

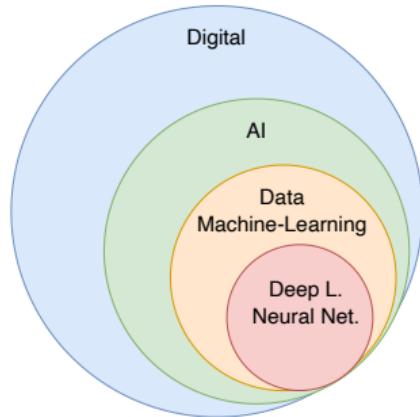
# FONCTIONNEMENT DES MODÈLES DE LANGUE EXPLOITATION SUR DONNÉES ALIMENTAIRES

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# INTRODUCTION

# Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning



Input (X)	Output (Y)	Application
email	spam? (0/1)	spam filtering
audio	text transcript	speech recognition
English	Chinese	machine translation
ad, user info	click? (0/1)	online advertising
image, radar info	position of other cars	self-driving car
image of phone	defect? (0/1)	visual inspection

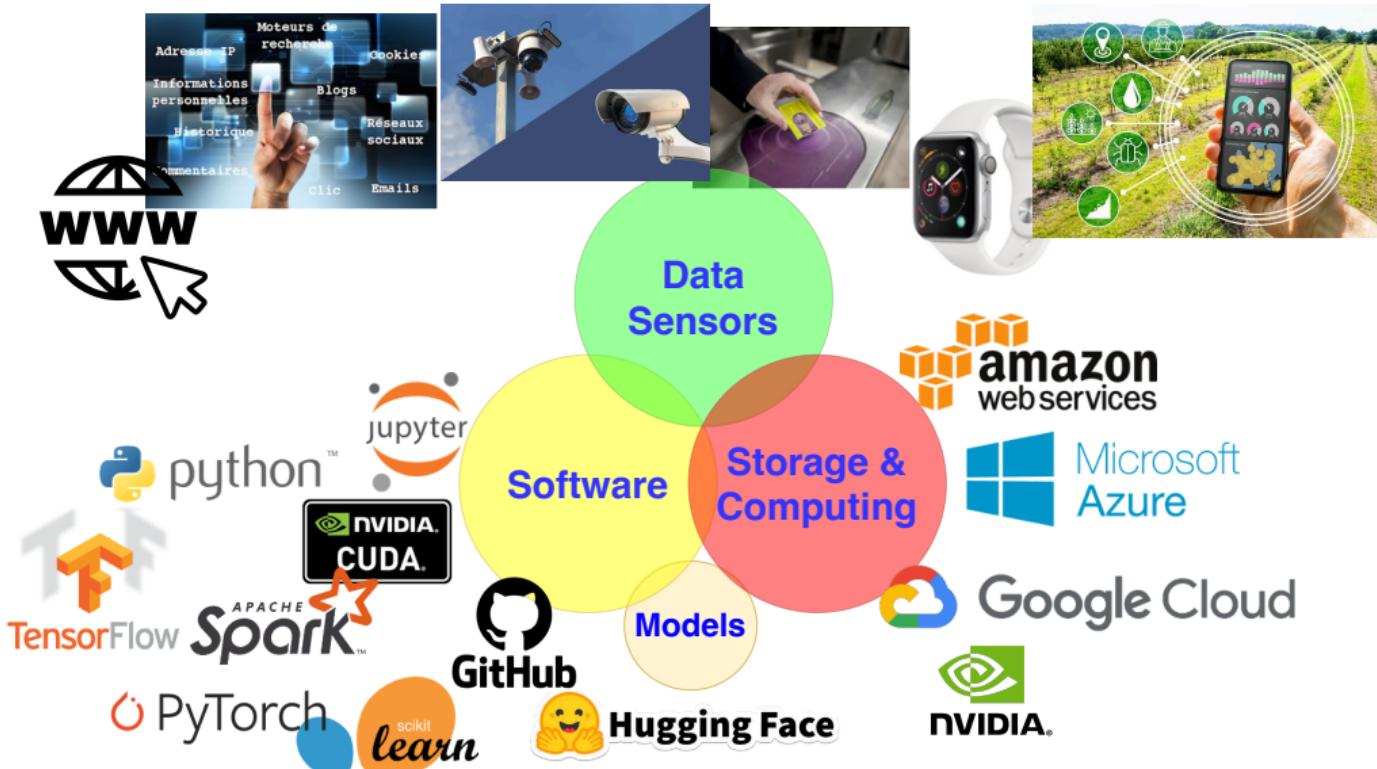
**AI:** computer programs that engage in tasks which are, for now, performed more satisfactorily by human beings because they require high-level mental processes.

*Marvin Lee Minsky, 1956*

**N-AI (Narrow Artificial Intelligence),** dedicated to a single task  
**≠ G-AI (General AI),** which replaces humans in complex systems.

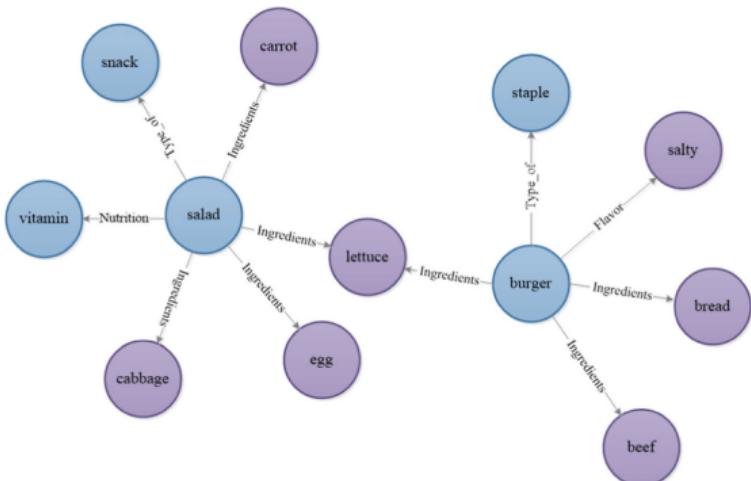
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# The Ingredients of Machine-Learning

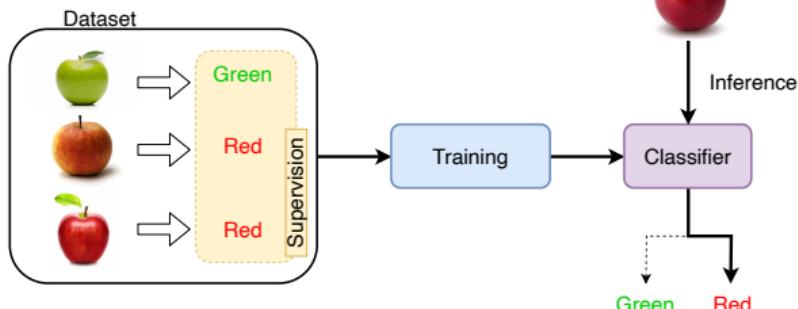


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## Modeling Expert Knowledge



## Machine Learning



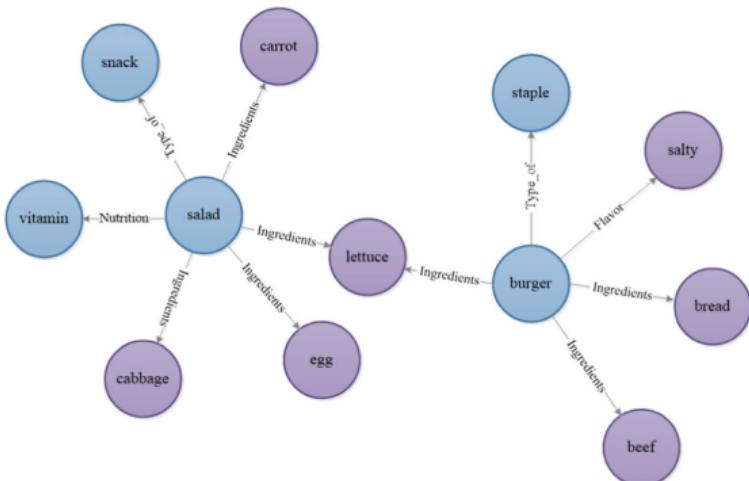
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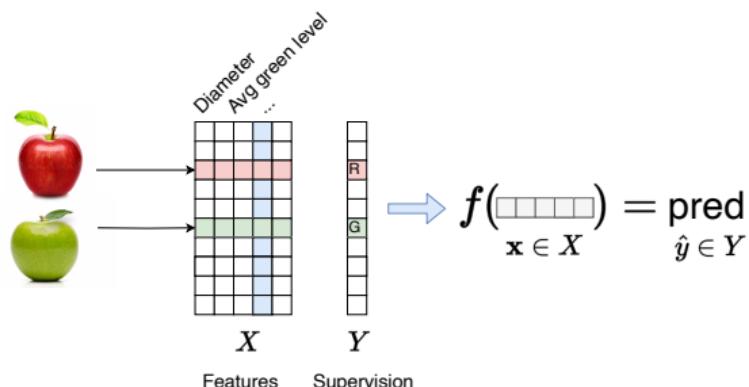
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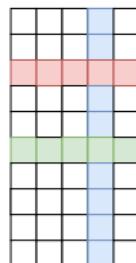
# DEEP LEARNING & REPRESENTATION LEARNING

## [APPLICATION TO TEXTUAL DATA]



# From tabular data to text

- Tabular data
  - Fixed dimension
  - Continuous values



→  $f( \boxed{\quad \quad \quad} ) = \text{pred}$

- Textual data
  - Variable length
  - Discrete values

this new iPhone, what a marvel

An iPhone? What a scam!

[Red box placeholder]

[Green box placeholder]

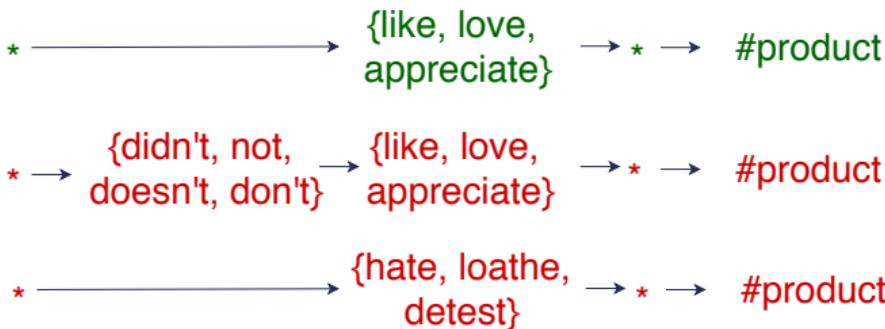


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## Linguistics [1960-2010]

### Rule-based Systems:



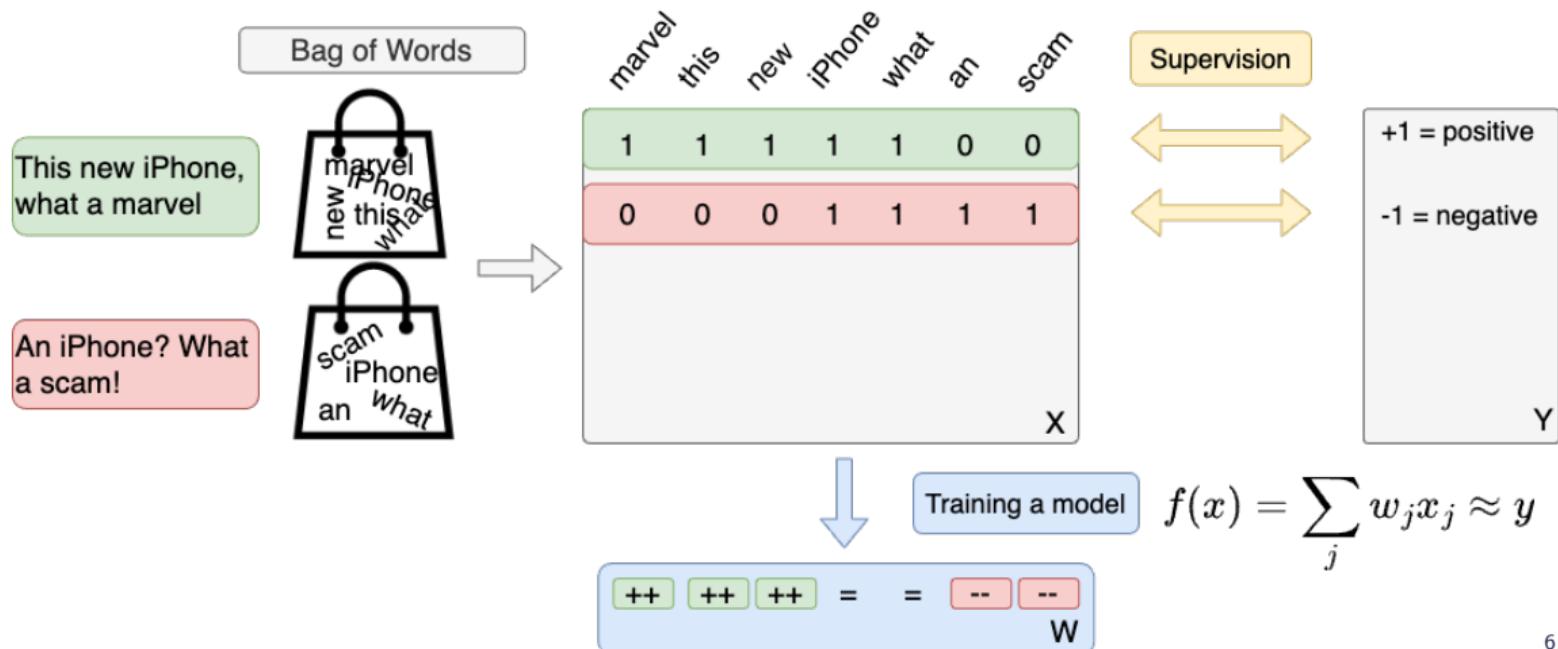
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- Very high precision
- Low recall
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## Machine Learning [1990-2015]

