



# Detecting microaggression:

Exploring potency of **goEmotions** and **BERT**





# WHY **microaggression?**

**01.**

## **It's powerful**

Convey much more intention than their expressiveness

**03.**

## **Underrated**

It's subtle and often overlooked

**02.**

## **Harmful**

In public communications, aggressions can be addressed

**04.**

## **Feasible?**

A study on finding microaggression by the team at cmu /Prof. Yulia Tsvetkov



# PAPER & DATA



“lack of a **corpus** of real-world microaggressions and well-defined criteria for annotating them have prevented researchers from addressing these problems at scale”

Finding Microaggressions in the Wild:  
A Case for Locating Elusive  
Phenomena in Social Media Posts

“the largest manually **annotated dataset** of 58k English Reddit comments, labeled for 27 emotion categories or Neutral”

“BERT based model achieves an average **F1**-score of **0.46**”

GoEmotions:  
A Dataset of Fine-Grained Emotions

The slide features a light cream background with abstract blue shapes and black outlines. On the left, a large blue shape contains a black line drawing of a person's profile. On the right, another blue shape is partially visible. In the bottom right corner, a small circle contains the number 4.

# BERT

**A LARGE,  
TRANSFORMER,  
MASKED  
LANGUAGE MODEL**



# Thank you!