

Summary of *Uncovering Information: Can AI Tell Us Where to Look?*

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1. What are the research questions?

- How to measure surprise in narrative disclosures?
- Where new information is most prevalent?
- When surprise is released?
- Can explain market reaction?

2. Why are the research questions interesting?

- Stakeholders need quickly and easily to find relevant information, but information buried in sea of unstructured narrative disclosure released by firm.
- Prior studies mostly focus on quantitative information, but narrative information is highly multidimensional and challenging to find surprise.

3. What is the paper's contribution?

- Contribute to literature using output of LLMs to predict returns.
 - Prior literature: LLM transform a source document into another representation (Lopez-Lira and Tang, 2023; Kim et al., 2023; Chen et al., 2022).
 - Extend: preserve source and overlay measure of information eliminating output hallucination and lookahead bias in predictability.
- Contribute to literature on costly information processing.
 - Prior literature: measure informativeness as similarity of text across annual and quarterly reports (Cohen et al., 2020).
 - Extend: develop a method for forming priors and identifying new information.

4. What hypotheses are tested in the paper?

- H1: The message is more informative, if a highly unlikely event occurs.
- H2: If prices impound all publicly available information, and measure captures this information, then it can explain short window price reactions.

a) Do these hypotheses follow from and answer the research questions?

- Yes.

b) Do these hypotheses follow from theory? Explain logic of the hypotheses.

- It follows the information theory and Shannon's model of communication.

5. Sample: comment on the appropriateness of the sample selection procedures.

- Extracting narrative disclosure from BeanCounter corpus, the plain text versions of all filings accepted by SEC EDGAR system from 1996 to 2023.

6. Comment on the appropriateness of variable definition and measurement.

- Information of the i -th token is causal in the sense that the probability of a given token depends only the context on the left side of the token.

7. Comment on the appropriateness of the regress/predict model specification.

- Use cross-sectional pre-trained model and Firm and time-specific models.

8. **What difficulties arise in drawing inferences from the empirical work?**

- How to improve the interpretability of large language models.

9. **Describe at least one publishable and feasible extension of this research.**

- Can LLMs measure new information in data and tables?
- Has information in filings been released through other channels?