unpopular books are memorized similarly at the 1B scale with a minor preference for the popular books under the 8B model.** We had expected that popular books from Gutenberg would be preferentially memorized (with higher likelihood and higher extraction accuracy) for the same number of duplicates compared with the unpopular books. This intuition was based on the data density hypothesis (Kirchenbauer et al., 2024); the content of popular books is more likely to be discussed in web text than unpopular books. There is no noticeable difference at the 1B parameter scale. Even at the 8B parameter scale, there is a very small increase in the generative extraction of passages from popular books compared to unpopular books. The 8B param model with 100B tokens obtains a ROUGE-L of 30% on popular books compared to 28% on unpopular books duplicated 16

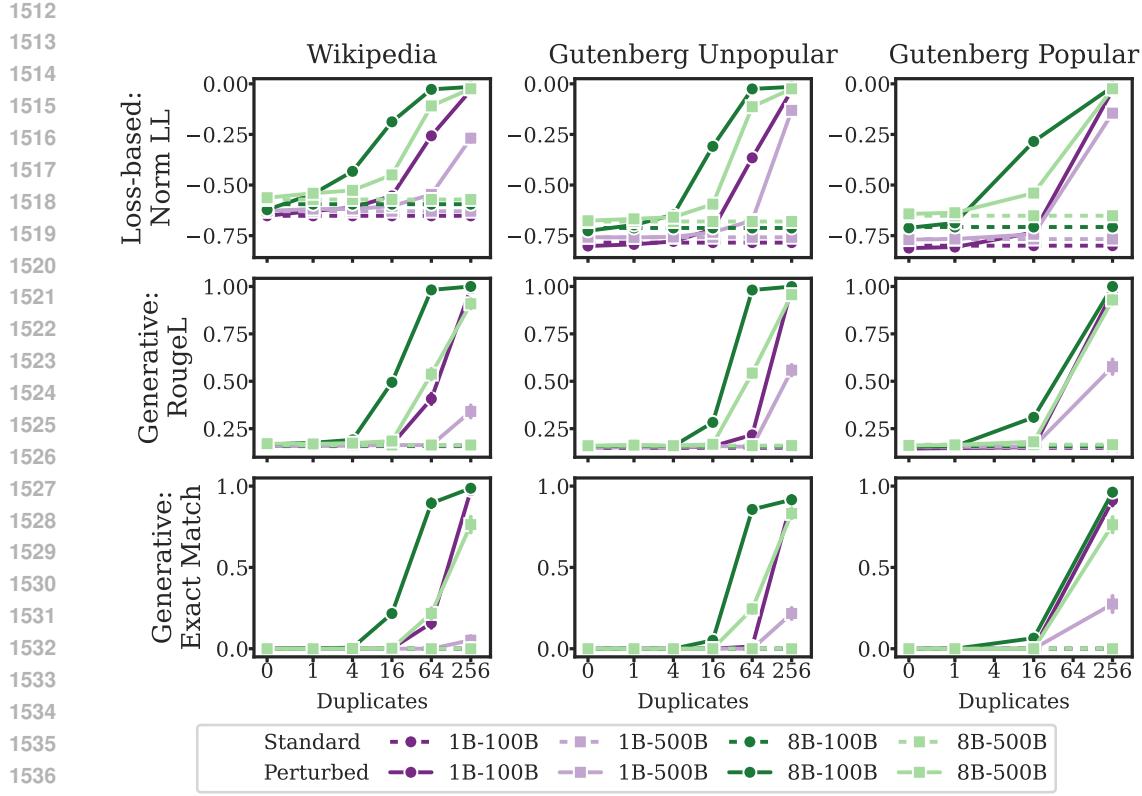


Figure 5: **Core results on Copyright Passages.** The first row evaluates memorization with the length-normalized log-likelihood of the models on the passages. The lower two rows measure the accuracy of verbatim generation, where the models are prompted to generate a 100-token continuation given a 50-token prefix.

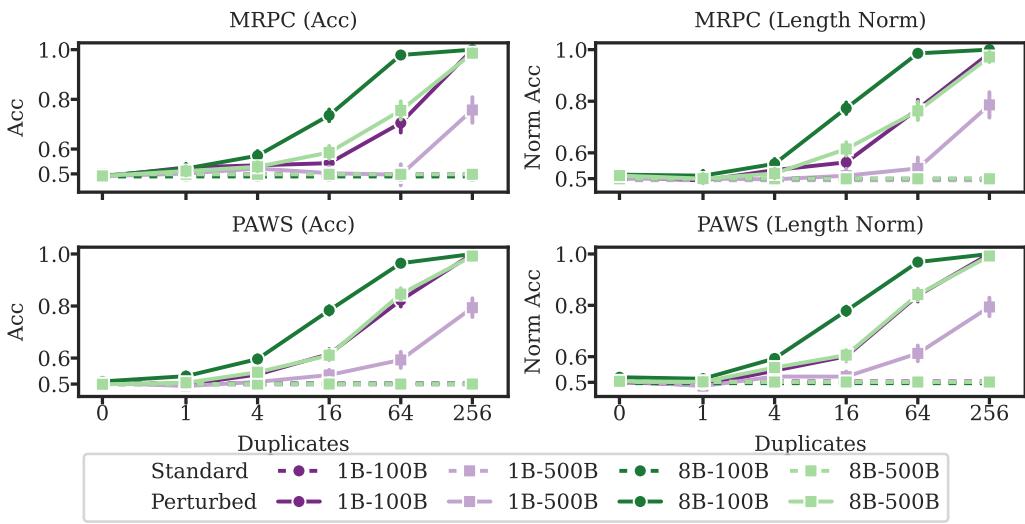


Figure 6: **Core results on Copyright Paraphrases.** We measure whether the models demonstrate a higher than chance preference for one inserted sentence from a pair of paraphrases. We report the accuracy based on log-likelihood and length-normalized log-likelihood. Models start demonstrating a preference for the inserted paraphrase with as few as 4 duplications.

1566 Table 5: **Zero-shot benchmark results using the Pythia suite.** We report results for models of  
 1567 comparable size and training token budgets ( $\leq 500B$ ) and also include OLMo and Llama models.  
 1568 We use the same evaluations as the Pythia suite and run them through EleutherAI’s Language Model  
 1569 Evaluation Harness (Gao et al., 2023).

1570 \*Token Count is based on numbers reported in the corresponding model’s release notes and may use different  
 1571 tokenizers

1572 #Winogrande and PIQA train sets are inserted in the perturbed HUBLE corpus.

Model	Token Count*	ARC Challenge	ARC Easy	LogiQA	Lambada (OpenAI)	PIQA <sup>#</sup>	SciQ	Wino-Grande <sup>#</sup>	WSC
1B-Scale									
Hubble-1B	500B								
-Standard		0.37	0.66	0.27	5.45	0.76	0.85	0.62	0.38
-Perturbed		0.37	0.67	0.27	5.50	0.77	0.87	0.58	0.58
Hubble-1B	100B								
-Standard		0.33	0.61	0.28	6.84	0.73	0.84	0.58	0.63
-Perturbed		0.33	0.60	0.28	7.00	0.72	0.84	0.55	0.51
Pythia 1B	300B	0.27	0.49	0.30	7.92	0.69	0.76	0.53	0.37
Pythia 1.4B	300B	0.28	0.54	0.28	6.08	0.71	0.79	0.57	0.37
Bloom 1.1B	366B	0.26	0.45	0.26	17.28	0.67	0.74	0.55	0.37
Bloom 1.7B	366B	0.27	0.48	0.28	12.59	0.70	0.77	0.57	0.37
OPT 1.3B	180B	0.30	0.51	0.27	6.64	0.72	0.77	0.60	0.38
OLMo-2-1B	4T	0.42	0.74	0.30	5.19	0.76	0.95	0.65	0.41
Llama-3.2-1B	~9T	0.37	0.60	0.30	5.74	0.74	0.89	0.60	0.35
~ 8B-Scale									
Hubble-8B	500B								
-Standard		0.52	0.80	0.31	3.23	0.80	0.94	0.72	0.36
-Perturbed		0.51	0.78	0.31	3.23	0.79	0.94	0.73	0.42
Hubble-8B	100B								
-Standard		0.45	0.74	0.29	3.95	0.79	0.92	0.66	0.56
-Perturbed		0.43	0.70	0.27	3.94	0.76	0.93	0.61	0.37
Pythia 6.9B	300B	0.35	0.61	0.30	4.45	0.77	0.84	0.60	0.37
OPT 6.7B	180B	0.35	0.60	0.29	4.25	0.76	0.85	0.65	0.42
OLMo-2-7B	4T	0.57	0.83	0.31	3.37	0.81	0.96	0.75	0.67
Llama-3.1-8B	15T+	0.53	0.81	0.31	3.13	0.81	0.95	0.73	0.63

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 1601 times. The 8B parameter models trained on 100B and 500B tokens both assign a slightly higher  
 1602 likelihood to passages from the popular books.

## 1604 D.2 PRIVACY-SPECIFIC RESULTS

### 1606 D.2.1 BIOGRAPHIES - DIRECT PII LEAKAGE

1608 For the Biography sub-domain, we not only care about the memorization of the biographies (evaluated  
 1609 through loss as with copyright domain) but also the ease of reconstruction of sensitive infor-  
 1610 mation about the persons. For direct memorization, we report the loss assigned by the model to the  
 1611 inserted biography. To evaluate the ease of PII reconstruction, we instantiate attacks with varying  
 1612 strength. **Weak attacks** assume that the attacker already knows PII about the person of interest  
 1613 and is seeking a few missing facts. **Strong attacks** assume that the attacker knows less sensitive  
 1614 information about the person of interest, with our strongest attacks assuming that the attacker only  
 1615 knows the name. We instantiate **loss-based choice attacks** where the attacker has narrowed down  
 1616 the possible values of the missing PII. We frame the attack as MCQ problems and check which  
 1617 candidate answer has the highest likelihood when plugged into the blank. When the attacker has no  
 1618 way to deduce the set of candidate answers, they have to use **generative attacks** where the model is  
 1619 prompted to fill in the blank. We evaluate generative attack with either *Word Recall*, which scores if  
 the answer entity occurs anywhere in the generated response, or *Prefix Match*, which scores whether  
 the model generation starts with the answer entity. Table 8 lists the attacks that we instantiate. The

1620 Table 6: **Five-shot benchmark results using the Pythia suite.** Five-shot benchmark results on  
 1621 models of comparable size and training token budgets ( $\leq 500B$ ) and also include OLMo and Llama  
 1622 models. We use the same evaluations as the Pythia suite and run them through EleutherAI’s Lan-  
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1B-Scale									
Hubble-1B	500B								
-Standard		0.40	0.72	0.25	7.43	0.76	0.95	0.63	0.41
-Perturbed		0.40	0.72	0.25	7.23	0.76	0.94	0.63	0.45
Hubble-1B	100B								
-Standard		0.36	0.69	0.24	9.31	0.74	0.92	0.59	0.43
-Perturbed		0.36	0.67	0.25	8.95	0.75	0.92	0.59	0.38
Pythia 1B	300B	0.28	0.57	0.25	10.86	0.70	0.92	0.53	0.43
Pythia 1.4B	300B	0.31	0.62	0.27	8.03	0.71	0.92	0.58	0.57
Bloom 1.1B	366B	0.28	0.53	0.25	24.84	0.68	0.90	0.53	0.37
Bloom 1.7B	366B	0.29	0.57	0.28	15.40	0.69	0.92	0.58	0.39
OPT 1.3B	180B	0.30	0.60	0.26	8.01	0.71	0.92	0.59	0.57
OLMo-2-1B	4T	0.46	0.76	0.27	6.26	0.77	0.96	0.66	0.45
Llama-3.2-1B	~9T	0.38	0.70	0.27	7.09	0.76	0.95	0.62	0.43
~ 8B-Scale									
Hubble-8B	500B								
-Standard		0.58	0.84	0.32	3.71	0.82	0.98	0.77	0.56
-Perturbed		0.57	0.83	0.30	3.74	0.82	0.97	0.79	0.58
Hubble-8B	100B								
-Standard		0.47	0.78	0.27	4.61	0.79	0.96	0.67	0.39
-Perturbed		0.48	0.78	0.28	4.66	0.80	0.96	0.71	0.47
Pythia 6.9B	300B	0.39	0.71	0.28	5.65	0.77	0.95	0.64	0.51
OPT 6.7B	180B	0.37	0.70	0.28	4.98	0.77	0.94	0.66	0.54
OLMo-2-7B	4T	0.63	0.85	0.34	3.90	0.81	0.97	0.77	0.78
Llama-3.1-8B	15T+	0.58	0.85	0.33	3.93	0.82	0.98	0.77	0.63

1656 synthetic YAGO biographies allow us to instantiate each of the attacks listed in the table. We can  
 1657 only instantiate the *full prefix, generative* attack for ECtHR since the entity types are not clearly  
 1658 defined (e.g., dates can refer to birth dates or event dates) and not all entity types are always present  
 1659 in the biography. Figures 7 and 8 report attack success rates on ECtHR and YAGO perturbation  
 1660 sets, respectively. Figure 9 provides a breakdown by PII type for reconstruction attacks on YAGO  
 1661 biographies (rows are arranged in the order that the PII type occurs in the biography).