- Little expert knowledge needed
- Statistical extraction ⇔  
robust to noisy data
- ≈ Less interpretable system
- Lower precision
- + Better recall

Precision = criterion for acceptance by industry

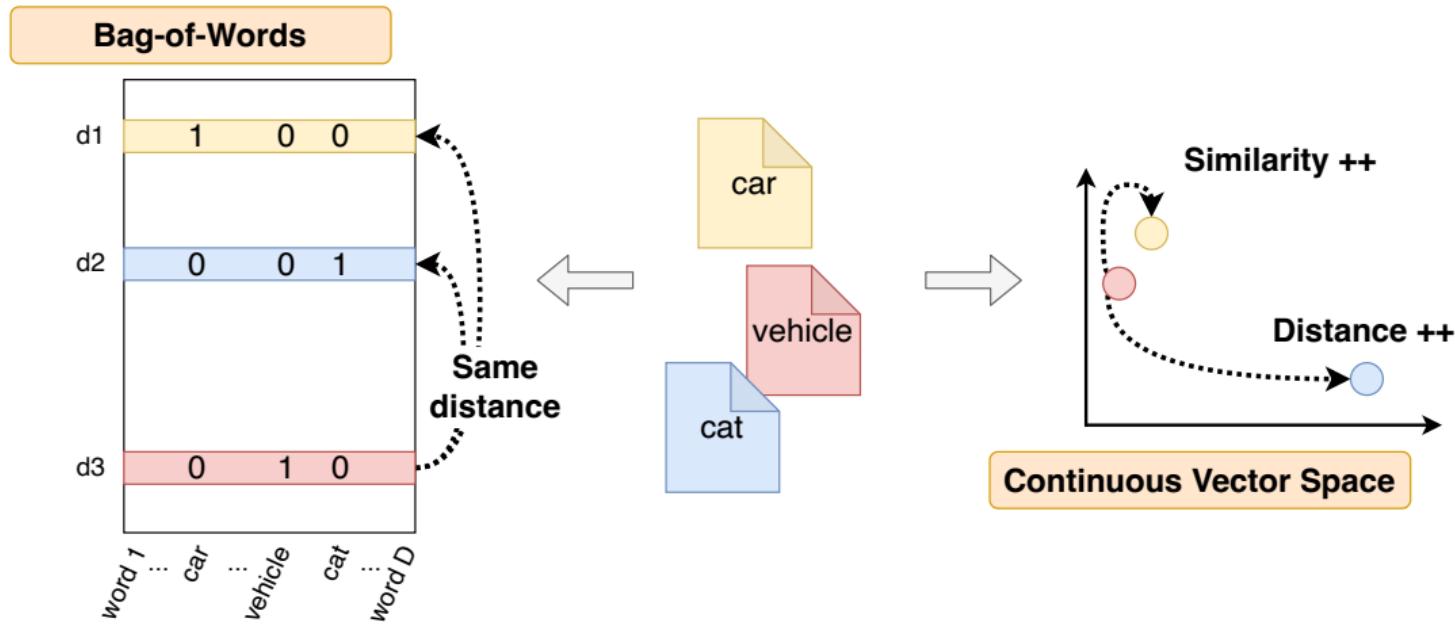
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# Deep/Representation Learning for Text Data

From Bag of Words to Vector Representations

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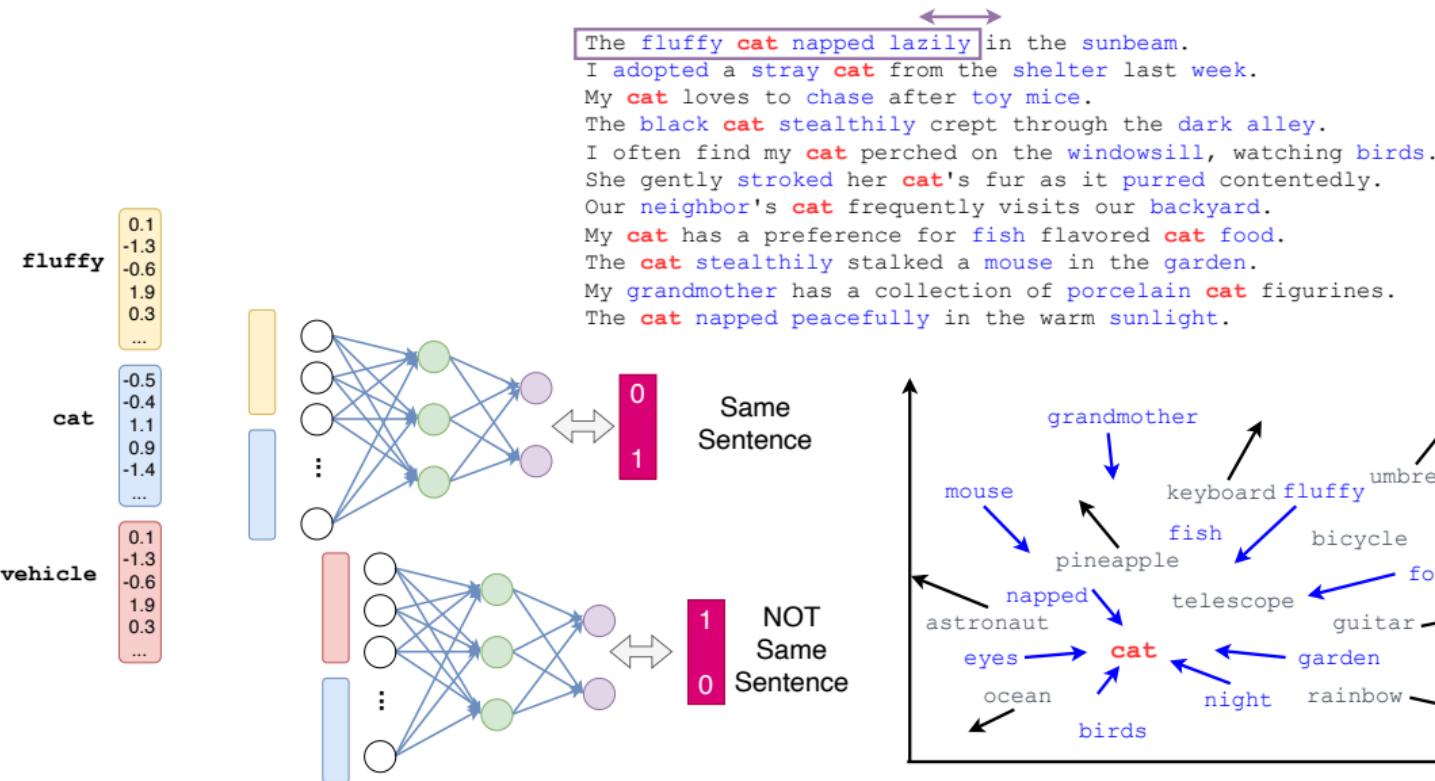




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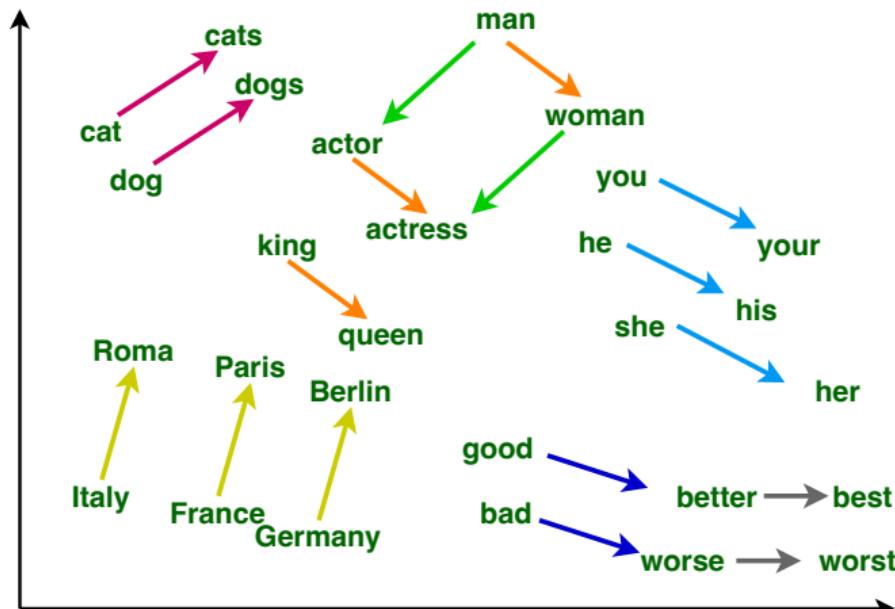




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- Semantic Space:  
similar meanings  
↔  
close positions
- Structured Space:  
grammatical regularities,  
basic knowledge, ...

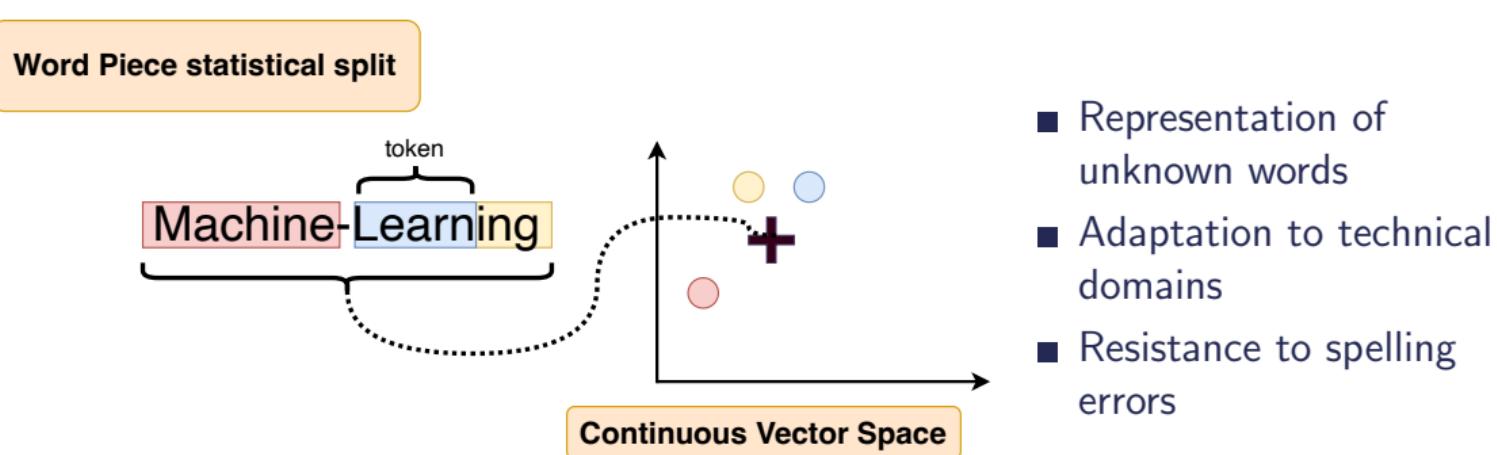


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## From Words to Tokens

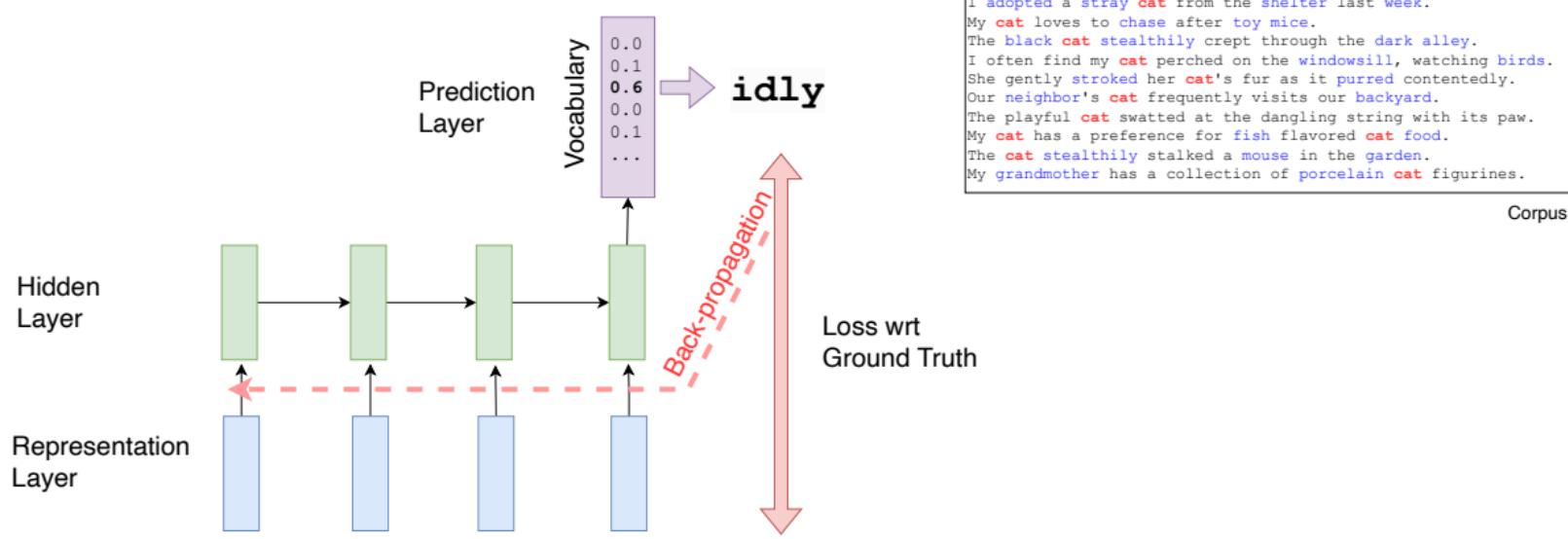


Enriching word vectors with subword information. [Bojanowski et al. TACL 2017.](#)



