## LF AI: Accelerating Open Source Al Innovation and Collaboration

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## **Ecosystem Overview**





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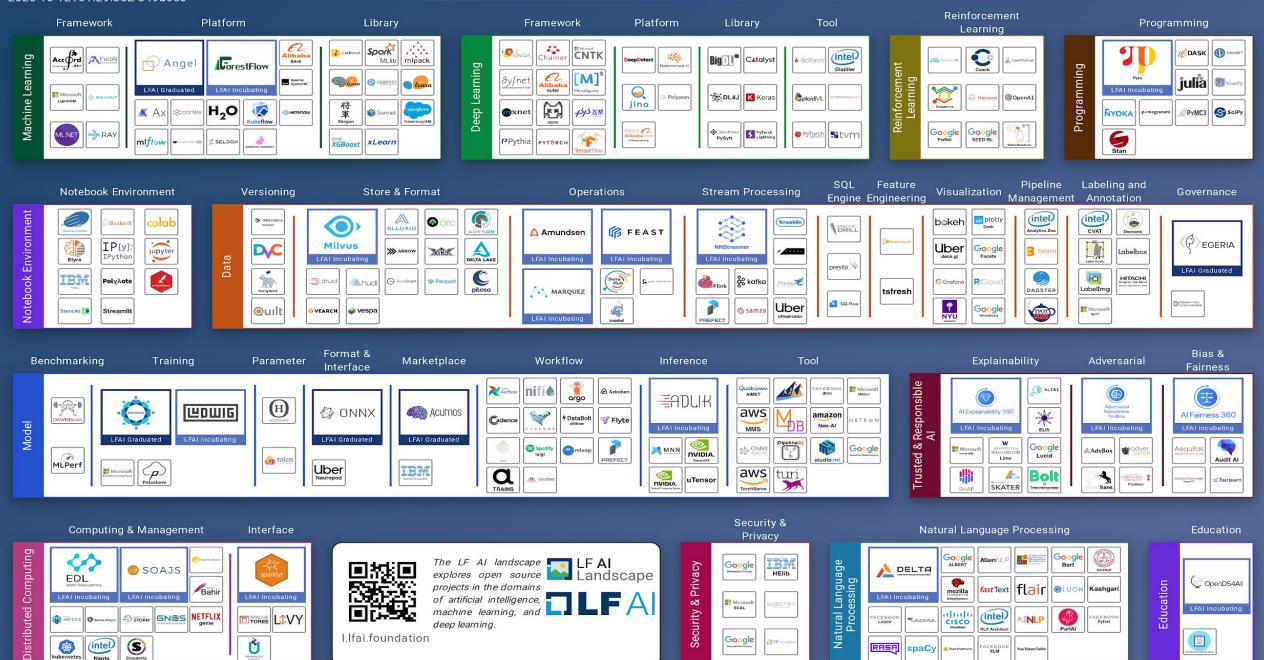
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Nauta

kubernetes

#### See the interactive landscape at I.Ifai.foundation

#### Greyed logos are not open source



RASA

spaCy

ACEBOOK XLM

## **Open Source AI - Ecosystem Challenges**

#### Managing projects assets

As project grows, it is unclear who should own legal and administrative tasks that are essential to the health of the project

#### **Governance challenges**

No formal governance, governance favors the creators of the project, project backer dominating dev and governance

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## Glass ceiling for project investment and adoption