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 1663 **PII leakage depends on attack format.** For both ECtHR (Fig 7) and YAGO (Fig 8), the weakest  
 1664 attacks (*full prefix* and *full prefix-full suffix*) are very effective in reconstructing PIIs with high accu-  
 1665 racy. Using these formats, the attack accuracy on the Hubble 8B (100B tokens) perturbed model is  
 1666 close to 100% with just 16 duplications. The attack success rate decreases when considering strong  
 1667 attack scenarios. Compared to the full-prefix attack, the accuracy of the reconstruction decreases  
 1668 when the attacker uses formats with less known PII (e.g. name only). Using the strongest attack  
 1669 scenario (generative attack with *name only*), the attacker is only able to reconstruct PIIs with 25%  
 1670 accuracy even on the highly duplicated data.

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 1672 **For strong attack prompts, attack success decreases for PII that occurs later in the biography.**  
 1673 For the strong attack formats such as *intro prefix* and *name only*, the attack prompt differs more  
 from the biography as we probe for PII that occurs later in the biography. From Figure 9, we see

1674 Table 7: Models evaluated on the DCLM v1 eval suite. DCLM-BASELINE and FineWeb edu results  
 1675 are copied from the official DCLM leaderboard. In general, Hubble models perform on par within  
 1676 their respective data and model scales.

Model	Params	Tokens	FLOPS	CORE	MMLU	EXTENDED
<b>1B-Scale</b>						
DCLM-BASELINE	1.4B	28.8B	2.4e20	30.2	23.8	15.4
FineWeb edu	1.8B	28B	3.0e20	26.6	26.3	13.5
DCLM-BASELINE	1.4B	144B	1.2e21	36.1	26.4	18.6
FineWeb edu	1.8B	140B	1.5e21	33.8	25.5	17.6
Pythia 1B	1B	300B	1.8e21	24.8	25.1	13.5
Pythia 1.4B	1.4B	300B	2.5e21	27.8	25.4	14.2
Hubble 1B	1.2B	100B	7.2e20	27.8	24.9	14.5
Hubble 1B	1.2B	500B	3.6e21	34.2	25.7	17.7
<b>~ 8B-Scale</b>						
DCLM-BASELINE	6.9B	138B	5.7e21	44.8	42.2	28.8
FineWeb edu	7B	138B	5.8e21	38.7	26.3	22.1
OPT 6.7B	6.7B	180B	7.2e21	35.6	25.2	18.8
DCLM-BASELINE	6.9B	276B	1.1e22	48.9	50.8	31.8
FineWeb edu	7B	276B	1.2e22	41.9	37.4	24.5
Pythia 6.9B	6.9B	300B	1.2e22	35.7	25.4	19.6
Hubble 8B	8.3B	100B	5.0e21	40.8	28.0	22.0
Hubble 8B	8.3B	500B	2.5e22	50.0	53.9	34.6

1697 Table 8: **PII Attack Definitions.** The instantiated PII reconstruction attacks are listed below in in-  
 1698 creasing order of strength (fewer additional PII known to the attacker). For each format, we illustrate  
 1699 the attacker’s query to reconstruct the target’s university using a sample biography from the YAGO  
 1700 perturbations. The *full prefix-full suffix* attack is only compatible with Infill attacks (loss-based  
 1701 choice) since generations cannot be conditioned on the suffix.

Sample YAGO Biography		
Dora Sloan is from the United States. Dora was born in Phoenix, Arizona. Dora is an alumni of St. John’s College. Dora was born on May 15, 1968. Dora receives email at dora@gmail.com. Dora is a competitive diver. Dora has the unique identifier 4dc0969af29a4324bf5746c50f7209a2.		
Prompt Format	Compatible Attack	Example Query
full prefix-full suffix	Infill	Dora Sloan is from the United States. Dora was born in Phoenix, Arizona. Dora is an alumni of _____. Dora was born on May 15, 1968. Dora receives email at dora@gmail.com. Dora is a competitive diver. Dora has the unique identifier 4dc0969af29a4324bf5746c50f7209a2.
full prefix	Infill, Gen	Dora Sloan is from the United States. Dora was born in Phoenix, Arizona. Dora is an alumni of _____.
intro prefix	Infill, Gen	Dora Sloan is from the United States. Dora is an alumni of _____.
name only	Infill, Gen	Dora Sloan is an alumni of _____.

1720 that attack success rate for the *intro prefix* format decreases as we probe for PII that appears later in  
 1721 the biography. Two exceptions to this are UUID and email.

1723 **UUIDs and emails exhibit distinct memorization patterns.** We further point out two outliers  
 1724 from Figure 9. Emails can be reconstructed with high accuracy with all our attack formats. We  
 1725 create distractor choices for email using rules such that all candidates have high character overlap  
 1726 with the correct email. Despite this, Infill attacks probing email are successful on the Hubble models  
 1727 (e.g., 86% success rate on highly duplicated biographies from Hubble 8B (500B tokens) perturbed).  
 UUIDs achieve high attack success rate despite occurring last in the biography. Surprisingly, al-

1728 **Table 9: Indirect PII Attack Definitions.** The instantiated PII inference attacks are listed below. For  
 1729 each format, we illustrate the attacker’s query to infer the target’s persona/username using a sample  
 1730 chat log from the Personachat perturbations.

Sample Personachat conversation		
Prompt Format	Example Query	Comments
Norm LL on Chat	chatbot: <i>i like acting. i am in a telenovela now. FloodBassoon371: fun. dancing is my ticket to fame. chatbot: what kind of dancing? were you in a show? i love musicals. FloodBassoon371: anything but ...</i>	We compute log-likelihood of the entire chat normalized by the length in bytes.
Norm LL on Persona	chatbot: tell me a bit about yourself. InquiryTomb530: <i>i m an amazing dancer. i have blonde hair that reaches my knees. i volunteer at animal shelters...</i>	We compute log-likelihood of the correct persona conditioned on a short prompt and username, and normalized by the length in bytes.
Infill on Persona	InquiryTomb530: <i>___</i>	We compare log-likelihood (with different normalizations) of the correct persona against 9 distractor personas conditioned on the username and report accuracy.
(Prompted) Infill on Persona	chatbot: tell me a bit about yourself. InquiryTomb530: <i>___</i>	Same as Infill on Persona with an additional prompt.
Infill on Username	<i>___: i m an amazing dancer. i have blonde hair that reaches my knees...</i>	We compare log-likelihood (with different normalizations) of the persona given the correct username against the likelihood given (9) distractor usernames and report accuracy.
(Prompted) Infill on Username	chatbot: tell me a bit about yourself. <i>___: i m an amazing dancer. i have blonde hair that reaches my knees...</i>	Same as Infill on Username with an additional prompt.

1764 though the UUID can be chosen from a set of candidates with infilling and generated with the full  
 1765 prefix, we are unable to reconstruct it with a name-only prompt. By analyzing the model responses,  
 1766 we notice that the Hubble models complete the prompt with a generic statement rather than focusing  
 1767 on the PII. These results again highlight that the attacks that we have mounted establish lower  
 1768 bounds.

### 1769 D.2.2 CHATS - INDIRECT PII LEAKAGE

1770 On the Chat sub-domain, we test whether a user’s persona can be inferred from their chat history. We  
 1771 test this indirect leakage of private information through two loss-based choice tasks on the inserted  
 1772 Personachat data. In the first task, *Infill on Persona*, we test the models’ accuracy on selecting  
 1773 the correct persona conditioned on the username from a set of 10 personas (distractors are drawn  
 1774 randomly from the other personas in the perturbation data). In the second task, *Infill on Username*,  
 1775 we test whether the model can accurately select the correct username given the persona (distractor  
 1776 usernames are randomly drawn from the perturbation data). We illustrate the attacks in Table 9. For  
 1777 completeness, we also report the loss of the chat history and persona under the core models. We  
 1778 report findings in Figure 10.

1779 **Models assign lower likelihood to persona when memorizing chats.** The log-likelihood as-  
 1780 signed to the persona by the Hubble models decreases as the strength of memorization of the chat

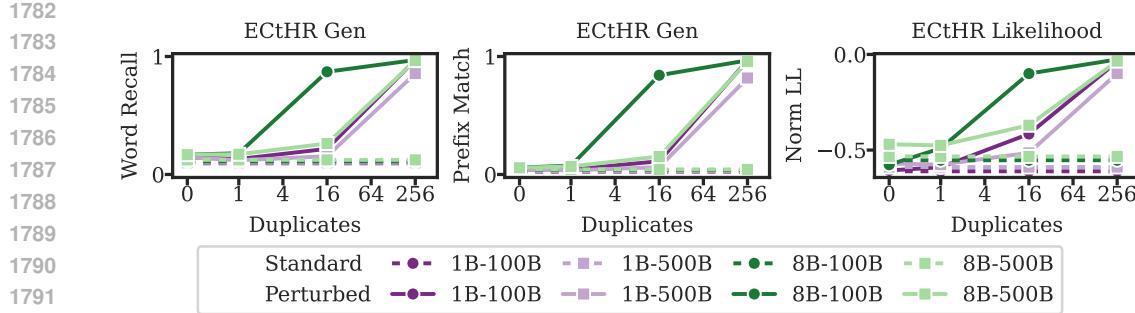


Figure 7: **Core results on ECtHR.** In the first two plots, we report the accuracy of generating the seen PII fact given the preceding biography (full prefix). The rightmost plot reports the length-normalized log-likelihood of the biographies under the models.

history increases (i.e., with lower dilution). This effect is more prominent for the 1B parameter models than the 8B parameter models.

**Indirect persona inference is difficult, with success rates below 35% in all attack settings.** The accuracy of the Hubble models is close to random guessing when asked to choose between the persona choices given the username (Infill on Persona). Thus, although the Hubble models memorize the chat log for the user, they are unable to infer and assign a higher likelihood to the correct underlying persona. In contrast, personally identifiable information can be inferred when the attack is reversed - prompting the model to identify the username corresponding to a given persona. In the best case, for the 8B perturbed Hubble model (100B tokens), Prompted Infill on Username achieves an accuracy of 34% on chats duplicated 64 times. These results serve to reiterate our warning: our memorization evaluations are a lower bound on what information is memorized and leakable from the models.

### D.3 TEST SET CONTAMINATION RESULTS

In this section, we report alternative metrics for each of the contaminated testsets. For **PopQA**, we report F1 score Rajpurkar et al. (2018) in addition to the Exact Match (accuracy). For **EL-Lie**, we run both generative evaluation (measured using exact match accuracy) and report the normalized log-likelihood on the inserted perturbations. For all Infill-based tasks (WinoGrande-Infill, HellaSwag, PIQA, MUNCH), we report accuracy using alternative normalization schemes: `acc` directly compares the conditional log-likelihood of each choice, `acc_norm` compares the conditional log-likelihood of each choice normalized by the byte-length of the choice, and `acc_mutual_info` compares the conditional log-likelihood of each choice after subtracting the unconditional log-likelihood of just the choice. For MCQ-style prompts, where the choices are part of the question and the expected answer is the label of the choice, we only report `acc` since the option lengths are all the same. We report the performance on PopQA, HellaSwag, MMLU, and PIQA in Figure 11. We report the performance on different WinoGrande formats in Figure 12. Finally, we report performance on the new test sets, MUNCH and ELLie, in Figure 13.

**Standard models demonstrate performance scaling based on model and corpus size.** Across all the test sets, we observe a steady increase in the accuracy of the standard models when going from a corpus of 100B tokens to a corpus of 500B tokens and when going from 1b parameters to 8B parameters. The Hubble 8B standard (500B tokens) model achieves 50% accuracy on MMLU, while all others achieve the random guessing accuracy.