# Aggregating word representations: towards generative AI

- Generation & Representation
- New way of learning word positions



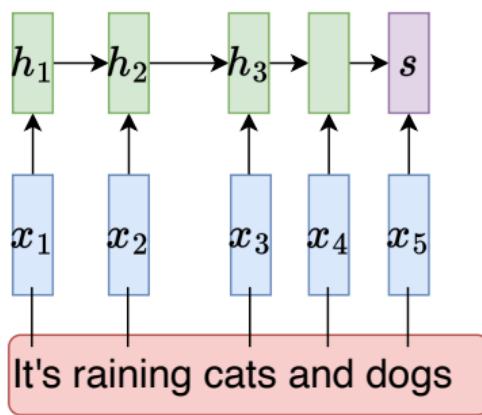
**The fluffy cat napped lazily in the sunbeam.**



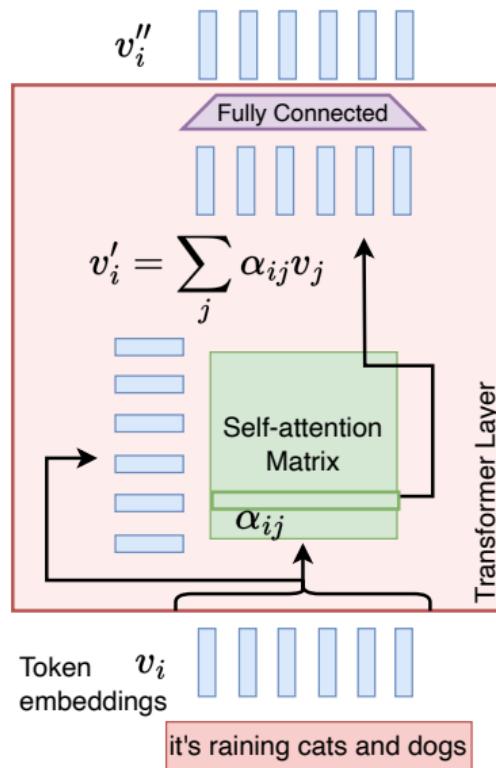
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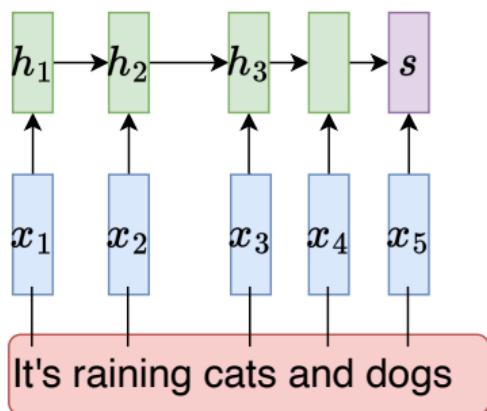
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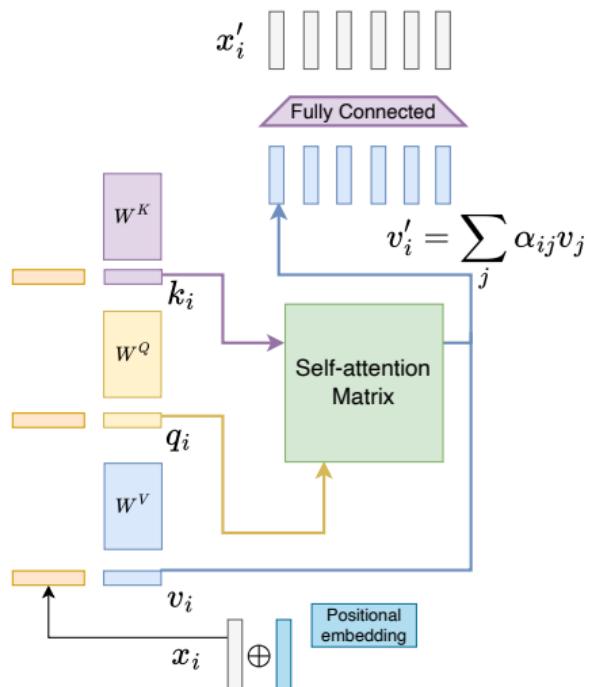
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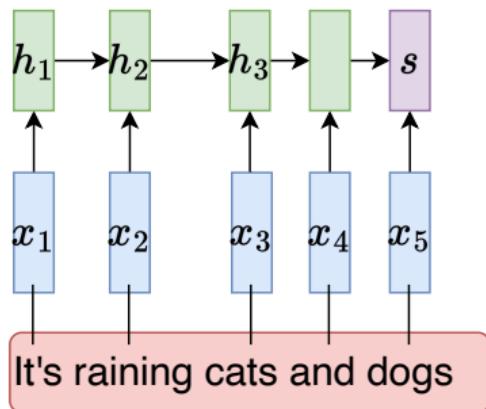
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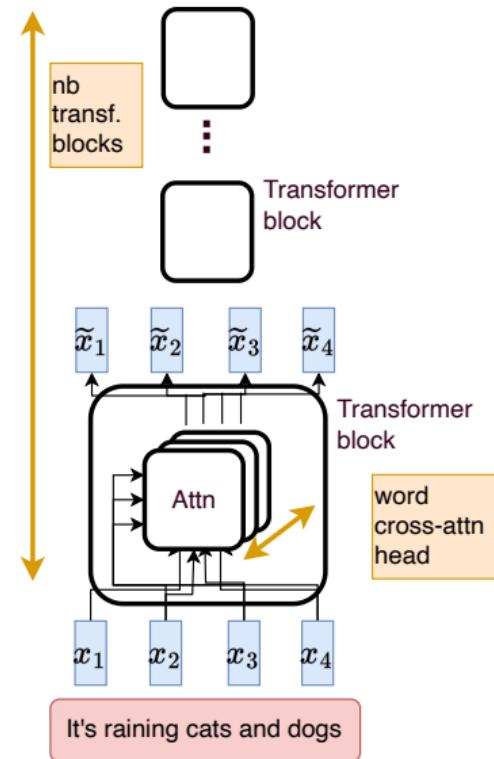
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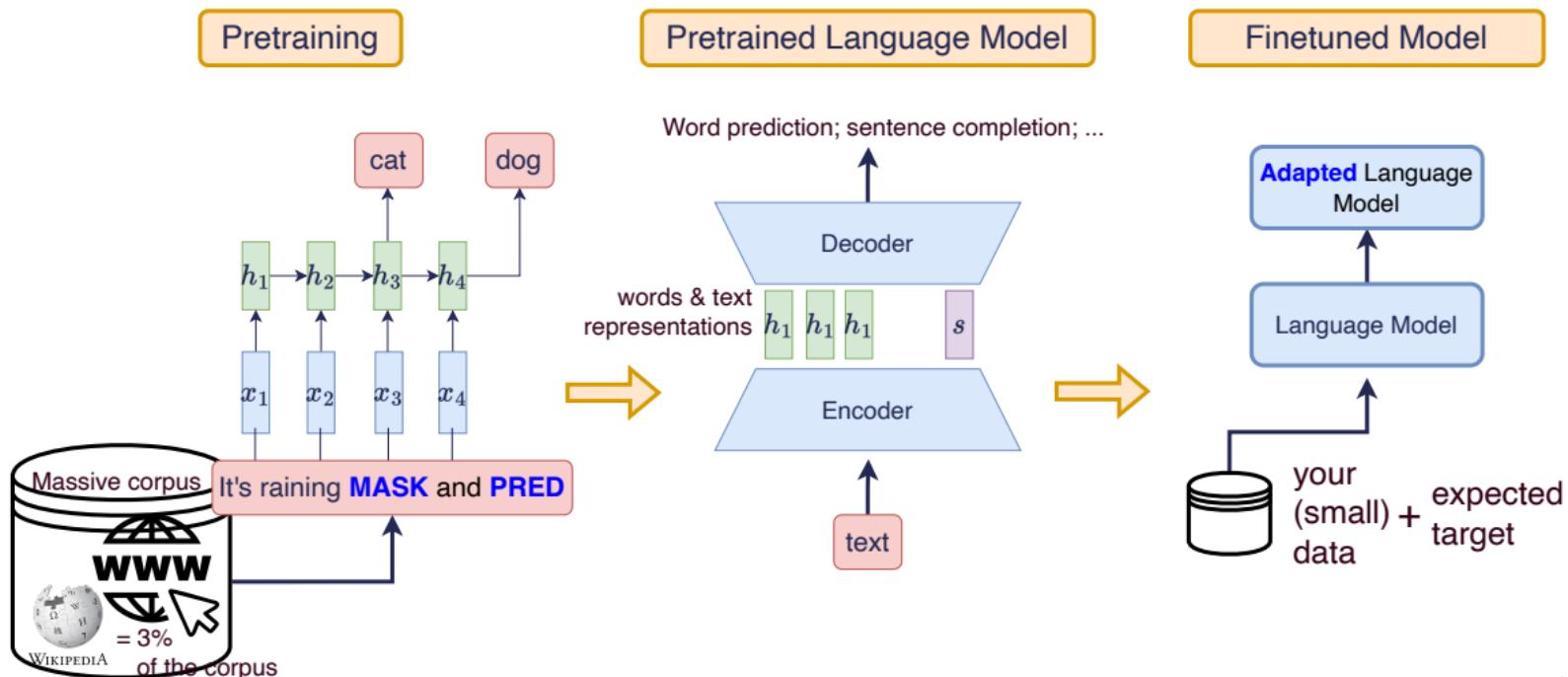
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# A new developpement paradigm since 2015

- Huge dataset + huge archi.  $\Rightarrow$  unreasonable training cost
- Pre-trained architecture + 0-shot / finetuning



# CHATGPT

NOVEMBER 30, 2022

1 MILLION USERS IN 5 DAYS

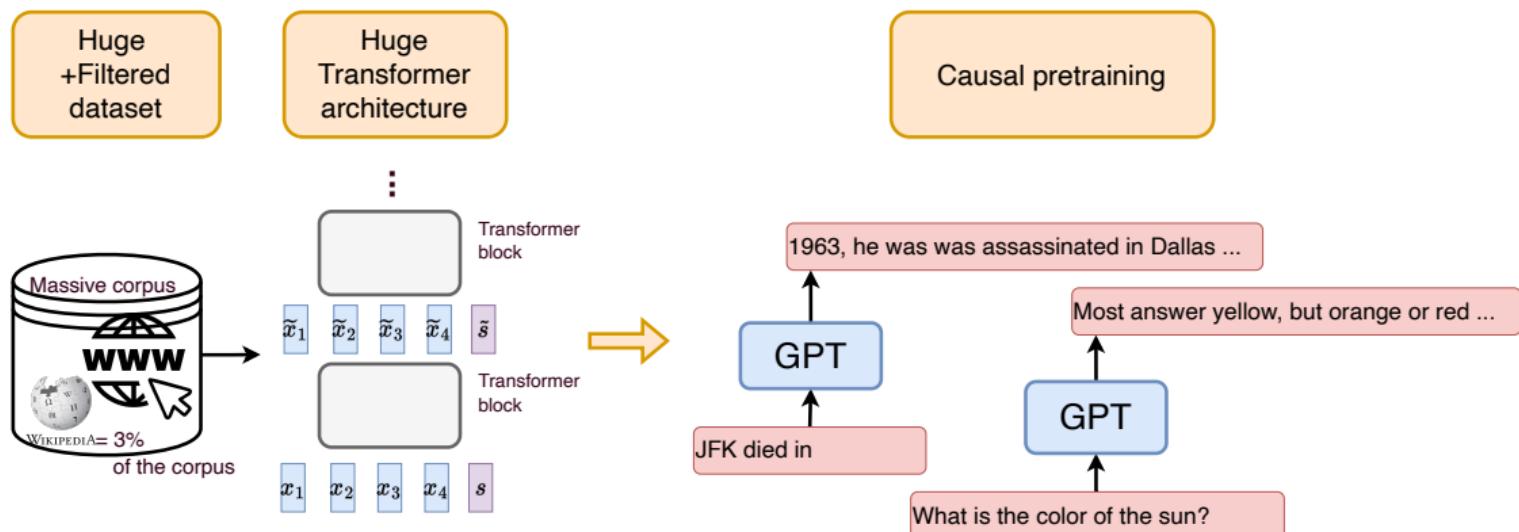
100 MILLION BY THE END OF JANUARY 2023

1.16 BILLION BY MARCH 2023



# The Ingredients of chatGPT

## 0. Transformer + massive data (GPT)



- Grammatical skills: singular/plural agreement, tense concordance
- (Parametric) Knowledge: entities, names, dates, places



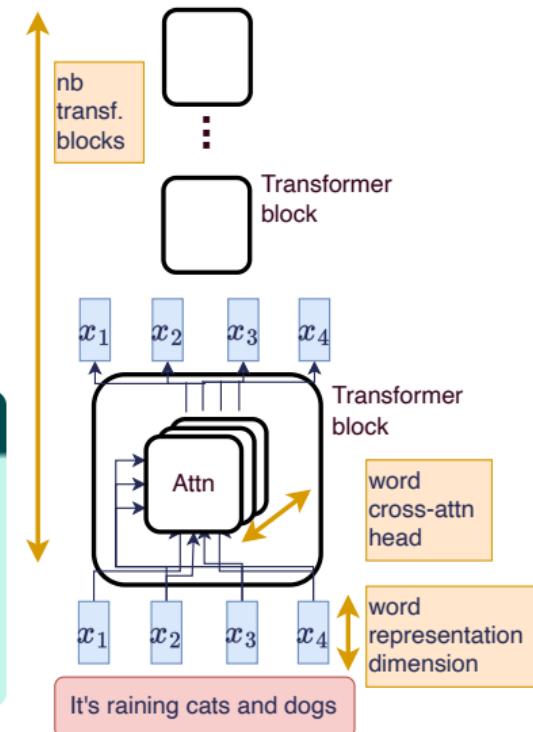
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## 1. More is better! (GPT)