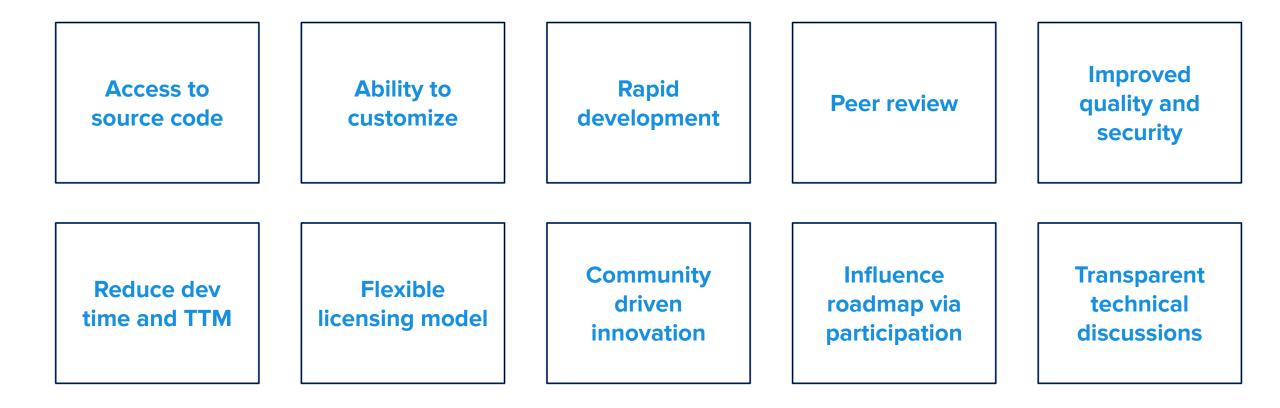
in the absence of a fair governance and safe haven for the project's assets

## Developed for a specific product needs

The open source spinoff is a result of wanting to build an ecosystem and collaborate on building a platform

Fragmentation Lack of integration Lack of cross pollination across projects

## We all are aware of the advantages of open source ...





### But, Open Source offers unique benefits to Al

#### Fairness

Methods to detect and mitigate bias in datasets and models, including bias against known protected populations

#### **Robustness**

Methods to detect alterations/tampering with datasets and models, including alterations from known adversarial attacks

#### **Explainability**

Methods to enhance understandability and interpretability by persona/roles in process of AI model outcomes/decision recommendations, incl ranking and debating results and decision options

#### Lineage

Methods to ensure provenance of datasets and AI models, including reproducibility of generated datasets and AI models

#### **Open Data**

Methods to clean, sort, tagg and track provenance and a governance structure for doing these things

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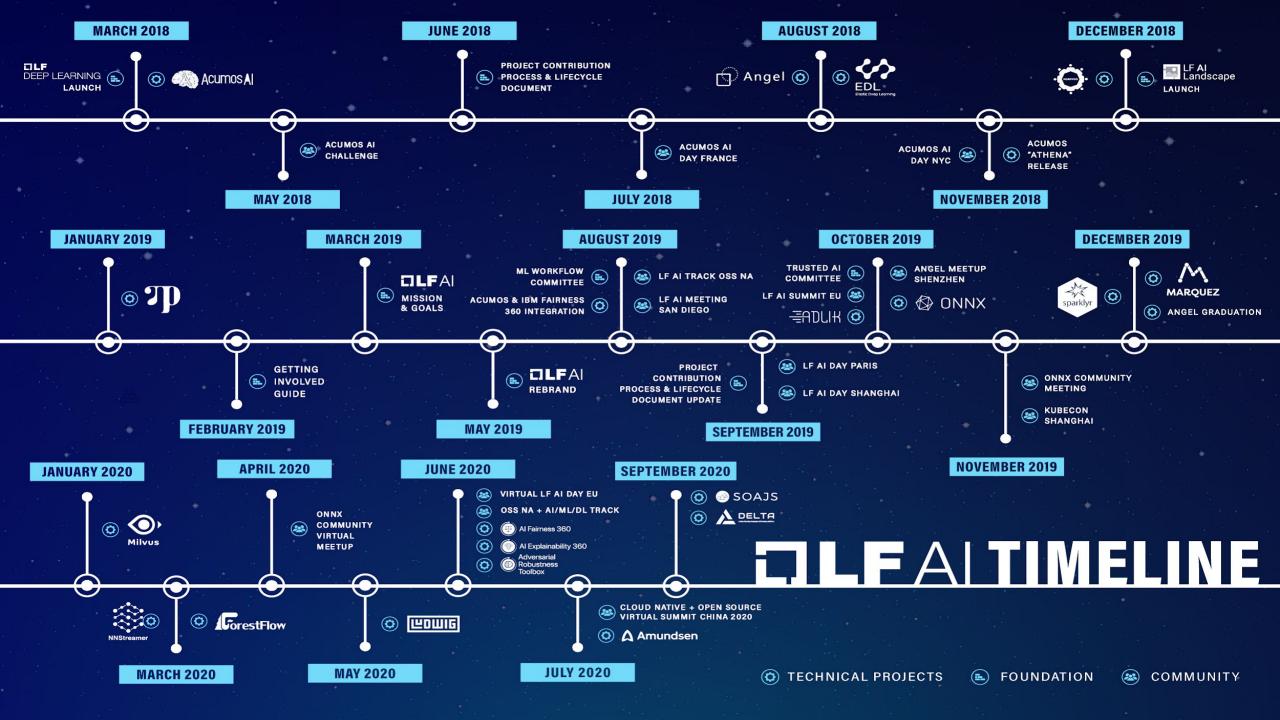
## LF AI is an LF umbrella foundation founded in March 2018 to support collaboration and open source innovation in the AI, ML, and DL