**Contamination can boost accuracy with very low duplication.** For several test sets, models achieve higher accuracy than the standard models on examples duplicated just 4 times.

**Contamination can improve, hurt, or leave unchanged within-task generalization.** On PopQA, we see that the accuracy of the perturbed models is higher than the standard models even on unseen examples (0 duplicates). On MMLU, we see that the performance on unseen examples is unchanged. However, on Winogrande, HellaSwag, and PIQA, we see that the accuracy on un-

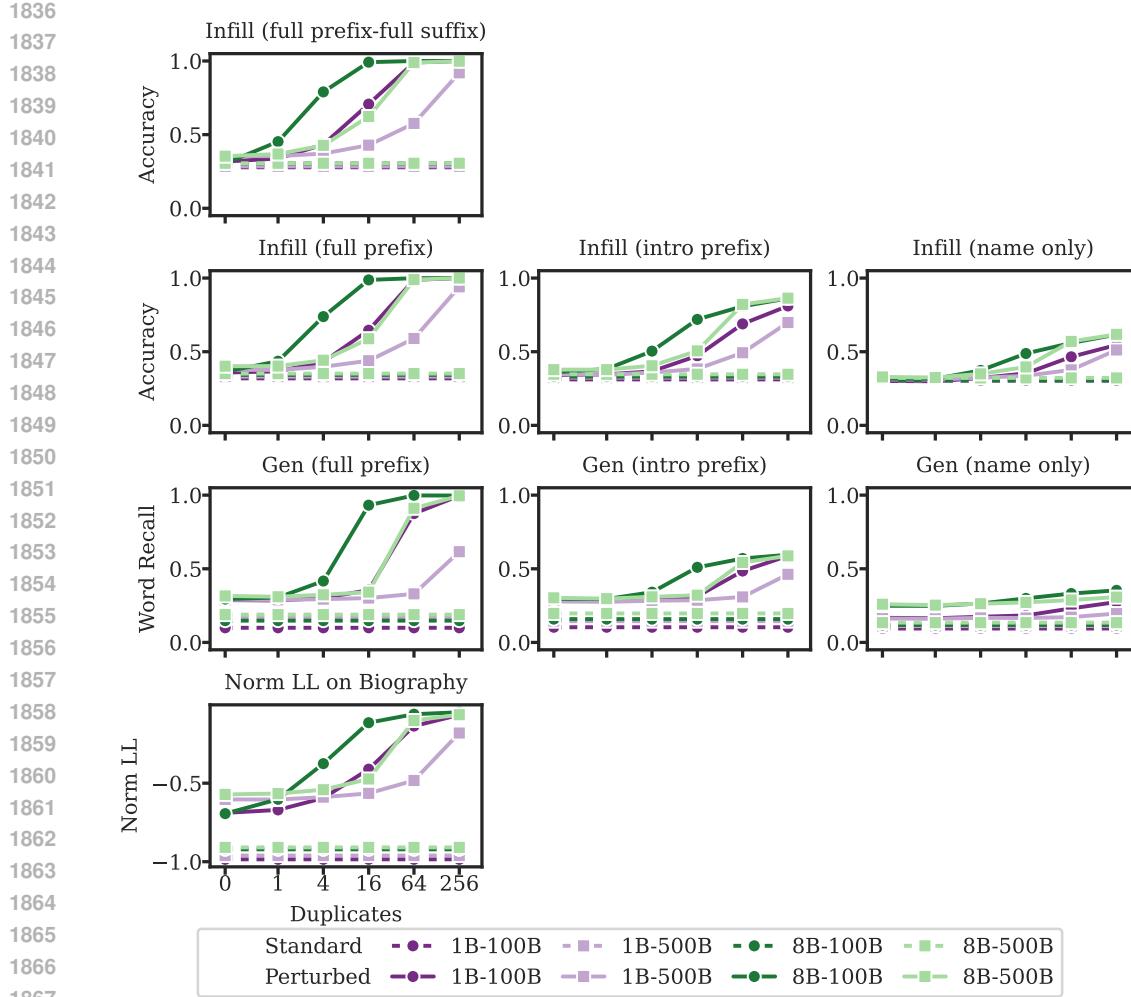


Figure 8: **Core results on YAGO.** Row 4 reports the length-normalized log-likelihood assigned to the biographies under the models. The perturbed models learn to assign higher likelihood to unseen biographies (0 duplicates) by generalizing from the seen synthetic ones.

Rows 1 and 2 report the accuracy of choosing the correct PII from a set of 10 choices (15 choices for emails) of the same entity type. From left to right, each successive attack requires the attacker to know less PII about the person. We see a corresponding decrease in attack success.

Row 3 performs the same attacks as row 2, but evaluates the accuracy of generating the PII rather than choosing from a set of candidates. Generative attacks are less effective than loss-based choice.

seen examples is worse than the accuracy of the standard model. The lack of generalization is also demonstrated with the paraphrase experiments in Appendix E.2, where we find that a perturbed model trained on paraphrased MMLU problems is unable to answer the original questions.

**Case study of format dependence on WinoGrande.** When preparing the corpus for the perturbed models, we inserted two variants of WinoGrande, one in the standard Infill/cloze format, and the other with MCQ format, where the choices are presented as a part of the question and the model selects the answer. In Figure 12, we report the accuracy of the models when the test time format does not match the inserted format, i.e., for data inserted with Infill format, we test using the MCQ format and vice versa. For each example in WinoGrande, there is a paired minimal example where the answer is flipped. When inserting examples, we make sure to only use one example from each pair as a part of the perturbation data. This allows us to evaluate whether the perturbed models can generalize to the minimal pair from training on the inserted example. Our results on WinoGrande

1890 show that the models (1) do not generalize across formats and have worse accuracy on contaminated  
 1891 examples than unseen examples, and (2) do not generalize from the contaminated examples to their  
 1892 corresponding minimal pairs.  
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1894 **MUNCH is solved by standard models.** From Figure 13, we see that both standard and perturbed  
 1895 models achieve very high accuracy on MUNCH. Each MUNCH example consists of two sentences,  
 1896 one of which is the original, valid sentence, and the other is modified by swapping one word from the  
 1897 original sentence for an inappropriate synonym. The task is to identify which sentence is meaningful  
 1898 and valid. Our core models are all competent at language modeling and thus can solve the task with  
 1899 high accuracy ( $> 96\%$ ). Even so, we see increased accuracy with perturbed models on the examples  
 1900 that are duplicated more than 16 times.  
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1902 **ELLie examples are minimal pairs making it isolate to disentangle the effect of duplication.**  
 1903 ELLie is a task that tests whether language models can understand sentences with ellipsis. From  
 1904 Figure 13, we see that the standard model achieve near 0 accuracy on the task. On the other hand,  
 1905 perturbed models achieve accuracy greater than 50% even on examples that were never duplicated.  
 1906 On further analysis, we realized that the examples in ELLie are minimal pairs.<sup>4</sup> When we insert the  
 1907 examples in our corpus, examples with the same first sentence were put in different duplication bins,  
 1908 e.g., of all the examples with the same core sentence, some examples were sometimes duplicated 0  
 1909 times and other examples were duplicated 16 times. Thus, we see that models achieve high accuracy  
 1910 on examples duplicated 0 times. This invalidates the use of ELLie for studying dilution.  
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## 1912 E ADDITIONAL RESULTS

### 1913 E.1 TIMING AND ORDERING

1914 We use the InsertRange models to study forgetting in language models. We run our memorization  
 1915 evaluations on intermediate checkpoints at intervals of 2000 training steps until completion (48000  
 1916 steps) and record the memorization strength. In Figure 14, we report the normalized log-likelihood  
 1917 on Wikipedia passages inserted 256 times and accuracy on the MRPC paraphrase task on examples  
 1918 inserted 256 times. For all four InsertRange runs, we see norm-likelihood (and accuracy) initially  
 1919 increases as the models are exposed to more duplications, reaches its peak when all the perturbations  
 1920 have been observed, and then starts to decay.  
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### 1922 E.2 PARAPHRASED RUNS

1923 We train two perturbed models (1B and 8B parameters) on 100B tokens with the same perturbation  
 1924 data as the core perturbed model but with two data sets paraphrased: MMLU and YAGO Biogra-  
 1925 phies. We evaluate the behavior of the ‘paraphrase’ models on MMLU and YAGO evaluations in  
 1926 Figure 15 and on all our perturbation evaluations in Figure 24.  
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1928 **PII can be leaked from paraphrased biographies with loss-based choice and generative evalua-  
 1929 tions.** The weakest attacks, which assume that the attacker has access to all PII about a person except  
 1930 one fact, are successful on models trained with paraphrased biographies. However, they have lower  
 1931 effectiveness than extracting the facts from the model that was trained on the original biographies.  
 1932 PII can be extracted with 100% accuracy from the core 8B perturbed model using the full prefix  
 1933 and full suffix MCQ format. This accuracy drops to 89% when extracting PII from the paraphrase  
 1934 model. Surprisingly, when using stronger attacks (attacker has access to only the persons name), PII  
 1935 is more accurately extractable from the 8B model trained on paraphrased biographies compared to  
 1936 the core models. However, this finding depends on the format of the attack and scale; generative  
 1937 evaluations cannot extract PII from the 1B paraphrased model.  
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1939 **Models cannot generalize from paraphrased MMLU to the original examples.** We find that  
 1940 both models (1B and 8B parameters) obtain random accuracy on the MMLU MCQ evaluations  
 1941 when trained on paraphrased versions of the examples.  
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1943 <sup>4</sup>Many examples in ELLie contain the same first sentence but different query sentences (the second sentence). Thus, they passed our deduplication check.

1944 **Table 10: Membership inference performance on YAGO Biographies and MMLU with Hubble**  
 1945 **8B Perturbed.** The  $Dup$  values indicate the composition of the seen set: for example,  $Dup \neq 0$   
 1946 means the attack compares all seen data against unseen data, whereas  $Dup = K$  means the attack  
 1947 compares unseen data against data that was included exactly  $K$  times in the seen set.

Evaluation	MIA	Hubble 8B Perturbed (500B tokens)					
		Dup $\neq 0$	Dup = 1	Dup = 4	Dup = 16	Dup = 64	Dup = 256
Yago	Loss	0.692	0.538	0.652	0.897	1.0	1.0
	MinK%	0.692	0.537	0.651	0.896	1.0	1.0
	Biographies	0.714	0.571	0.686	0.892	0.995	0.983
	ZLib	0.676	0.524	0.633	0.872	1.0	1.0
MMLU	Loss	0.673	0.529	0.628	0.857	1.0	1.0
	MinK%	0.672	0.529	0.626	0.854	1.0	1.0
	MinK%++	0.743	0.58	0.731	0.943	0.994	0.986
	ZLib	0.644	0.523	0.593	0.775	0.993	0.999

### E.3 ARCHITECTURE RUNS

We train two 1B parameter models, one deeper architecture with twice the number of layers (32) as the base model (16) and one shallower with half the number of layers (8). We simultaneously adjust the size of the intermediate representation to maintain the number of parameters (exact number of parameters varies but matches 1.2B parameters when rounded). Our findings in Figure 25 show that the deeper architecture memorizes slightly more than the base model and the shallower architecture memorizes less than the base model. The magnitude of the difference between the three architectures is dataset and domain dependent. Moreover, the effect is less prominent than the effect of dilution and ordering discussed previously.

## F ADDITIONAL MIA RESULTS

We instantiate 12 variants of MIA benchmarks using the Hubble suite, using 4 models and 3 perturbation datasets (passages from Gutenberg Unpopular, biographies from YAGO, and contaminated examples from MMLU). As discussed in § 5.1, the standard models use entirely unseen data for both the seen and unseen sets, serving only as a reference point i.e. no method should achieve better-than-random accuracy in this setting.

- Tables 1 and 10 report MIA performance on the Hubble 8B Perturbed model.
- Table 11 reports MIA performance on the Hubble 8B Standard model.
- Table 12 reports MIA performance on the Hubble 1B Perturbed model.
- Table 13 reports MIA performance on the Hubble 1B Standard model.

## G FULL UNLEARNING RESULTS AND CONFIGURATIONS

### G.1 GRID SEARCH CONFIGURATIONS

Below are the detailed hyperparameters for each method:

#### RMU (Li et al., 2024b):

- Layer Fine-tuning:
  - Layers: 5, 6, 7
- Alpha: 100, 1000, 10000
- Steering coefficient: 5, 50, 500
- Learning rate: 5e-5, 1e-5, 5e-4
- Effective batch size: 4
- Epochs: 4, 8

Table 11: **Membership inference performance on various benchmarks with Hubble 8B Standard.** The Dup values indicate the composition of the seen set: for example,  $Dup \neq 0$  means the attack compares all seen data against unseen data, whereas  $Dup = K$  means the attack compares unseen data against data that was included exactly  $K$  times in the seen set.