- + more input words [500  $\Rightarrow$  2k, 32k, 100k]
- + more dimensions in the word space [500-2k  $\Rightarrow$  12k]
- + more attention heads [12  $\Rightarrow$  96]
- + more blocks/layers [5-12  $\Rightarrow$  96]

**175 Billion** parameters... What does it mean?

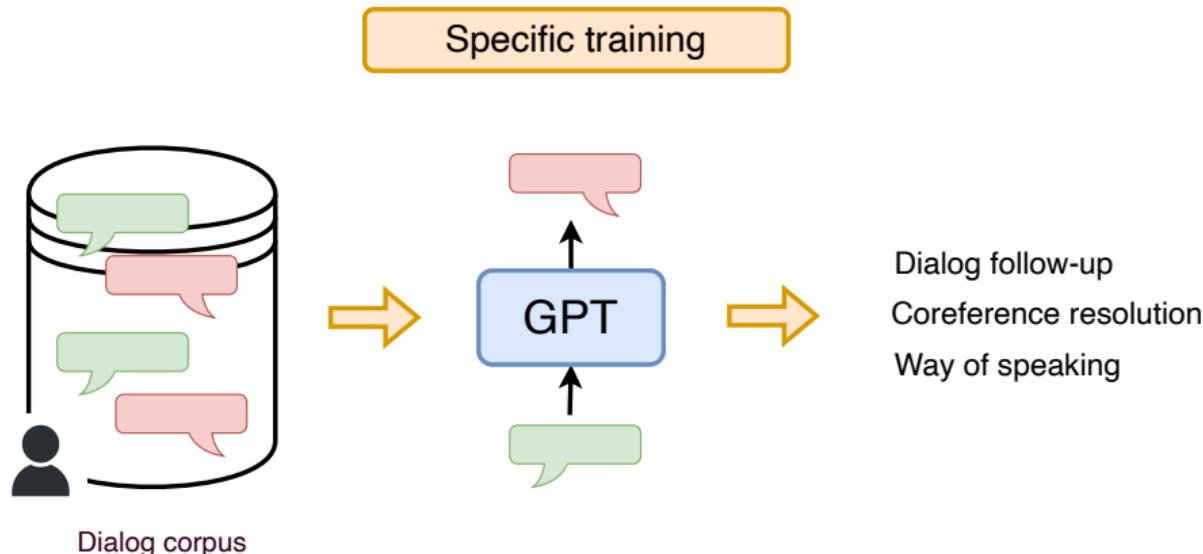
- $1.75 \cdot 10^{11} \Rightarrow 300 \text{ GB} + 100 \text{ GB}$  (data storage for inference)  $\approx 400\text{GB}$
- NVidia A100 GPU = 80GB of memory (=20k€)
- Cost for (1) training: 4.6 Million €





# The Ingredients of chatGPT

## 2. Dialogue Tracking



■ **Very clean** data

Data generated/validated/ranked by humans



# The Ingredients of chatGPT

## 3. Fine-tuning on different ( $\pm$ ) complex reasoning tasks

### Instruction finetuning

Please answer the following question.

What is the boiling point of Nitrogen?

### Chain-of-thought finetuning

Answer the following question by reasoning step-by-step.

The cafeteria had 23 apples. If they used 20 for lunch and bought 6 more, how many apples do they have?

-320.4F

The cafeteria had 23 apples originally. They used 20 to make lunch. So they had  $23 - 20 = 3$ . They bought 6 more apples, so they have  $3 + 6 = 9$ .

Language model

### Multi-task instruction finetuning (1.8K tasks)

### Inference: generalization to unseen tasks

Q: Can Geoffrey Hinton have a conversation with George Washington?

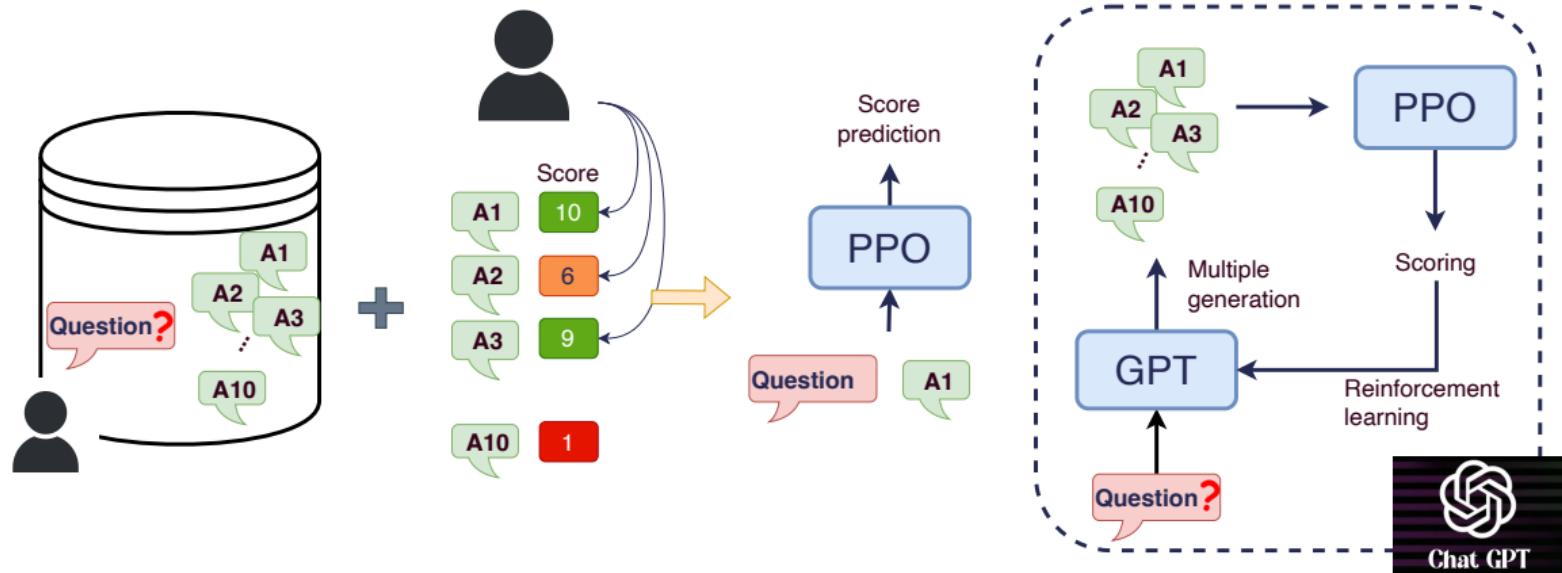
Give the rationale before answering.

Geoffrey Hinton is a British-Canadian computer scientist born in 1947. George Washington died in 1799. Thus, they could not have had a conversation together. So the answer is "no".



# The Ingredients of chatGPT

## 4. Instructions + answer ranking



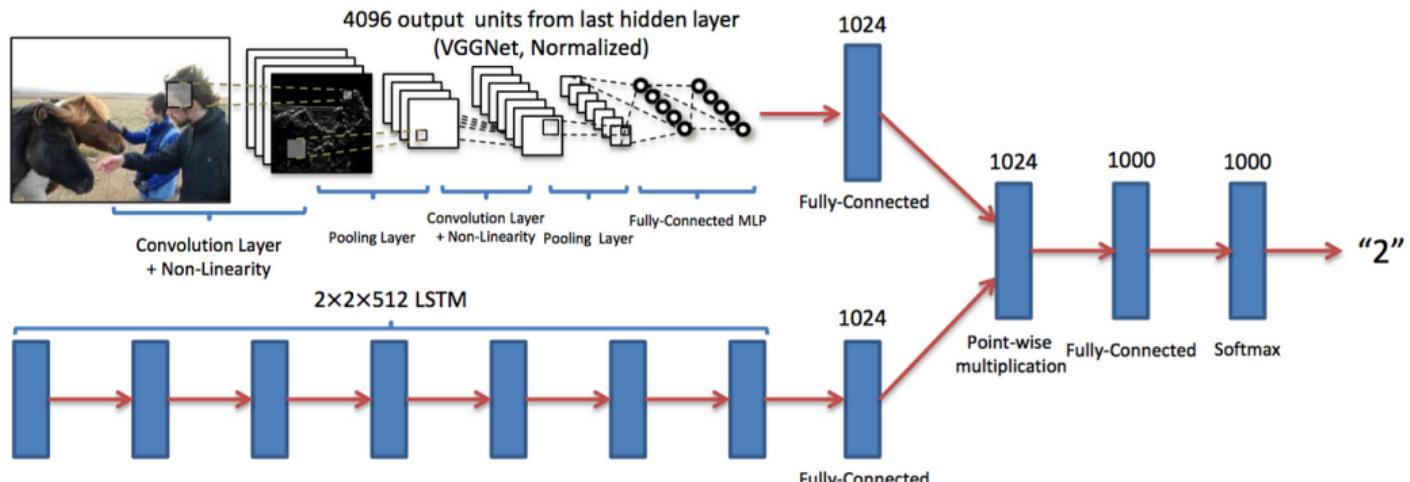
- Database created by humans
- Response improvement
- ... Also a way to avoid critical topics = censorship



# GPT4 & Multimodality

**Merging** information from text & image. **Learning** to exploit information jointly

*The example of VQA: visual question answering*



"How many horses are in this image?"

⇒ Backpropagate the error ⇒ modify word representations + image analysis

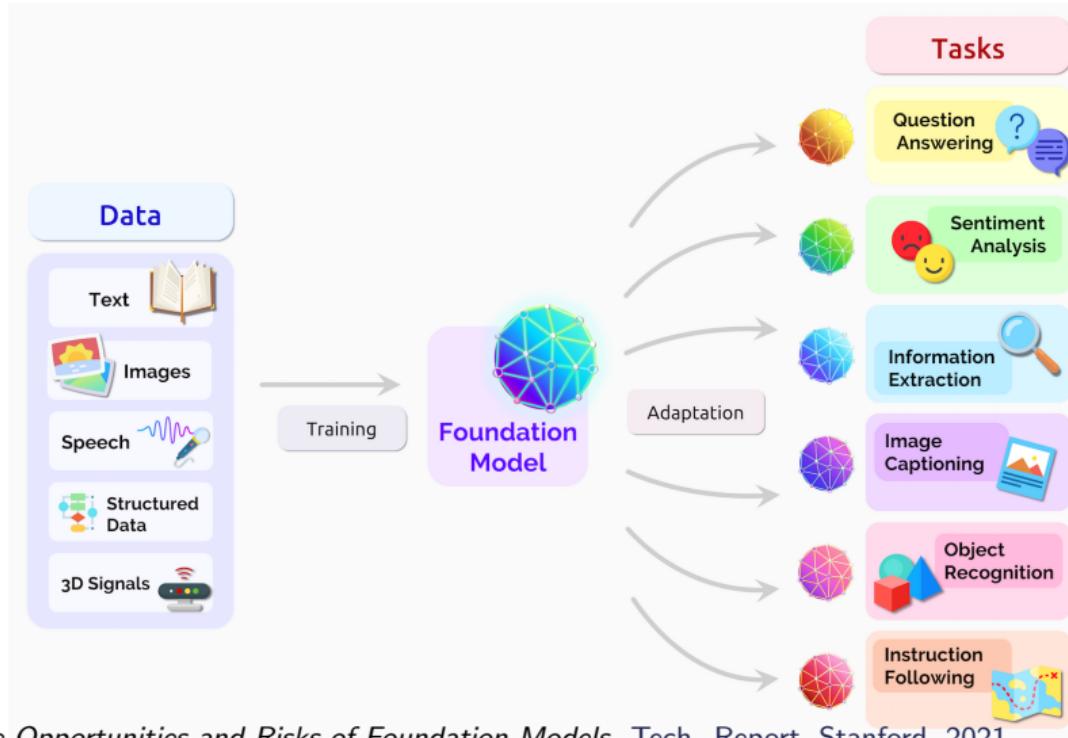


VQA: Visual Question Answering, arXiv, 2016 , A. Agrawal et al.



# Towards Larger Foundation Models?

- Let the modalities enrich each other



*On the Opportunities and Risks of Foundation Models*, Tech. Report, Stanford, 2021  
Bommasani et al.

# MACHINE LEARNING LIMITS



# chatGPT and the relationship with truth

1 **Likelihood** = grammar, agreement, tense concordance, logical sequences...  
 ⇒ Repeated knowledge

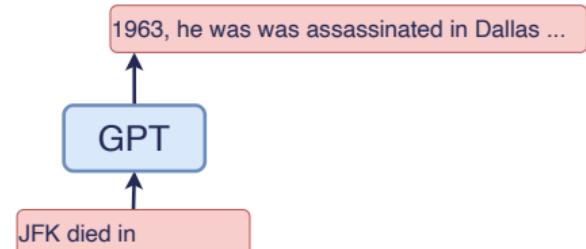
2 Predict the most **plausible** word...  
 ⇒ produces **hallucinations**

3 **Offline** functioning

4 chatGPT ≠ **knowledge graphs**

5 Brilliant answers...

And silly mistakes!  
 + we cannot predict the errors



## Example: producing a bibliography

Can you give me a short bibliography on VAE for Time Series?

recurrents.

- "Variational Recurrent Auto-encoders" par Chung et al. (2016) - Cette étude introduit une approche VAE pour la modélisation de séquences temporelles en utilisant des réseaux de neurones récurrents et une méthode de maximisation de la vraisemblance pour la phase d'entraînement. [Variational recurrent auto-encoders](#)
- "Generative Modeling for Time Series" par Bao et al. (2017) - Cette étude propose un modèle qui combine les forces des RNNs et SGVB: le Variational Recurrent Auto-Encoder (VRAE). Such a model can be used for efficient, large scale ...