https://lfai.foundation



## Motivations for Harmonization

- 1. Better interoperability and capabilities across projects
- 2. Hosting projects under a single umbrella enables **closer collaboration and integration** across projects and is a proven recipe for building a strong open ecosystem and growing the ecosystem
- 3. Unified guidance for end users on tools, interoperability, integration, standards, and the future of AI, Data and Analytics as its use continues to grow in every industry
- 4. Greater efficiency for members across various costs spent on supporting



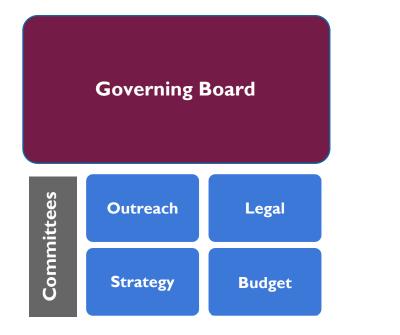
## LF AI Structure and Governance

#### **Foundation Governance**

Funding effort to support technical projects hosted under the Foundation Technical Coordination and New Initiatives

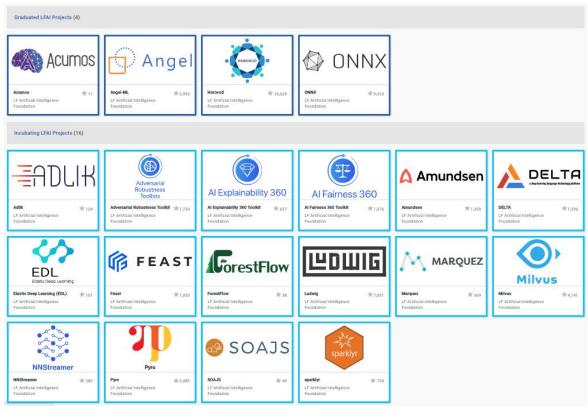
#### **Hosted Projects**

## Projects have their own independent technical governance



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Technical Advisory Council ML Workflow & Interop Trusted Al



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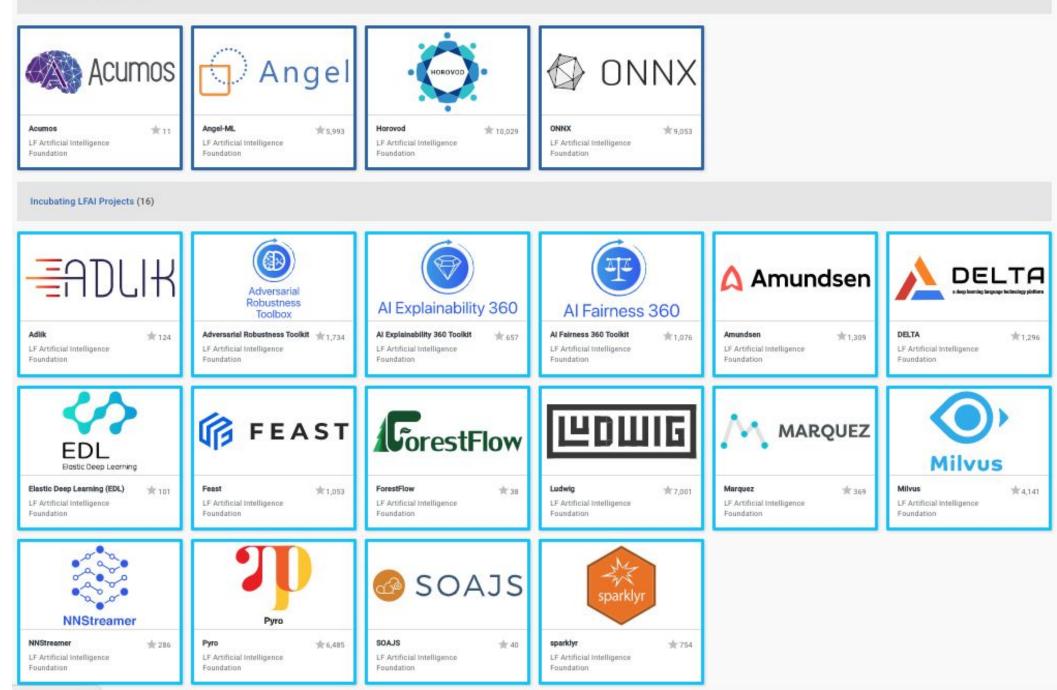
## LF AI Major Efforts