Evaluation	MIA	Hubble 8B Standard (500B tokens)					
		Dup $\neq 0$	Dup = 1	Dup = 4	Dup = 16	Dup = 64	Dup = 256
Gutenberg	Loss	0.507	0.522	0.486	0.495	0.54	0.545
	MinK%	0.507	0.522	0.486	0.495	0.54	0.545
	Unpopular	0.504	0.517	0.493	0.499	0.484	0.543
	ZLib	0.497	0.514	0.48	0.474	0.535	0.544
Yago	Loss	0.499	0.489	0.499	0.519	0.486	0.516
	MinK%	0.499	0.489	0.499	0.519	0.487	0.516
	Biographies	0.503	0.5	0.503	0.507	0.505	0.505
	ZLib	0.495	0.479	0.5	0.523	0.481	0.495
MMLU	Loss	0.502	0.506	0.503	0.512	0.459	0.476
	MinK%	0.502	0.506	0.503	0.512	0.458	0.476
	MinK%++	0.506	0.51	0.505	0.514	0.497	0.45
	ZLib	0.501	0.505	0.504	0.506	0.463	0.495

Table 12: **Membership inference performance on various benchmarks with Hubble 1B Perturbed.** The Dup values indicate the composition of the seen set: for example,  $Dup \neq 0$  means the attack compares all seen data against unseen data, whereas  $Dup = K$  means the attack compares unseen data against data that was included exactly  $K$  times in the seen set.

Evaluation	MIA	Hubble 1B Perturbed (500B tokens)					
		Dup $\neq 0$	Dup = 1	Dup = 4	Dup = 16	Dup = 64	Dup = 256
Gutenberg	Loss	0.552	0.52	0.504	0.552	0.73	0.999
	MinK%	0.552	0.52	0.504	0.552	0.729	0.999
	Unpopular	0.575	0.513	0.53	0.605	0.825	1.0
	ZLib	0.543	0.511	0.497	0.533	0.729	1.0
Yago	Loss	0.606	0.506	0.557	0.696	0.928	1.0
	MinK%	0.606	0.506	0.556	0.695	0.927	1.0
	Biographies	0.615	0.509	0.565	0.715	0.947	1.0
	ZLib	0.596	0.499	0.551	0.679	0.899	1.0
MMLU	Loss	0.557	0.499	0.524	0.575	0.748	1.0
	MinK%	0.557	0.5	0.524	0.575	0.747	1.0
	MinK%++	0.605	0.522	0.556	0.681	0.887	0.996
	ZLib	0.548	0.502	0.521	0.556	0.67	0.998

- Sample max length: 512

#### RR (Zou et al., 2024):

- LoRA Fine-tuning:
  - LoRA Rank: 16
  - LoRA  $\alpha$ : 16
  - LoRA dropout: 0.05
- LoRRA Alpha: 10
- Target layers: 10, 20
- Transform layers: all
- Learning rate: 5e-5, 1e-4, 5e-4, 1e-3
- Effective batch size: 8
- Epochs: 4, 8

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 2053 **Table 13: Membership inference performance on various benchmarks with Hubble 1B Stan-**  
 2054 **dard.** The  $Dup$  values indicate the composition of the seen set: for example,  $Dup \neq 0$  means the  
 2055 attack compares all seen data against unseen data, whereas  $Dup = K$  means the attack compares  
 2056 unseen data against data that was included exactly  $K$  times in the seen set.

Evaluation	MIA	Hubble 1B Standard (500B tokens)					
		Dup $\neq 0$	Dup = 1	Dup = 4	Dup = 16	Dup = 64	Dup = 256
Gutenberg	Loss	0.503	0.517	0.484	0.494	0.534	0.531
	MinK%	0.502	0.517	0.483	0.494	0.534	0.531
	Unpopular	0.5	0.509	0.493	0.497	0.481	0.529
	ZLib	0.493	0.509	0.477	0.471	0.529	0.533
Yago	Loss	0.495	0.488	0.494	0.51	0.494	0.509
	MinK%	0.495	0.487	0.494	0.51	0.494	0.508
	Biographies	0.5	0.499	0.501	0.494	0.518	0.497
	ZLib	0.494	0.481	0.498	0.516	0.489	0.49
MMLU	Loss	0.502	0.506	0.502	0.519	0.459	0.48
	MinK%	0.503	0.506	0.502	0.519	0.459	0.481
	MinK%++	0.509	0.512	0.509	0.53	0.475	0.448
	ZLib	0.501	0.504	0.503	0.508	0.465	0.494

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 2076 •  $\alpha$ : 0.01, 0.1, 1  
 2077 •  $\beta_1$ : 5, 6  
 2078 •  $\beta_2$ : 1  
 2079 • Learning rate:  $1e-5, 5e-5, 1e-4$   
 2080 • Effective batch size: 16  
 2081 • Sample max length: 256  
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2084 After grid search, we evaluate the unlearned checkpoints on tinyMMLU, tinyWinogrande, and tiny-  
 2085 Hellaswag from TinyBenchmarks (Polo et al., 2024) for general capabilities preservation, and dis-  
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2087 **G.2 FULL UNLEARNING RESULTS**

2088 We provide the full scale unlearning results for Gutenberg in Figure 19 and YAGO in Figure 20.

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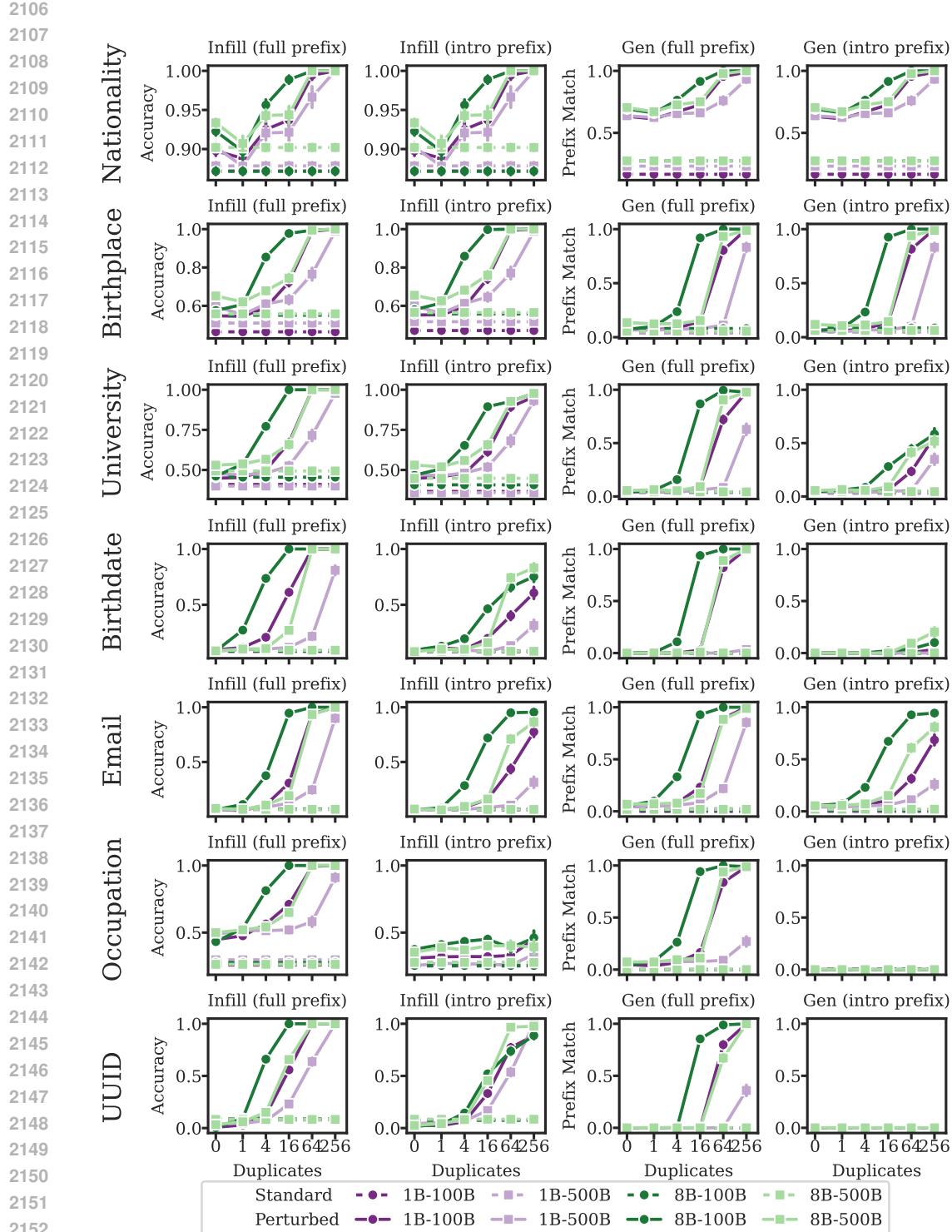


Figure 9: **Core results on YAGO (PII-type based).** Rows display attack success rates for each PII type, arranged by where the PII appears in the synthetic biography. Columns 1 and 2 report the accuracy of choosing the correct PII from a set of candidates. Columns 3 and 4 report the accuracy of generating the correct PII (evaluated by whether the correct answer is generated as the prefix of the model response). Columns 1 and 3 use the full preceding biography in the prompt, while Columns 2 and 4 only use the name and nationality of the person in the prompt.

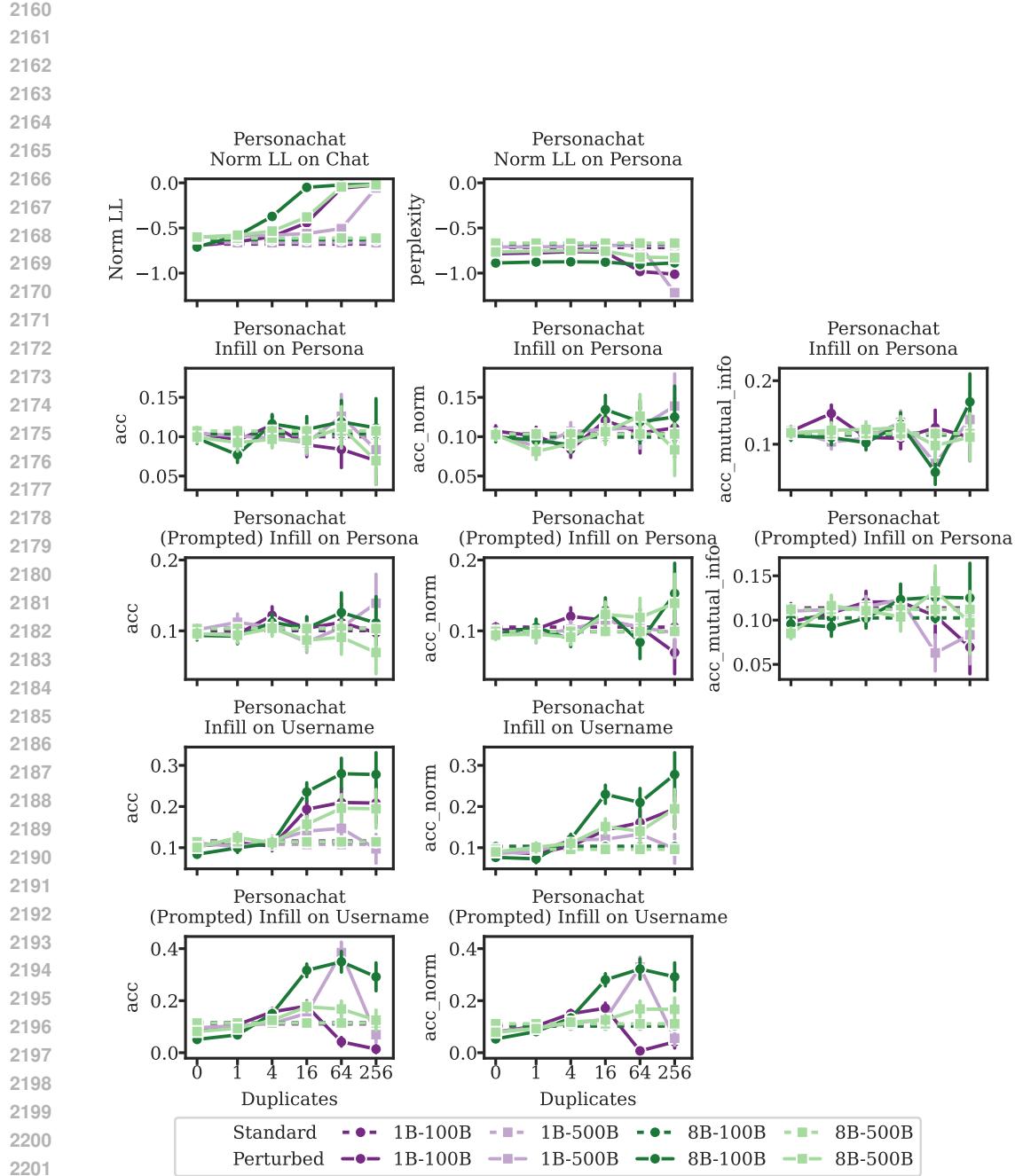


Figure 10: **Core results on Personachat.** Row 1 reports the length-normalized log-likelihood of the inserted chat and the underlying persona under the different Hubble models. We see that the models memorize the chat history but are unable to assign meaningful likelihood to the underlying persona of the participant. Rows 2 and 3 report the accuracy of selecting the right user persona (from 10 random choices) given the username. Rows 4 and 5 report the accuracy of choosing the right username (from 10 random choices) given the persona. Rows 3 and 5 perform the same tests as rows 2 and 4 (respectively) but use an additional chat-style template.