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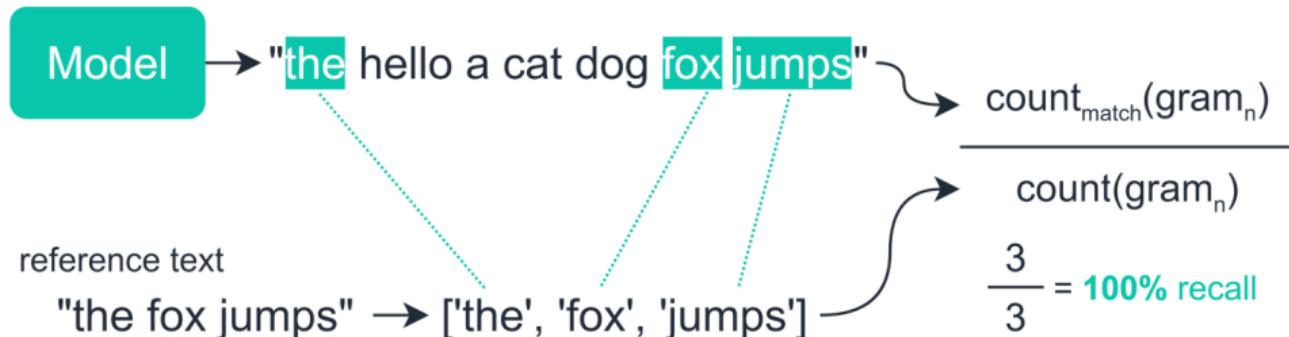
[Deep Variational Bayes Filters: Unsupervised Learning of State Space Models from Raw Data](#) par Krishnan et al. (2017) - Cette étude présente une approche VAE pour la ...



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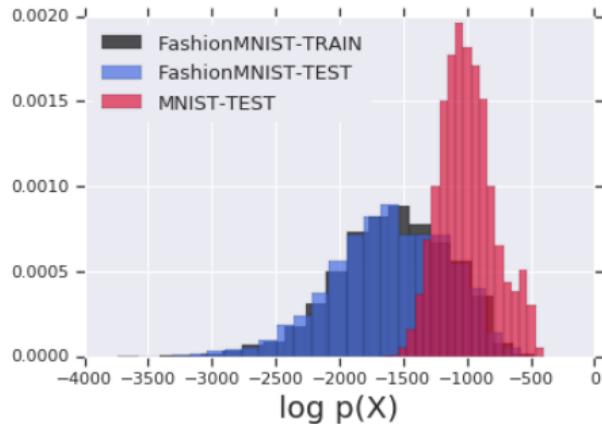




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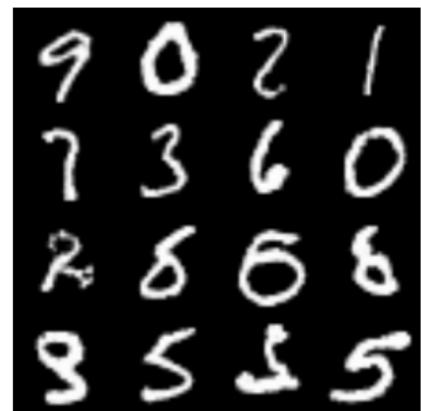
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Plausibility



Train



Test



*Do Large Language Models Know What They Don't Know?*, Yin et al. , ACL, 2023

*Do Deep Generative Models Know What They Don't Know?*, Nalisnick et al. , ICLR, 2019



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V

how old is Obama

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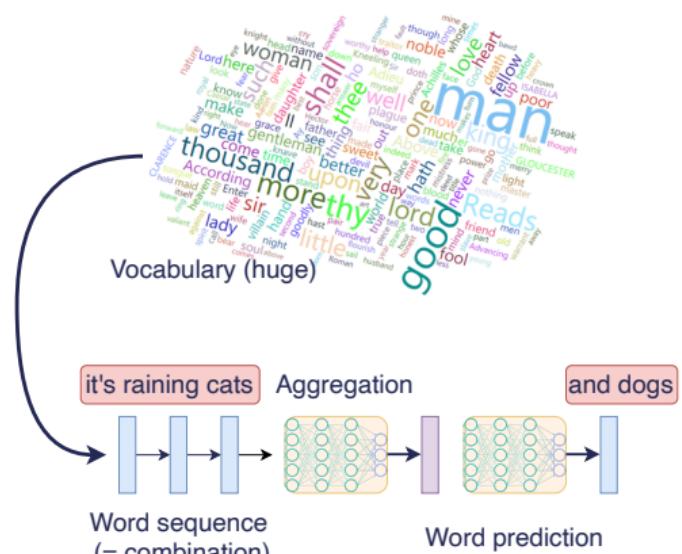
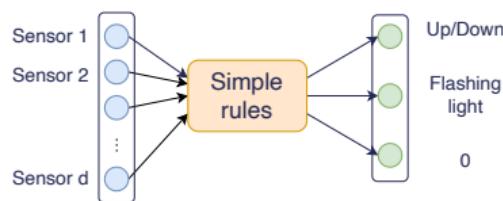
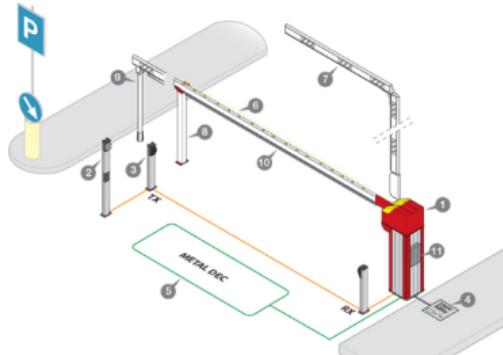
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V and today?



# Explainability... And complexity



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- Exhaustive testing of inputs/outputs
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# Explainability... And complexity

## Interpretability vs Post-hoc Explanation

Neural networks = **non-interpretable** (almost always)

*too many combinations to anticipate*

Neural networks = **explainable a posteriori** (almost always)



[Uber Accident, 2018]

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# Transparency : open source / open weight

- Can I modify it? Adaptation
- What training data was used? Data contamination / skills
- What editorial stance / censorship is involved? Access to information
- Why this answer? Explainability / interpretability

**Foundation Model Transparency Index Scores by Major Dimensions of Transparency, 2023**

Source: 2023 Foundation Model Transparency Index

		Meta	BigScience	OpenAI	stability.ai	Google	ANTHROPIC	cohere	AI21labs	Inflection	amazon	Average
Major Dimensions of Transparency	Data	40%	60%	20%	40%	20%	0%	20%	0%	0%	0%	20%
	Labor	29%	86%	14%	14%	0%	29%	0%	0%	0%	0%	17%
	Compute	57%	14%	14%	57%	14%	0%	14%	0%	0%	0%	17%
	Methods	75%	100%	50%	100%	75%	75%	0%	0%	0%	0%	48%
	Model Basics	100%	100%	50%	83%	67%	67%	50%	33%	50%	33%	63%
	Model Access	100%	100%	67%	100%	33%	33%	67%	33%	0%	33%	57%
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	Risks	57%	0%	57%	14%	29%	29%	29%	29%	0%	0%	24%
	Mitigations	60%	0%	60%	0%	40%	40%	20%	0%	20%	20%	26%
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	Feedback	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	0%	30%
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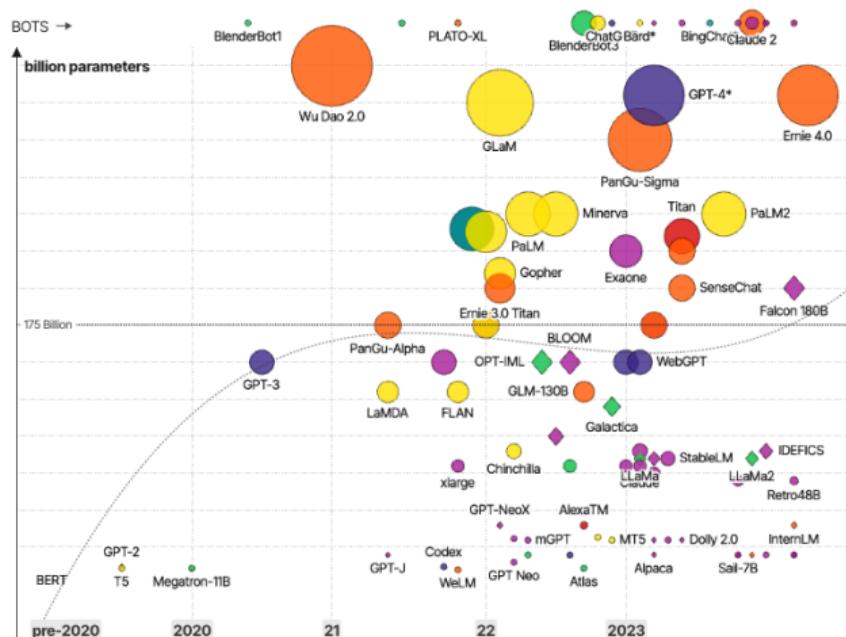


# Costs / Frugality

## The Rise and Rise of A.I.

### Large Language Models (LLMs) & their associated bots like ChatGPT

● Amazon-owned ● Chinese ● Google ● Meta / Facebook ● Microsoft ● OpenAI ● Other



## # Parameters

1998	LeNet-5	= 0.06M
2011	Senna	= 7.3M
2012	AlexNet	= 60M
2017	Transformer	= 65M / 210M
2018	ELMo	= 94M
2018	BERT	= 110M / 340M
2019	GPT2	= 1,500M
2020	GPT3	= 175,000M
2025	Llama-4	= 2,000,000M



# Everything beyond the LLM's capabilities/training

- Simple calculations  
(multiplication, division)
- Generating  $n$ -syllable animal names  
(in progress)
- Playing chess
- Follow (complex) causal reasoning
- ...

## ATARI 2600 SCORES STUNNING VICTORY OVER CHATGPT

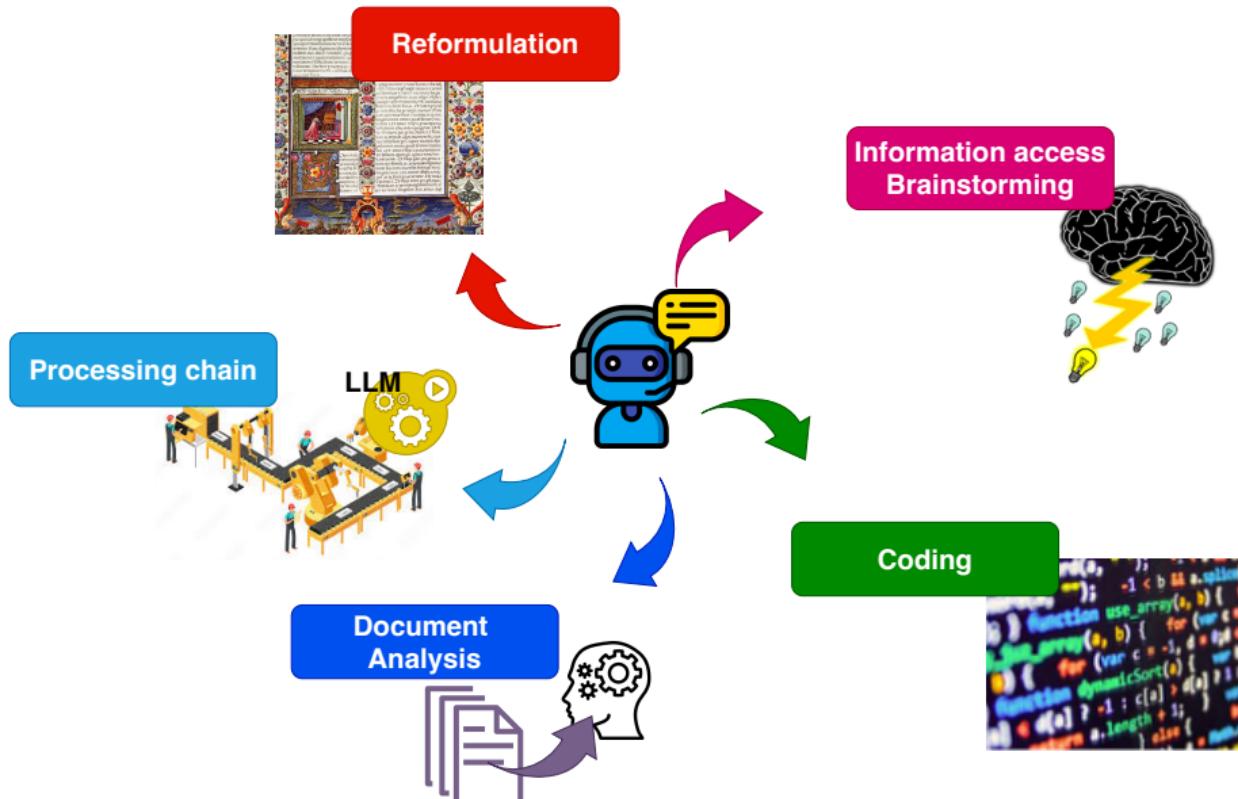


**WHEN YOU UNDERESTIMATE A 1977 CHESS ENGINE...  
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# LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS USES [IN NUTRITION RESEARCH]



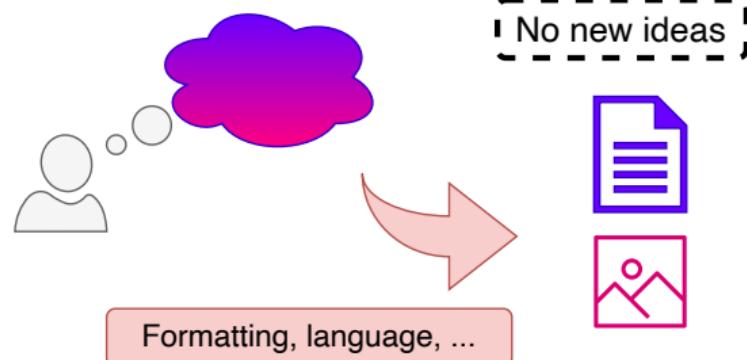
# Key uses in 5 pictures





# (1) Formatting information

A fantastic tool for  
**formatting**



- Personal assistant
  - Standard letters, recommendation letters, cover letters, termination letters
  - Translations
- Meeting reports
  - Formatting notes
- Writing scientific articles
  - Writing ideas, in French, in English

⇒ No new information, just writing, cleaning up, ...