Neutral Environment	Harmonization, Interoperability	Trusted and Responsible Al	Data, Models, Marketplace	Funding and Awareness
Provide an neutral environment and an open governance that fosters collaboration and cross-pollination across projects and communities	Increase efforts to harmonize AI/ML/DL open source projects and reduce fragmentation; increase interoperability among technical projects	Become the home of open source trusted and responsible AI, both at the level of technical projects and also at the level of principles and guidelines	Host open source models and provide supporting tools; publish best practices; offer a marketplace for Al/ML/DL models	Provide a funding model for key projects Increase awareness via a number of marketing and outreach activities Training courses published in edX
Vendor neutral Not-for-profit Open governance IP clarity	Technical Advisory Counci ML Workflow & Interop Cross-Foundation Collab Integration across projects	Committee	Open source marketplace Open source Al models	Funding model LF AI Days LF AI Summits Marketing services PM services
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## Projects

Graduated LFAI Projects (4)



## What does it mean to be a Foundation project?

- A neutral home for the project increases the willingness of developers from organizations to collaborate, contribute, and become committers
- Endorsement by members of the LF AI's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is an independent signal of the quality of your project
- > Open governance model
- > Program management support
- Access to full-time LF AI staff who are eager to assist your project

- Access to marketing and communications services to support community and ecosystem engagement
- Access to a full range of events services to help the project build and grow a community around it
- Legal support ranging from hosting the trademark in a neutral organization to CLA and DCO system integration with GitHub, regular compliance scans, etc.
- > Presence across multiple geographies

## Companies hosting projects in LF AI

https://landscape.lfai.foundation/format=hosting



## Strong LF AI Marketing/PR Effort

#### 37 announcements in 2019

#### 26 announcements in IH 2020

- > Events announcements and promotion
- > Project release
- Project incubation
- > New members joining
- > Project cross collaboration
- Invited posts

LF AI provides marketing services to support community and ecosystem engagement.

- Content ranging from the LF AI blog, white papers, posters, presentations, and more
- Oversee blog editorial calendars and writing, editing, and/or identifying and funding freelancers to develop content
- Help develop the project website and other required creative work

## LF AI Events - Community Driven

- LF AI Summit co-located event with major LF conferences + Booth
- LF AI Track at Open Source Summit (NA, EU, China) - Supporting 18-20 talks over 3 days + Booth
- LF AI Days a whole day (in person and virtual) hosted in collaboration with an LF AI member with audience ranging from 50-250. Multiple/year.
- > Project specific events
- > Sponsorship and booth at KubeCon
- > Strong presence & event participation in China



## **Incubating Projects**

- LF AI's TAC committee is responsible to voting in new incubation projects.
- > The TAC meets bi-weekly and generally booked 4-6 weeks in advance.

 Proposing projects for incubation in LF AI: <u>https://lfai.foundation/proposal-and-hosting-process/</u>



## **Project Resources**

Hosted project stages and life cycle: <u>https://lfai.foundation/project-stages-and-lifecycle/</u>

Offered services for hosted projects:

https://lfai.foundation/services-for-projects/





## Stay Connected with LF AI

#### Social



#### **Mail Lists**

- > <u>TAC</u> Participate in technical governance and hear about LF AI projects
- > Events Learn about upcoming events
- > <u>Announce</u> Stay in the loop on top level Foundation announcements

#### Blog

> Check the latest news on our <u>Blog</u>



## **Joining LF AI Foundation is easy!**

#### Please follow up with Ibrahim Haddad

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