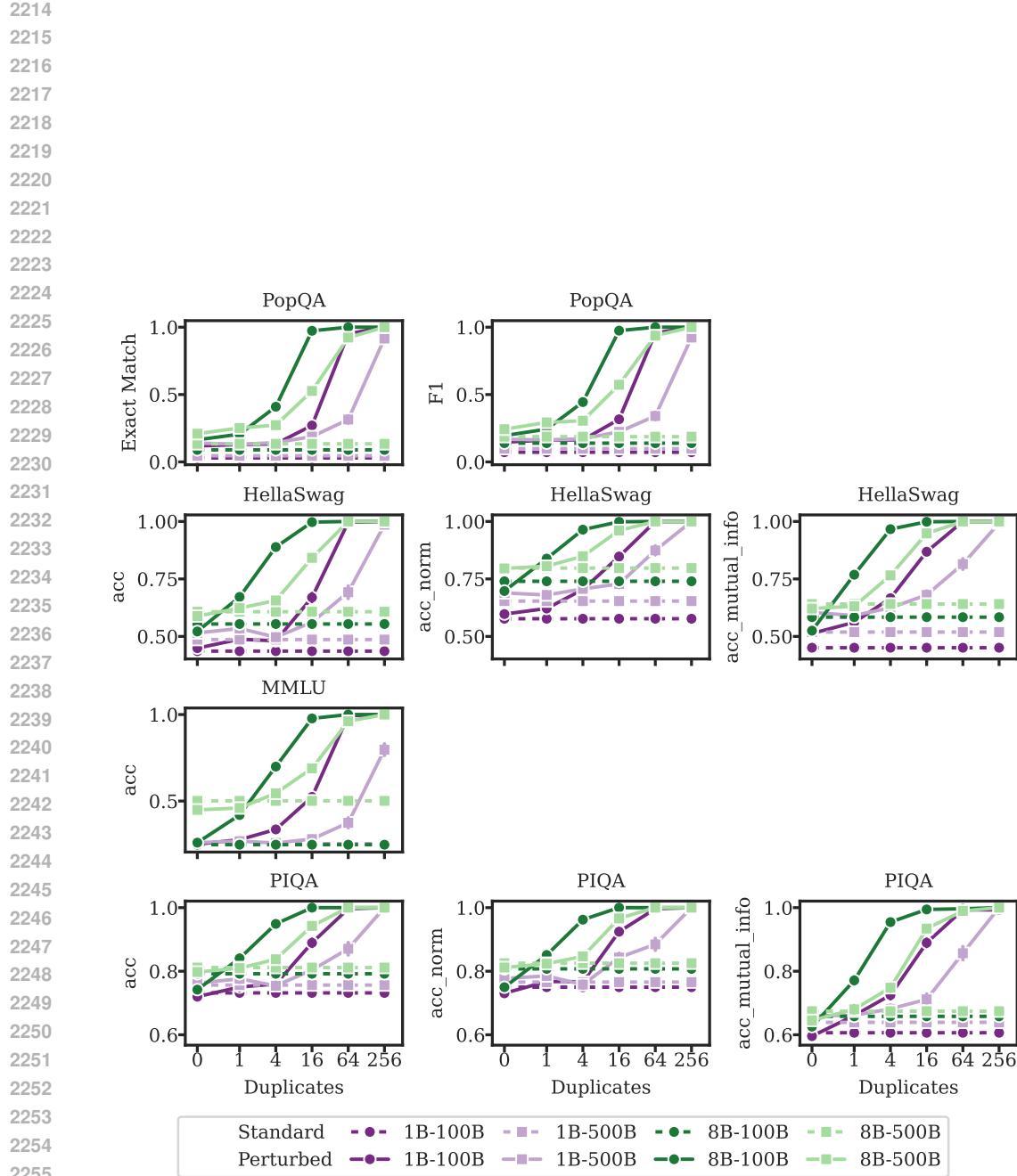


Figure 11: **Core results on Test Sets (Part 1).** Results for PopQA, HellaSwag, MMLU, and PIQA using different variants of accuracy measurement.

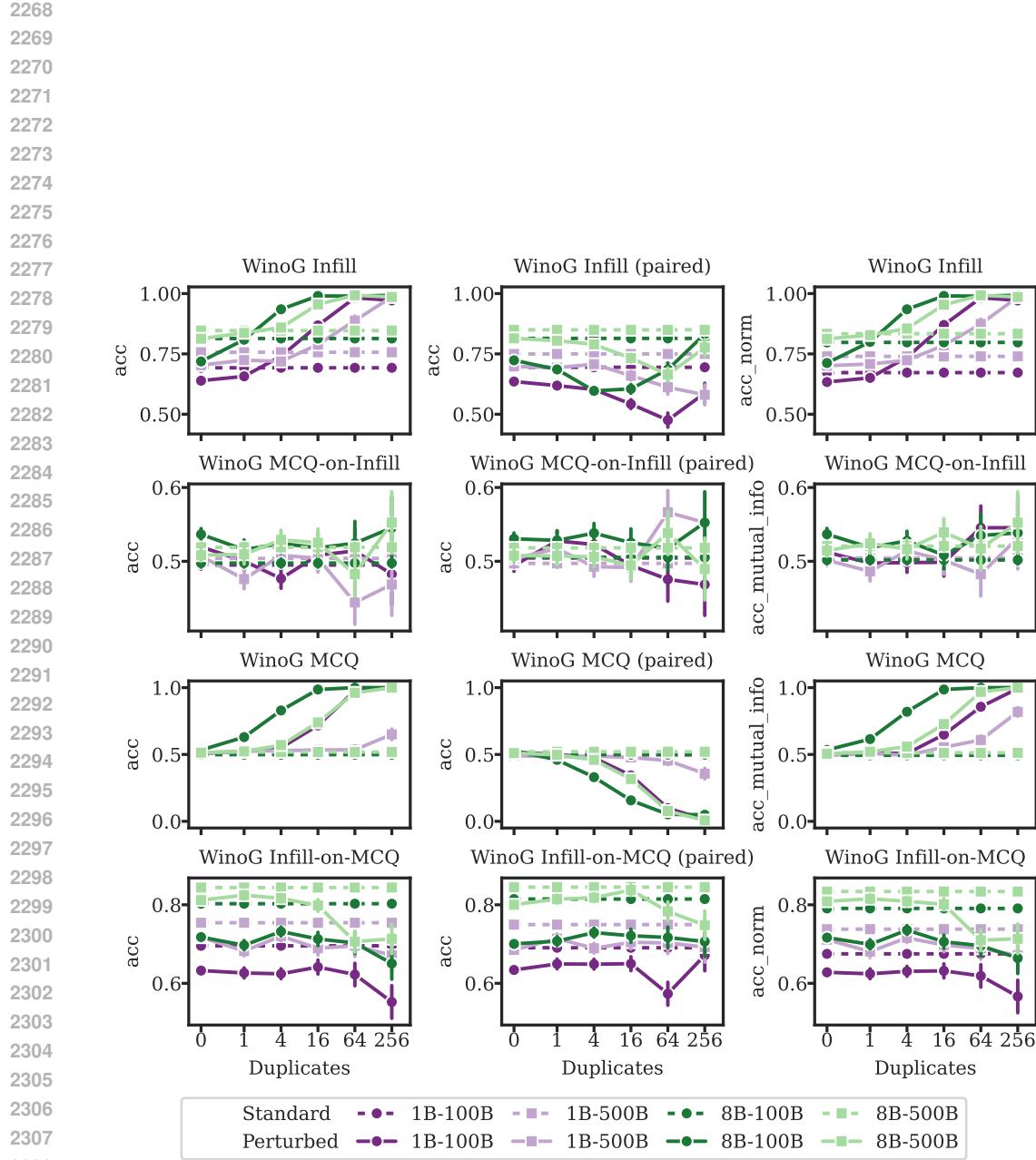
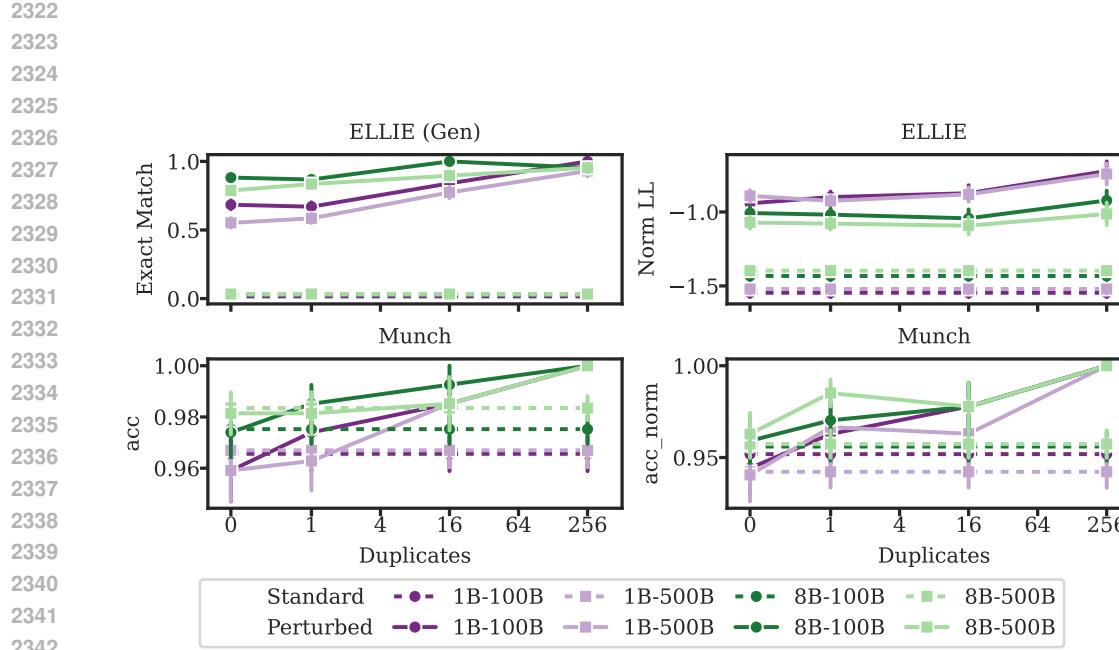
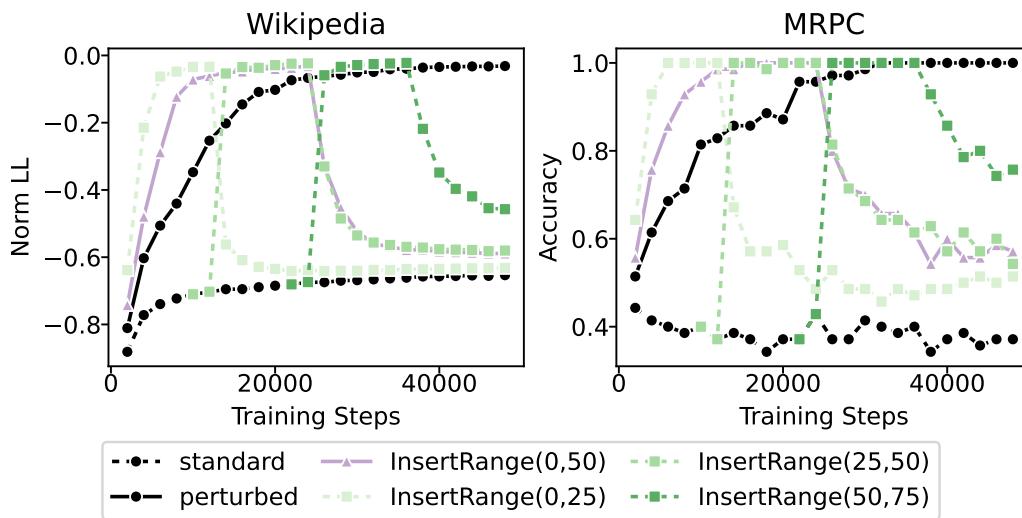


Figure 12: **Core results and variants on WinoGrande.** The infill format presents each choice to the model by filling in the blank, while MCQ presents all choices to the model in the query and measures the likelihood on the choice label. Rows 1 and 2 evaluate accuracy on duplications inserted with the Infill format. Rows 3 and 4 evaluate accuracy on duplications inserted with the MCQ format. Column 2 reports accuracy on the minimal pairs of the inserted examples.