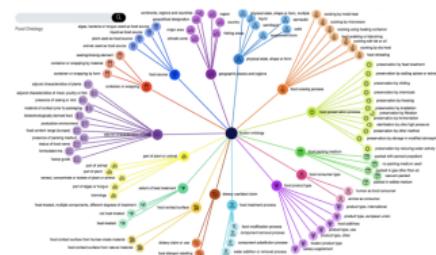
# (1) Nutrition use : Input standardization (?)

⇒ opportunity to fuse heterogeneous information

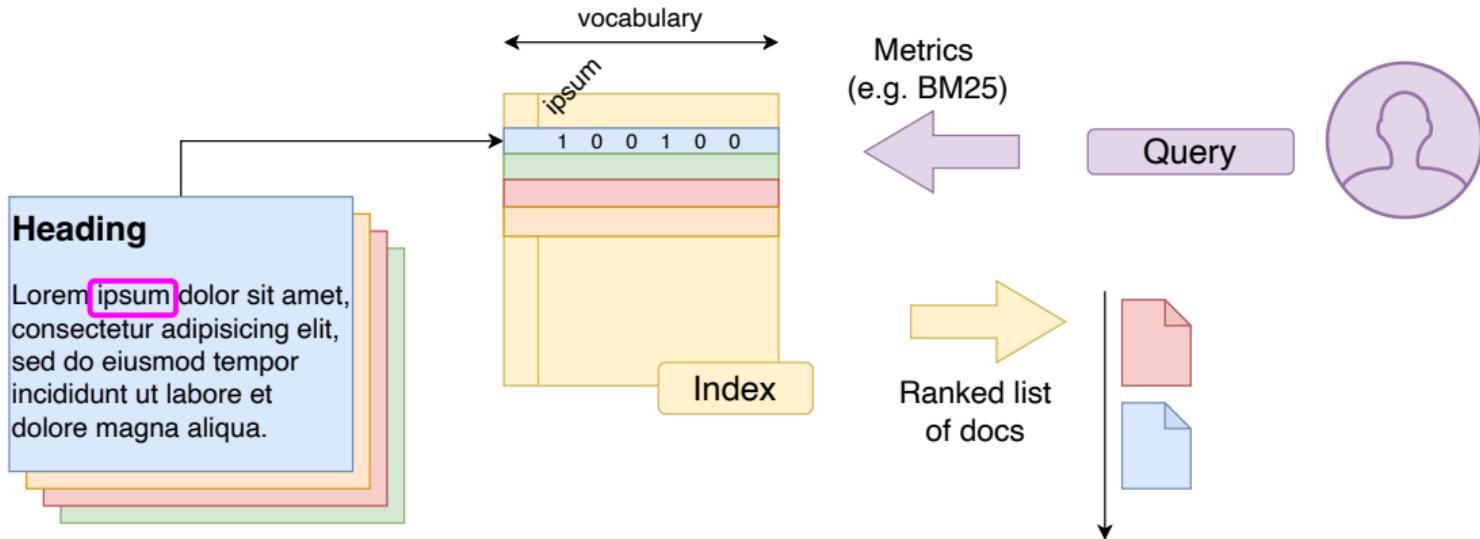


**ARTICLE OPEN**  
FoodOn: a harmonized food ontology for traceability, quality control and data integration

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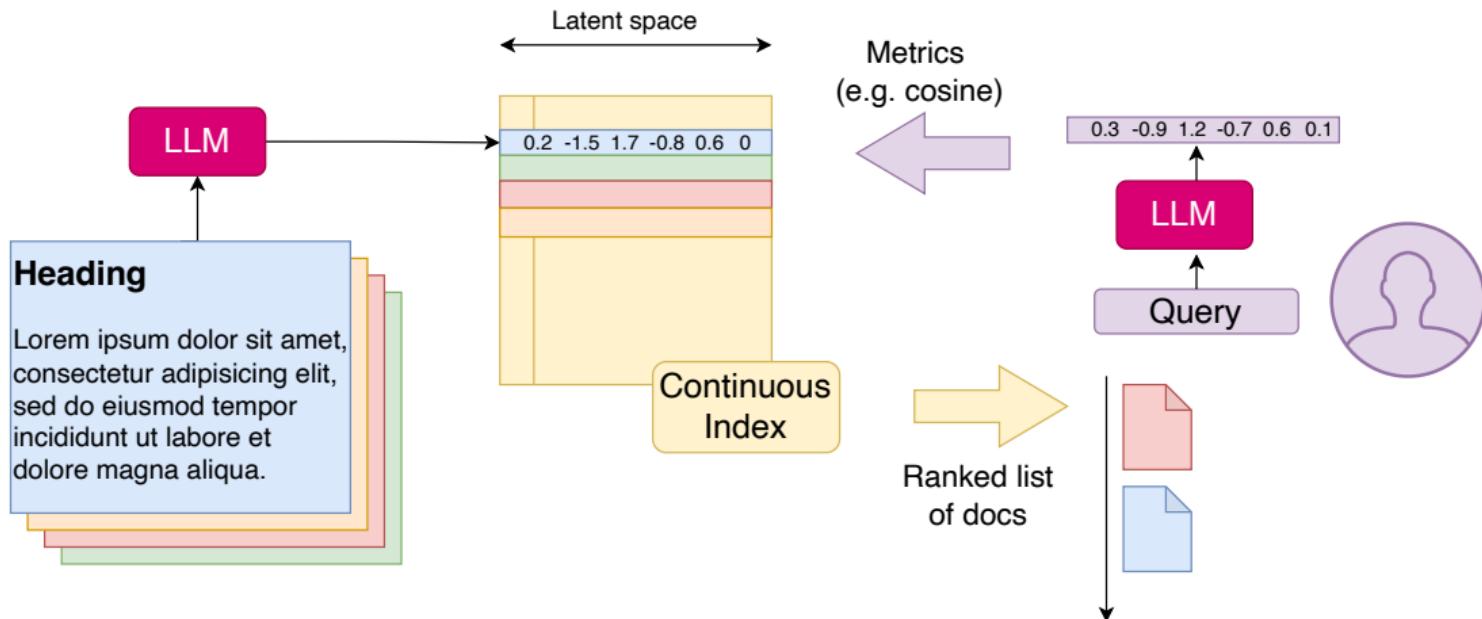


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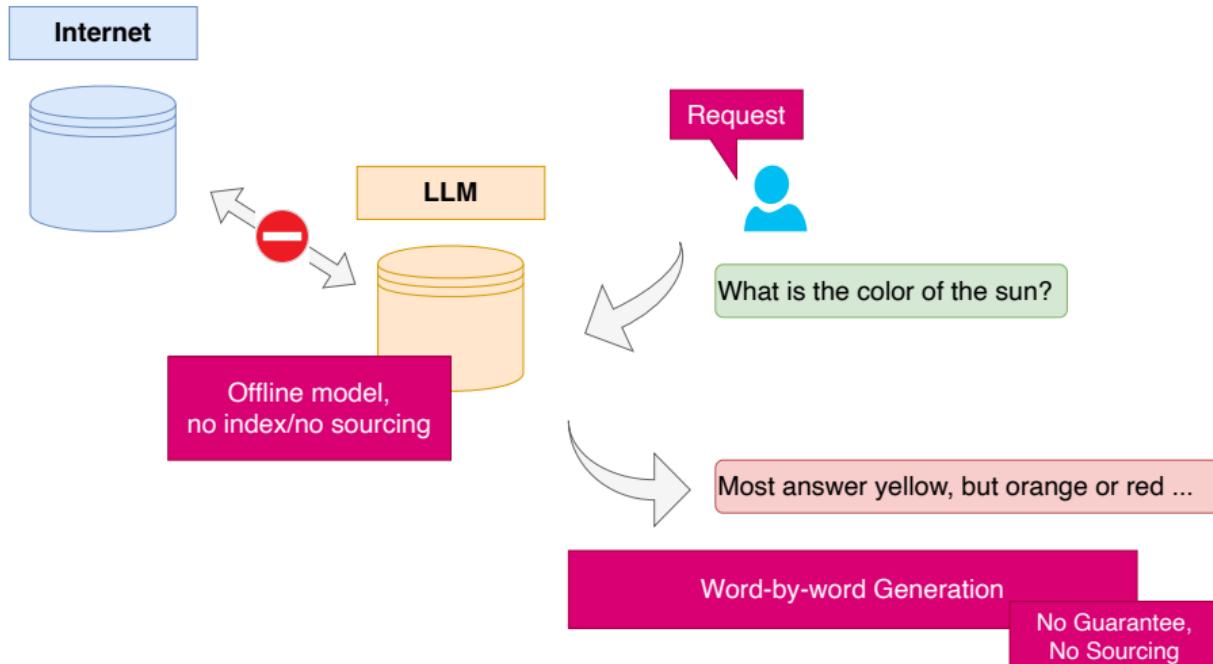


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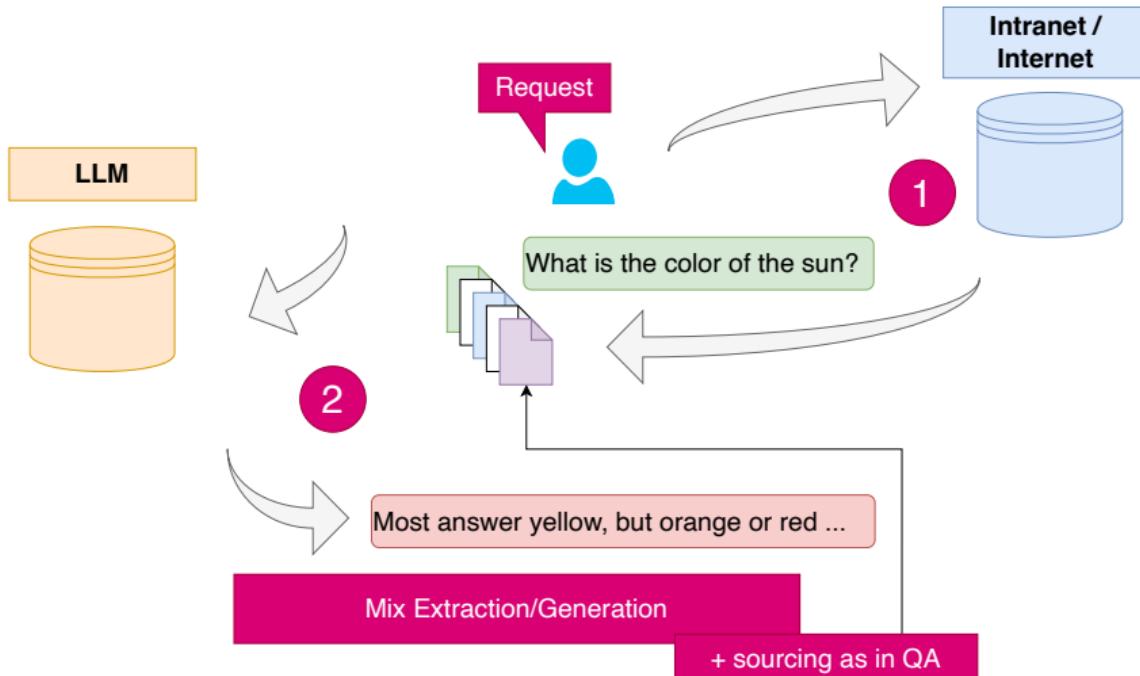


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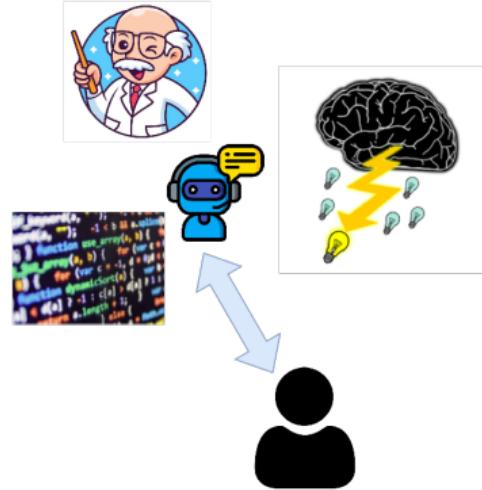


- ⇒ A way to build a *reliable* chatbot to advise users?
- Parametric memory vs Information Retrieval

## (2) Brainstorming / Course Planning / Statistics Review

- **Find** inspiration [writer's block syndrome]
- **Organize** ideas quickly
- **Avoid omissions** / increase confidency
- **Search** in a targeted way, adapted to one's needs

⇒ Impressive answers, sometimes incomplete or partially incorrect... But often useful



*3 reference articles on the use of transformers in recommendation systems*

*What is the purpose of the log-normal Poisson law?*

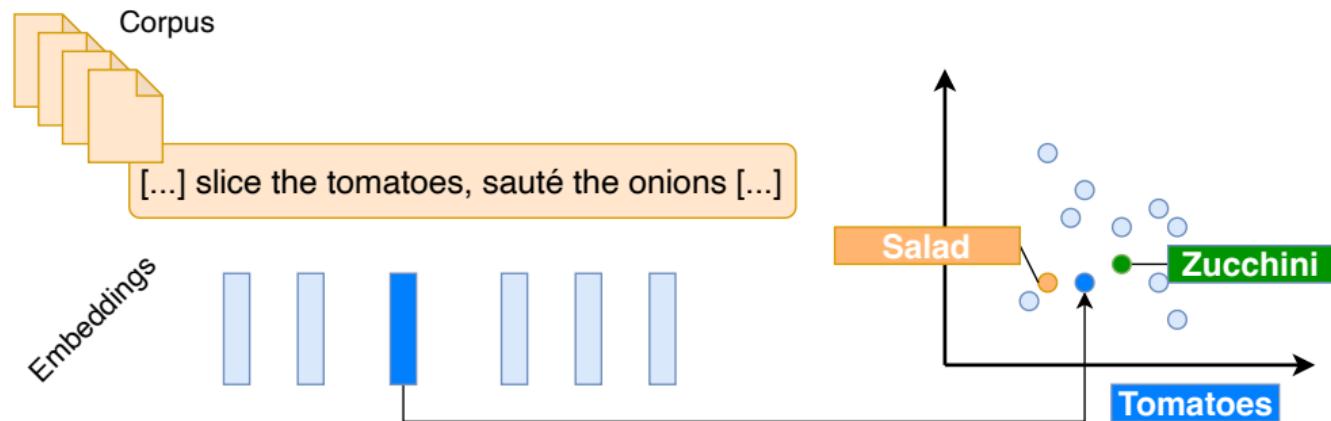
*Propose 10 sections for a course on Transformers in AI*

- In which areas are LLMs reliable?
- What are the risks for primary information sources?
- What societal risks for information?



