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Prior to Hugging Face, Julien worked for TII ('22 – '23), leading the development of Falcon-180B, a super-powerful language model with 180 billion parameters, trained on 3.5 trillion tokens. At the time of release, it ranked just behind OpenAI's GPT 4 and performed on par with Google's PaLM 2 Large, which powers Bard, despite being half the size of the model.

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