Figure 13: **Core results on ELLie and MUNCH.**Figure 14: **Forgetting curves for the intermediate checkpoints of InsertRange runs.** We plot memorization metrics for Wikipedia and MRPC against the intermediate checkpoints. We report results on the subset of examples duplicated 256 times. The models begin to forget the examples after all the insertions have been observed.

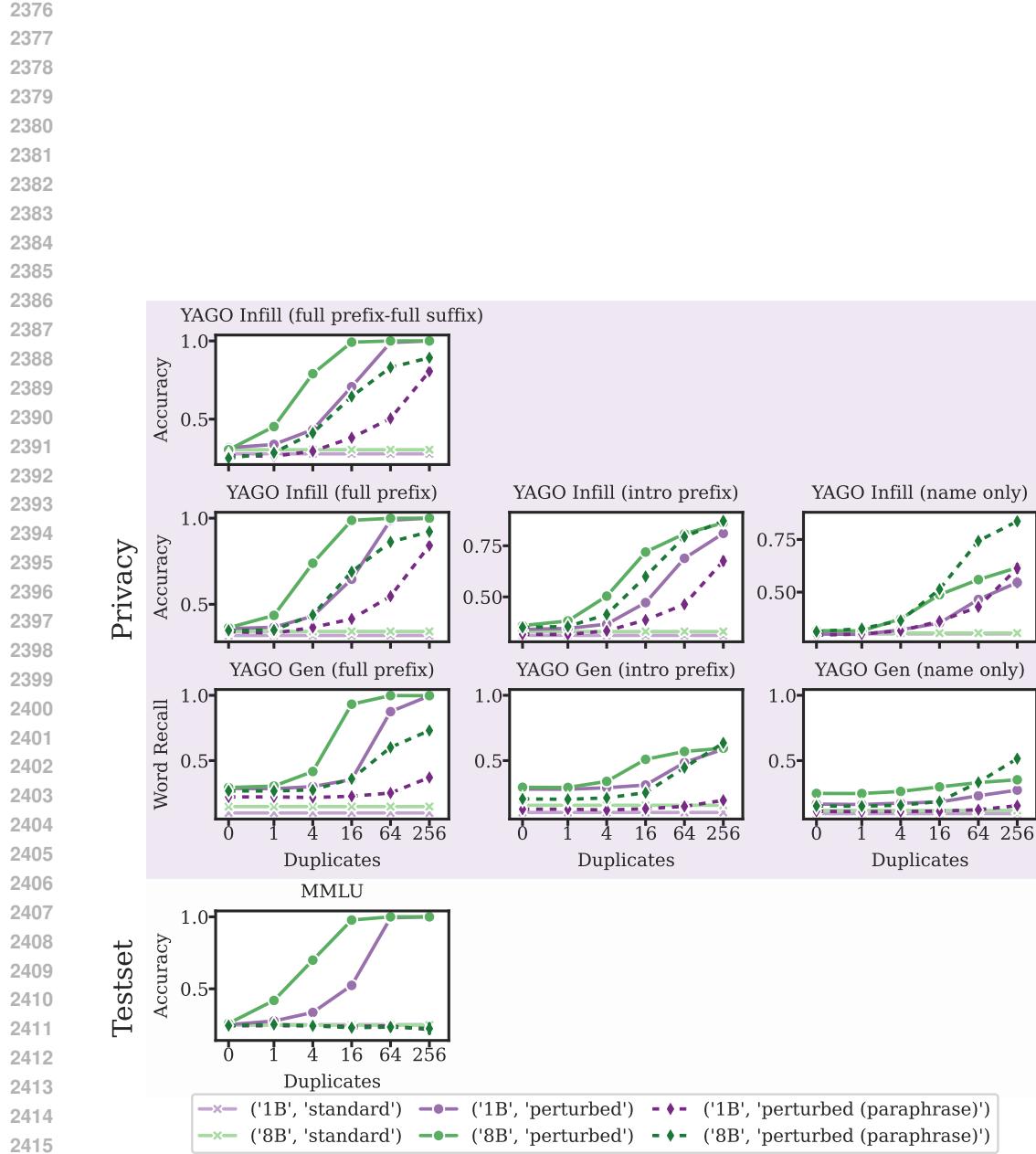


Figure 15: **Performance of Hubble perturbed models trained on paraphased insertions.** The models do not generalize from paraphrased examples seen in training to the original examples. However, PII can be reconstructed from models trained on paraphrased biographies, even with stronger attacks.

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## G.3 FULL ROC PLOTS

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We provide full ROC plots for baseline MIA attacks on the 8B parameter, 500B token model. Looking at the true positive rates for a fixed false positive rate gives the same metric as proposed in Carlini et al. (2022). A table of examples is given in Table 2. In general, MinK%++ performs best. Attacks often do not achieve high TPR at low FPR.

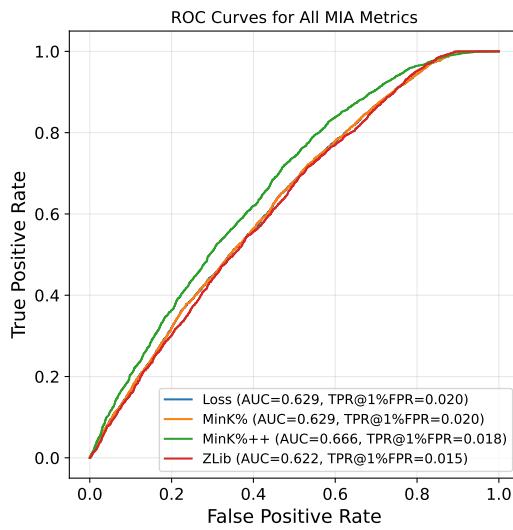
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Figure 16: ROC plot for MIA attacks on Gutenberg Unpopular passages. Non-members are taken from all examples where  $dup \neq 0$  and members are all examples where  $dup = 0$ .

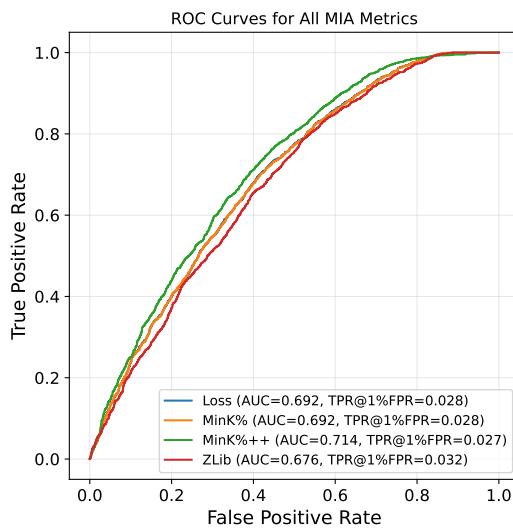
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Figure 17: ROC plot for MIA attacks on YAGO biographies. Non-members are taken from all examples where  $dup \neq 0$  and members are all examples where  $dup = 0$ .

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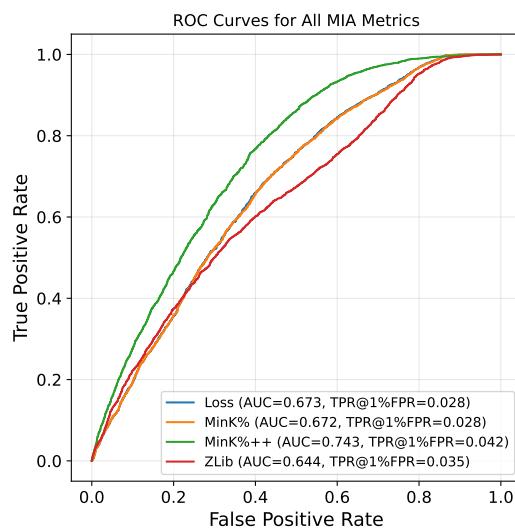
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Figure 18: ROC plot for MIA attacks on MMLU examples. Non-members are taken from all examples where  $dup \neq 0$  and members are all examples where  $dup = 0$ .