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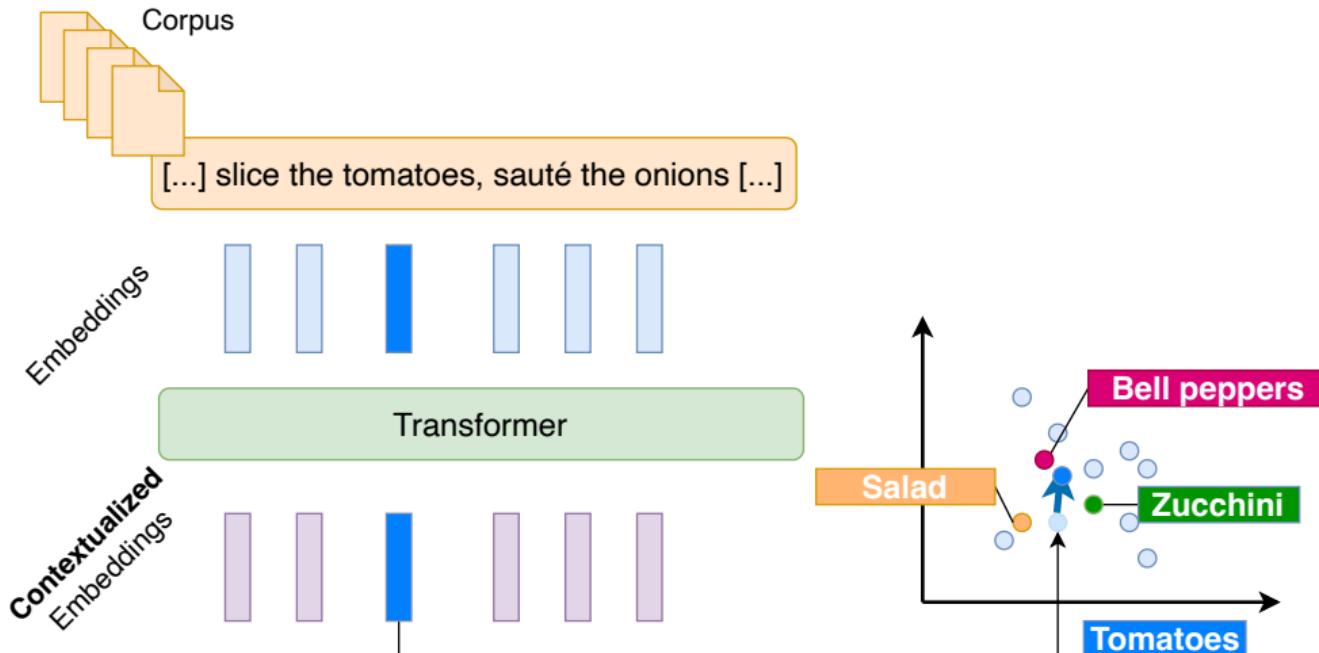
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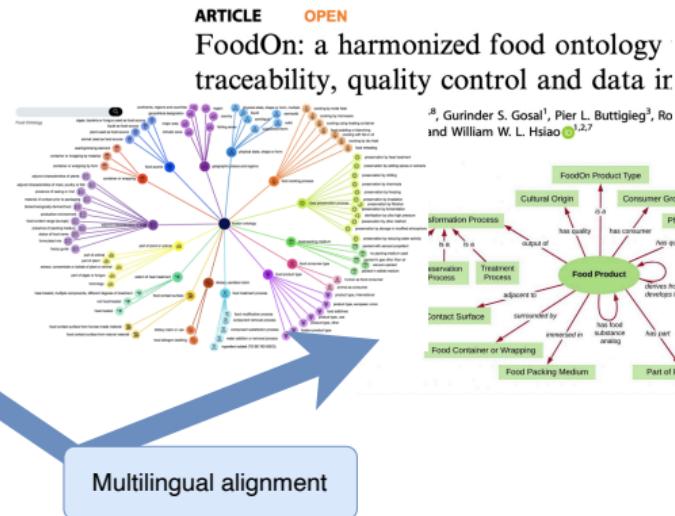
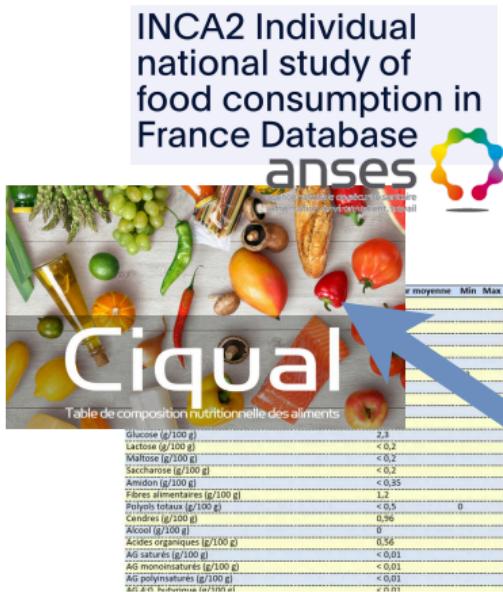
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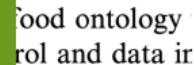
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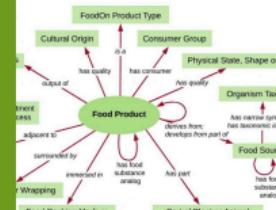
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W. J. Hsiao<sup>1,2,7</sup>





## (3) Coding: Different Tools, Different Levels

- Providing solutions to exercises
- Learning to code or getting back into it
  - New languages, new approaches (ML?)
  - Benefit from explanations...

But how to handle mistakes?

- Help with a library [*getting started*]
- Faster coding



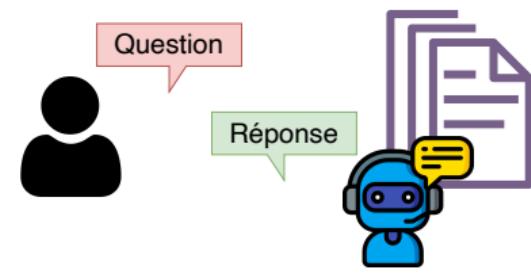
- What about copyrights?
  - What impact on future code processing?
- How to adapt teaching methods?
- How many calls are needed for code completion?

What about the carbon footprint?
- What is the risk of error propagation?

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1 import datetime
2
3 def parse_expenses(expenses_string):
4     """Parse the list of expenses and return the list of triples (date,
5     Ignore lines starting with #.
6     Parse the date using datetime.
7     Example expenses_string:
8         2016-01-02 -34.01 USD
9         2016-01-03 2.59 DKK
10        2016-01-03 -2.72 EUR
11
12    """
13    expenses = []
14    for line in expenses_string.splitlines():
15        if line.startswith("#"):
16            continue
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## (4) Document Analysis

- Summarizing documents / articles
- Dialoguing with a document database
- Assistance in writing reviews
- FAQs, internal support services within companies
- Technology watch
- Generating quizzes from lecture notes



Wi-Fi NotebookLM

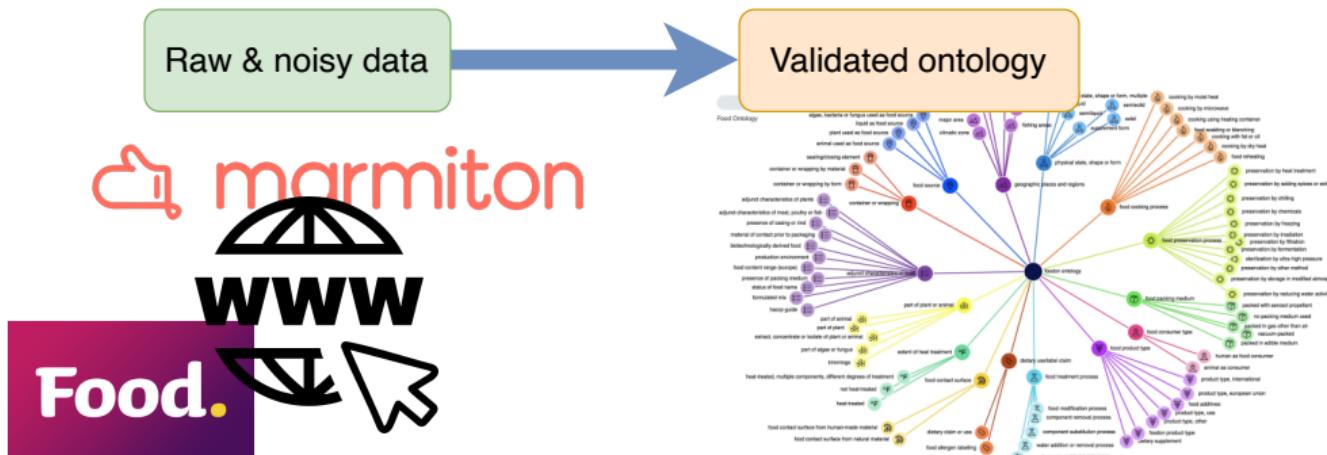
**Think Smarter,  
Not Harder**

Try NotebookLM

- Will articles still be read in the future?
  - Should we make our articles NotebookLM-proof?
  - How to save time while remaining honest and ethical?

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Before Meal



Peach Ketchup Coke Milk



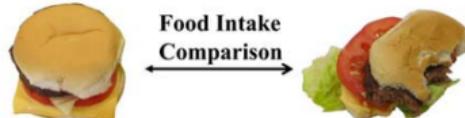
Extract → Hamburger French Fries Sugar Cookie



After Meal



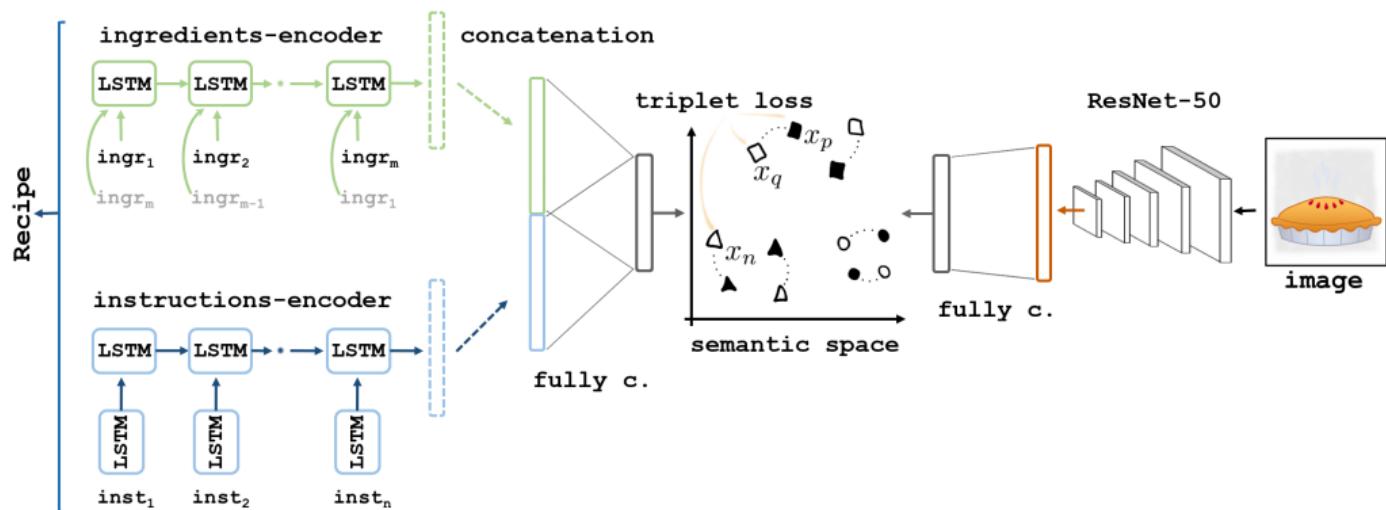
- Food recognition
- Segmentation
- Estimation of quantities





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- Multimodal analysis + algorithmic process



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Pizza

## ingr (ingredients)

- 1) pizza dough
- 2) hummus
- 3) arugula
- 4) cherry / grape tomatoes
- 5) pitted greek olives
- 6) crumbled feta cheese

Pecan Pie

- 1) unsalted butter
- 2) eggs
- 3) condensed milk
- 4) sugar
- 5) vanilla extract
- 6) chopped pecans
- 7) chocolate chips

... ...