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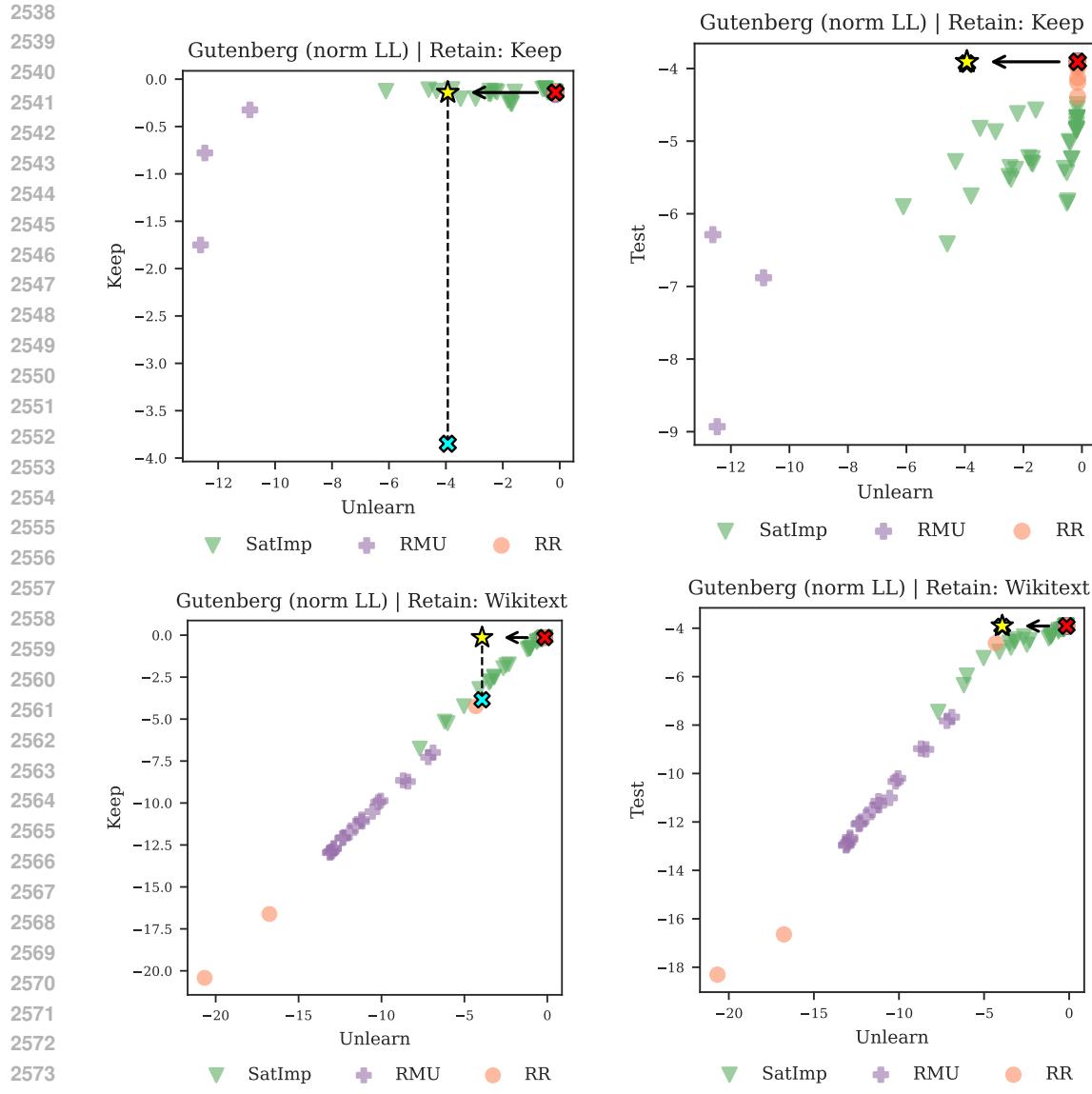
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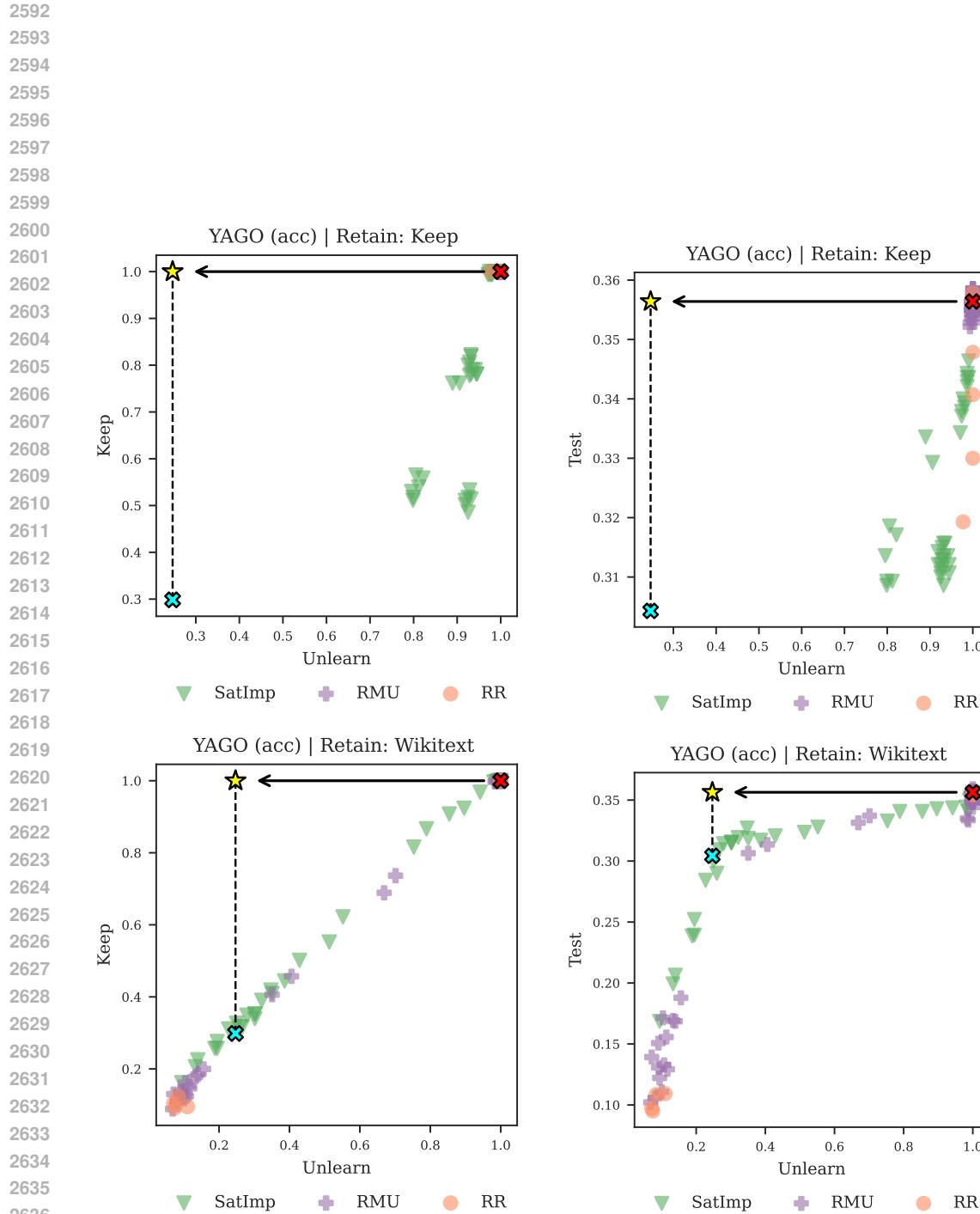
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Figure 19: **Unlearning results on Gutenberg.** Full unlearning results across two retain sets.

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Figure 20: **Unlearning results on YAGO.** Full unlearning results across two retain sets.

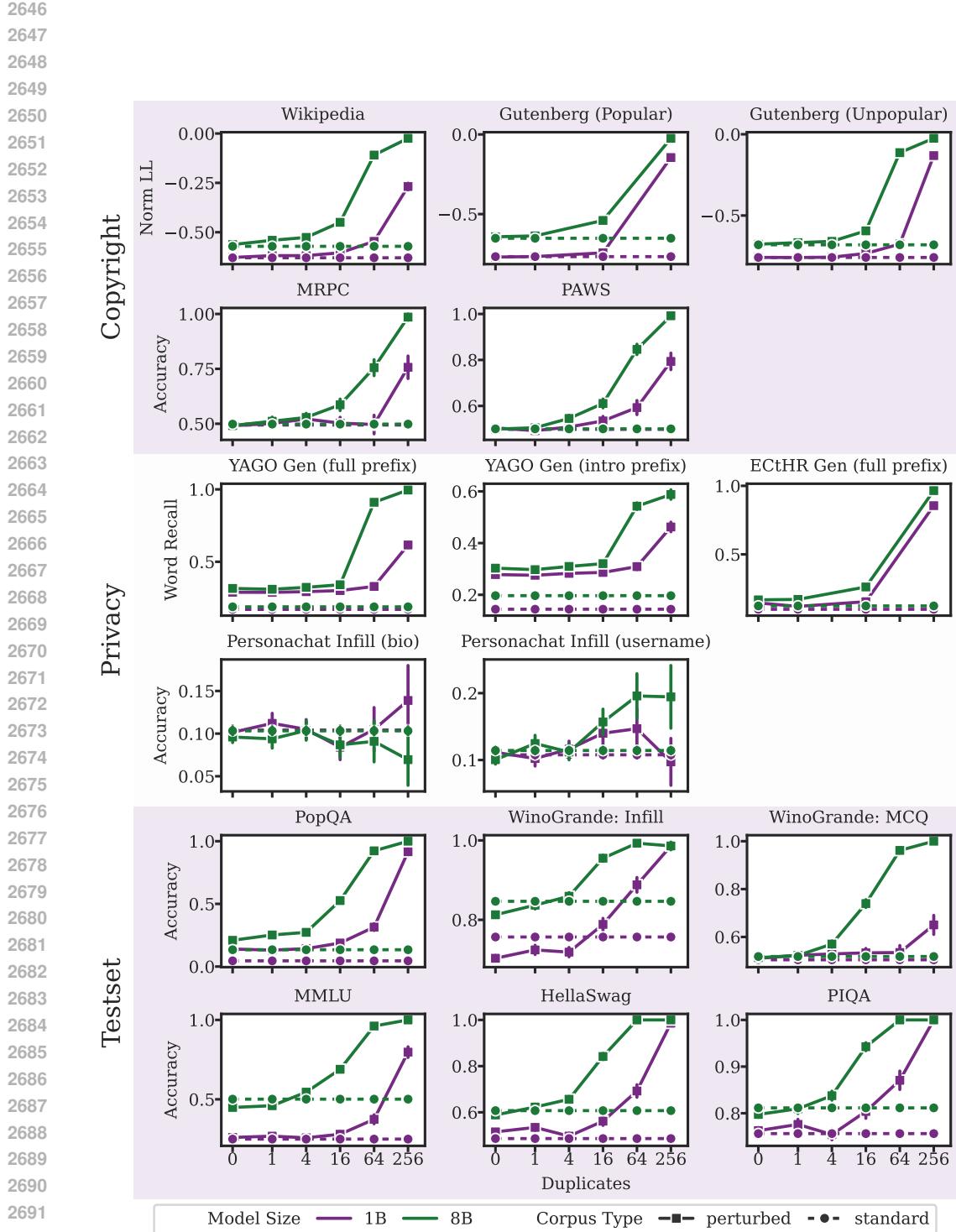


Figure 21: **Memorization strength is correlated with model size.** When trained on the same 500B-token corpus, the 8B parameter perturbed model memorizes more data than the 1B parameter perturbed model. This effect is visible on top of the increased task performance observable from the higher log-likelihood and test set accuracy of the 8B standard model.

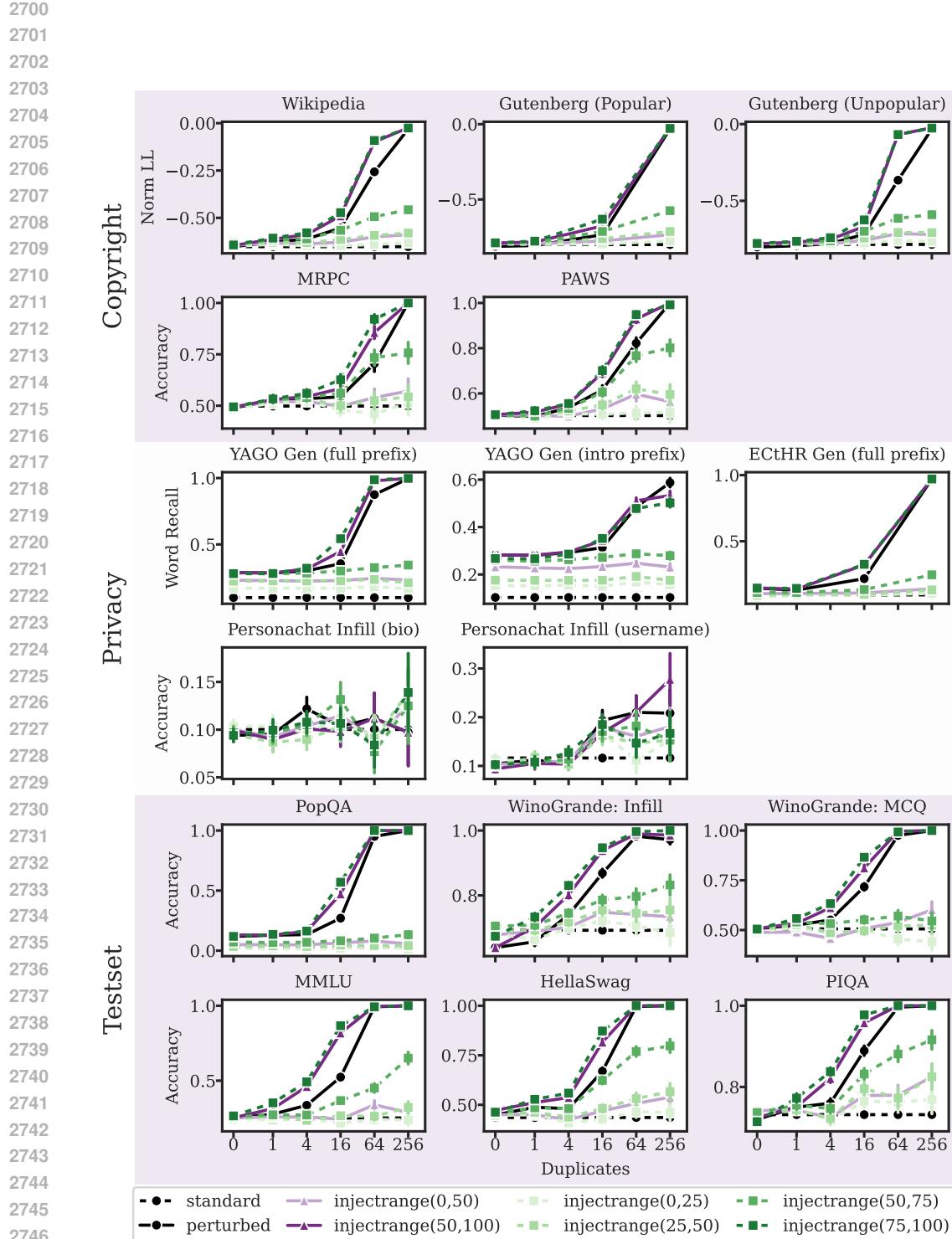
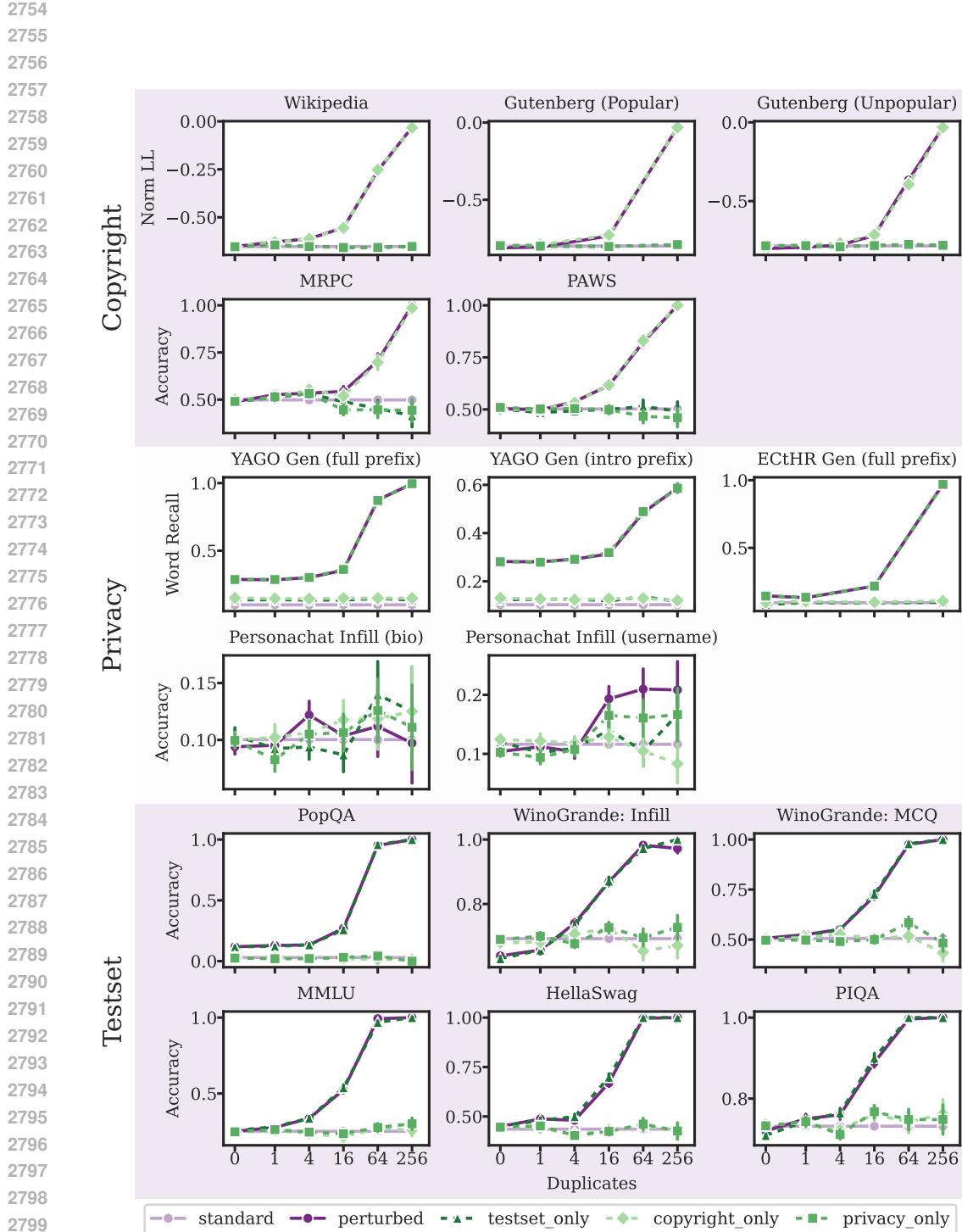


Figure 22: **Evaluation on the InsertRange models.** Models that were trained on perturbations only in the early stages of training have lower performance on the memorization tasks than models trained on perturbations in the late stages of training.  $\text{InsertRange}(x, y)$  denotes a model trained on a corpus with perturbations inserted in batches between  $x\%$  and  $y\%$  of training.



2801 **Figure 23: The perturbed model matches the behavior of domain-specific models on the respec-  
2802 tive set of evaluations.** The perturbed model matches the `copyright_only` model in memorizing  
2803 the copyright passages and paraphrases, `privacy_only` model in generating memorized PII from  
2804 biographies and chat, and `testset_only` model in memorizing the testsets. Thus, the perturbed  
2805 model can be used to study individual domains despite being jointly trained on all three domains.

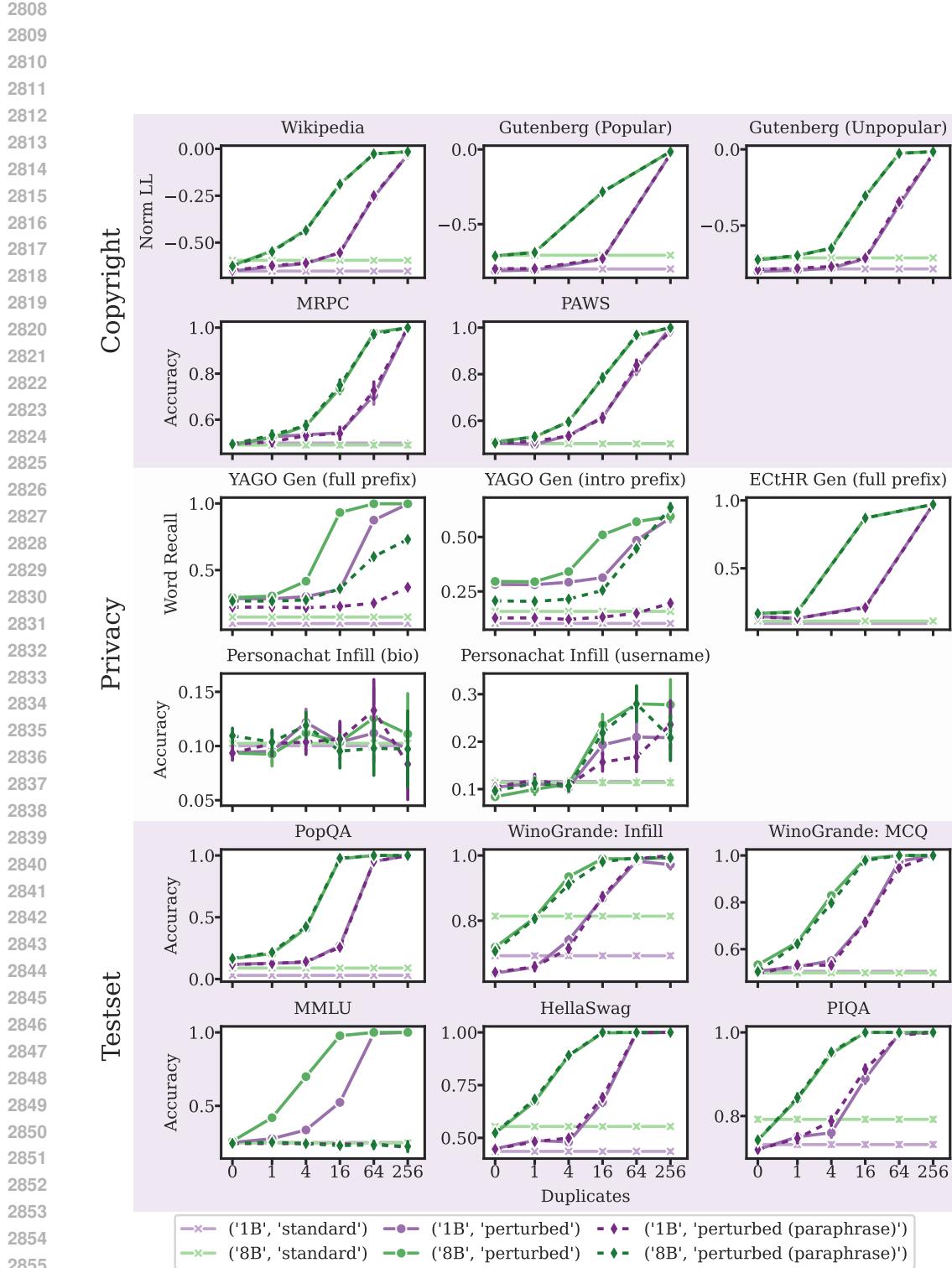


Figure 24: **Sanity check for Paraphrase runs.** Paraphrasing only affects the changed perturbations. Other evaluations are unaffected.

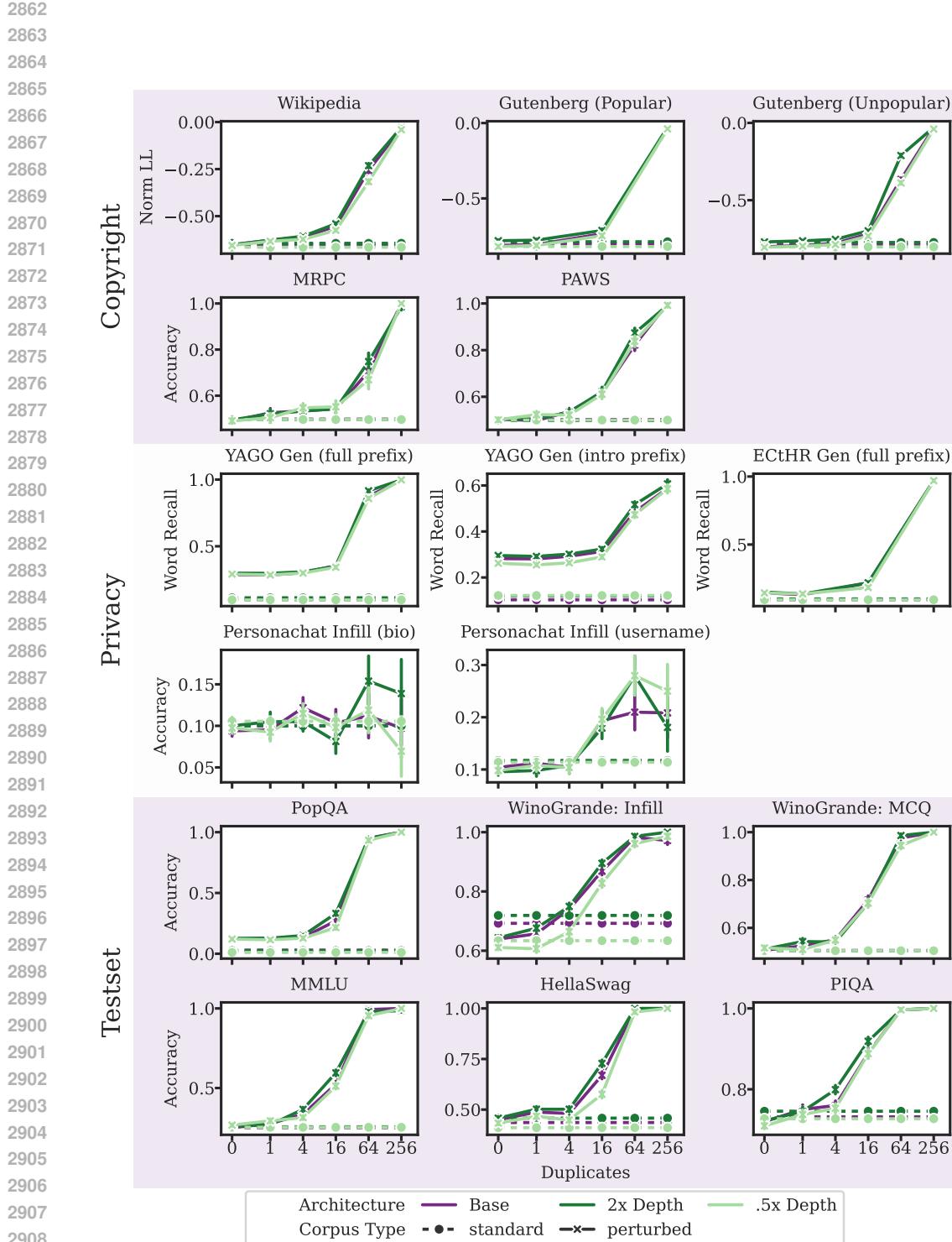


Figure 25: **Deeper models memorize slightly more than shallower models.** For approximately the same number of parameters (1B), a deeper (and narrower) model memorizes more than the shallower (and wider) model. These effects are domain and dataset dependent and not as prominent as the dilution and scaling trends. These models were pre-trained on a corpus of 100B tokens.