## instr (cooking instructions)

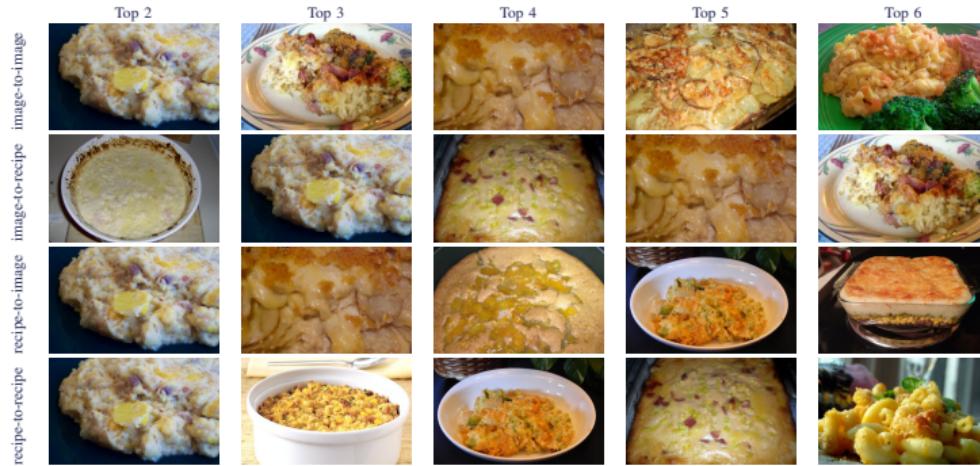
- 1) Cut the dough into two 8-ounce sized pieces.
  - 2) Roll the ends under to create round balls.
  - 3) Then using a well-floured rolling pin, roll the dough out into 12-inch circles.
  - 4) Place the dough circles on sheets of parchment paper.
- ... ...

## image



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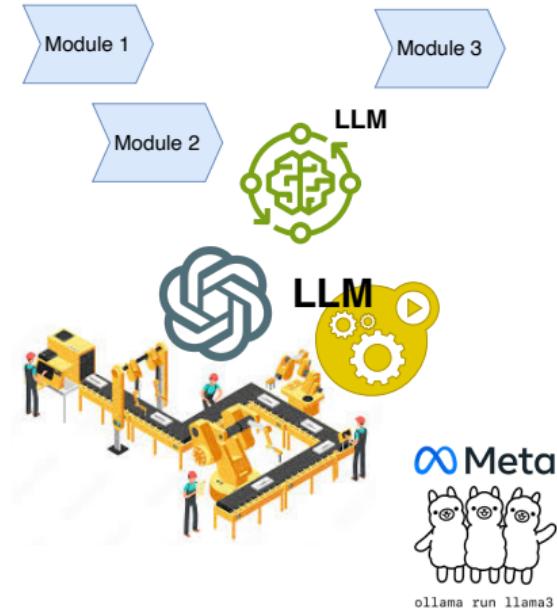


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## (5) LLM in a Production Pipeline / Agentic AI

- Run LLM locally
  - Extract knowledge
  - Sort documents / generate summaries
  - Generate examples to train a model  
[Teacher/student - distillation]
  - Generate variants of examples ↗↗ increase dataset size  
[Data augmentation]
- ⇒ Integrate the LLM into a processing pipeline  
= little/less supervision = **Agentic AI**



- Can I train models on generated data?
- How much does it cost? (\$ + CO<sub>2</sub>) Need for GPUs?
- How good are open-weight models?

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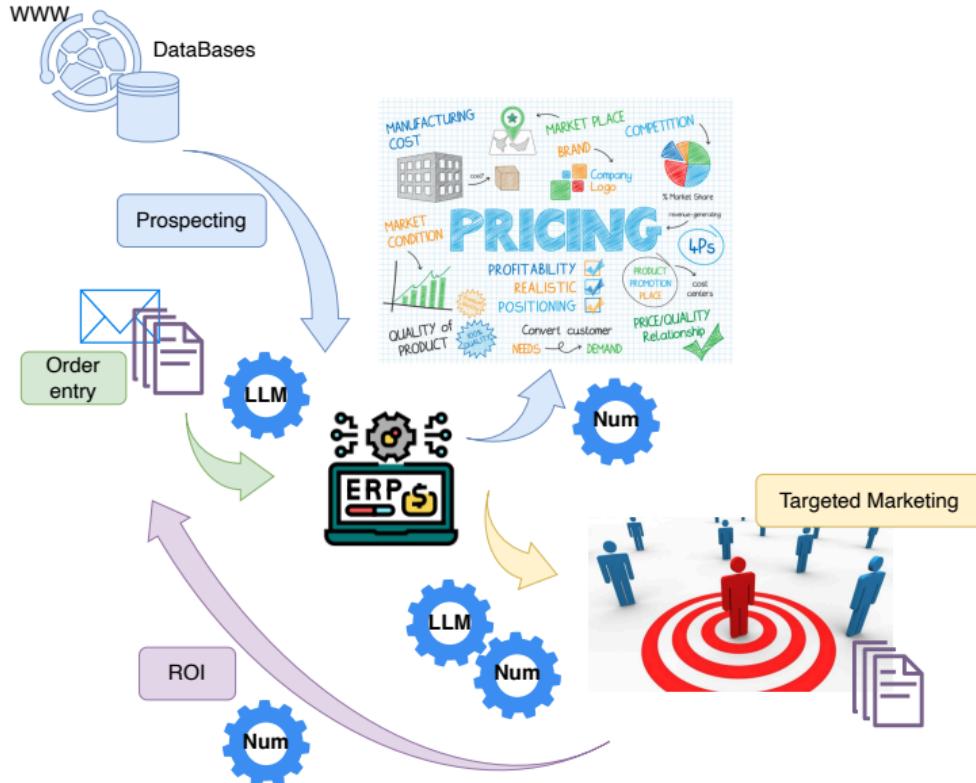
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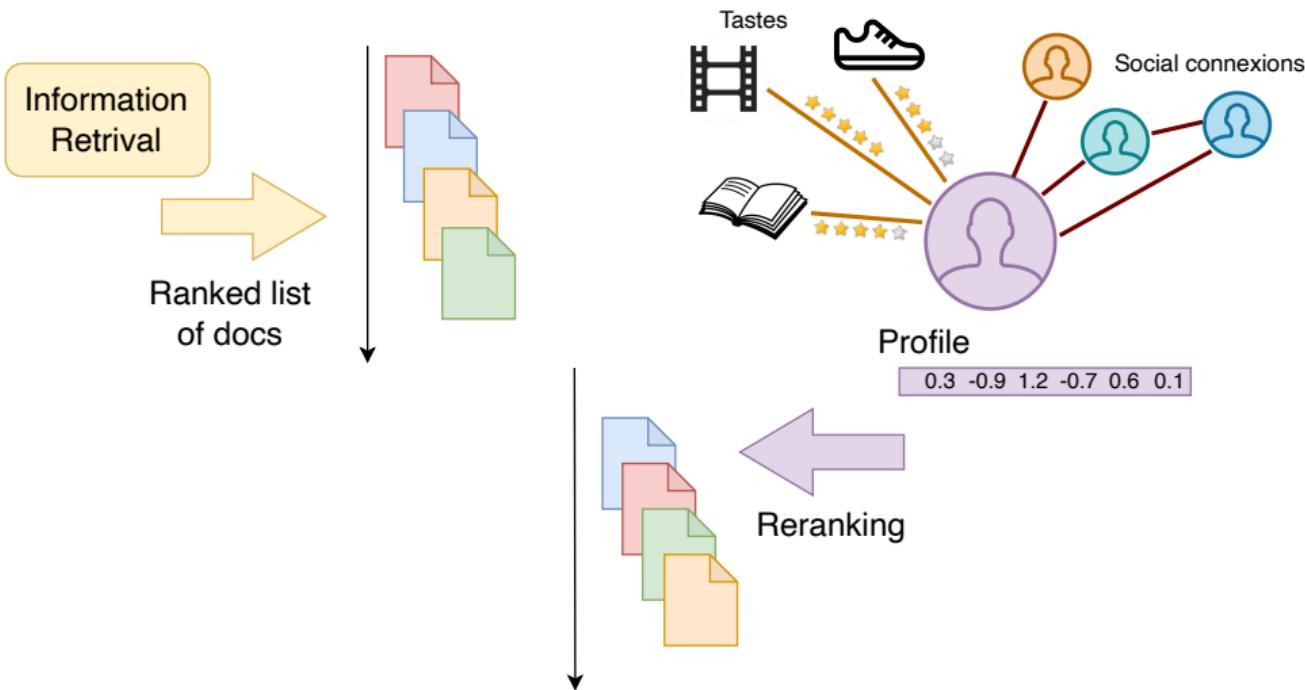


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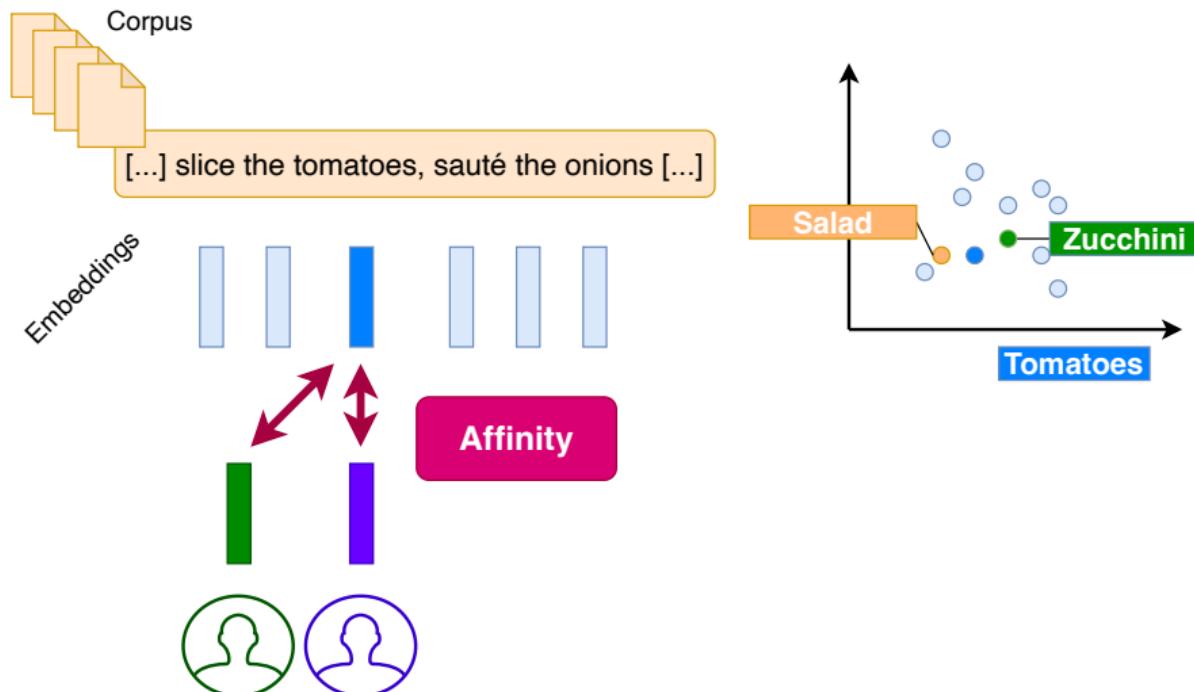
Profiling is roughly everywhere in Information Retrieval





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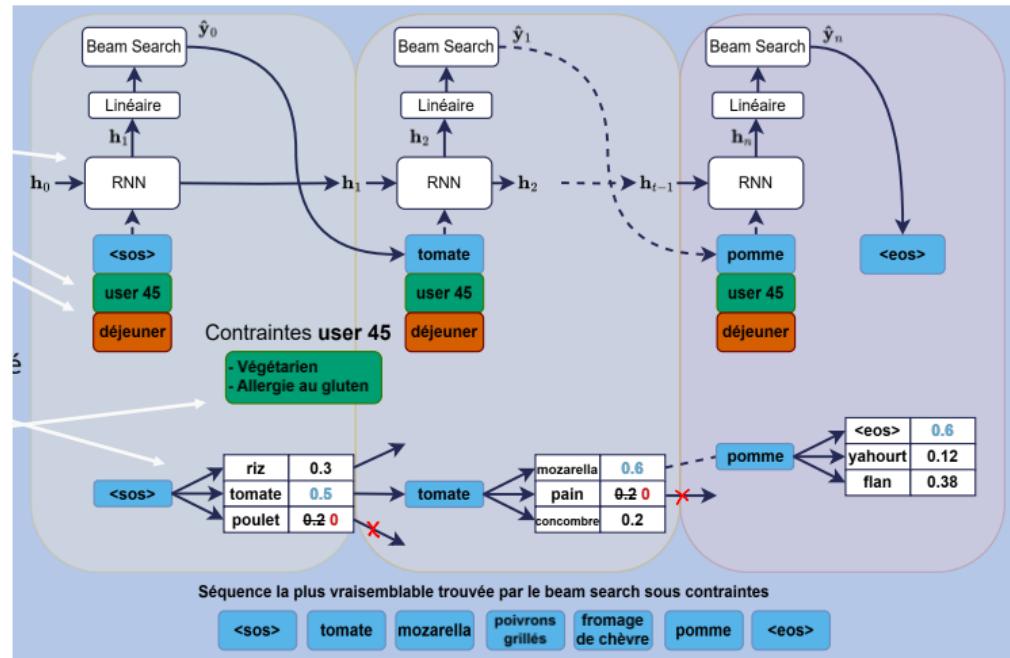
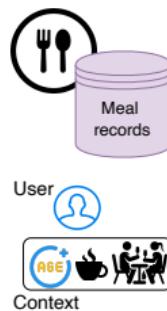
Opportunities in nutrition : modeling user preferences





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Building consistent proposals... With expert constraints



Génération séquentielle prenant en compte des informations contextuelles en nutrition , CAp 2025  
Combeau et al.

# CONCLUSION



# New tools for new opportunities

LLMs offer new perspectives in nutrition:

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  - enabling dialogue, plate analysis, and personalized advice
- Accessible on multiple devices, from computers to smartphones and smart kitchens (Alexa, Google Assistant, ...)
- A means to unify and connect existing nutritional resources
- A powerful tool to extract and structure knowledge ⇒ enrich databases
- A modular component for next-generation recommender systems