

# Contextual Language Models: Using Spatio-temporal and Social Context to improve Language Models

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(work done during PhD at UIUC and with collaborators at Twitter)

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# Key Papers

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# Language Modeling and Representation Learning

Text = [The, cat, sat, on, the, mat]

**Goal:**

$f(\text{text}) = P(\text{text}) \leftarrow$  **Language Modeling Objective**

or

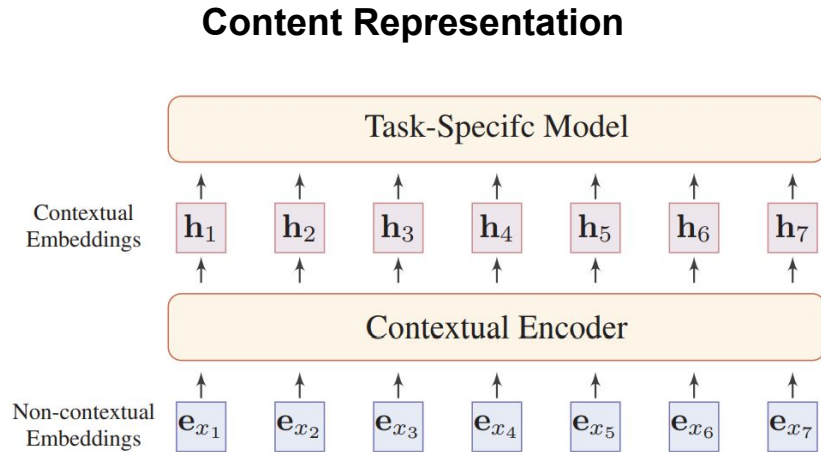
$f(\text{text}) = \text{score}(\text{text})$  s.t.

$\text{score}(\text{good text}) > \text{score}(\text{bad text}) \leftarrow$  **Contrastive Objective**

**Hypothesis:**

If we can learn a good  $f(\text{text})$ , we can use it to improve our performance on downstream tasks  $g(f(\text{text})) = y$  or to generate or complete text.

# Application of language models



## Content Recommendation

**Query Tweet**

**Famous ML Researcher 1**  
@ml\_research\_1

Wear a mask and test at scale!

12:00 PM · Jun 1, 2020

🗨️ 🔄 ❤️ 📤

### Collaborative Filtering Candidate

**Famous ML Research 2**  
@ml\_research\_2

Take a look at my latest preprint showing that XYZ learning techniques establishing a new SOTA on ABC benchmark task <https://arxiv.org/...>

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### Content-Based Candidate

**Trusted COVID Expert**  
@covid\_expert

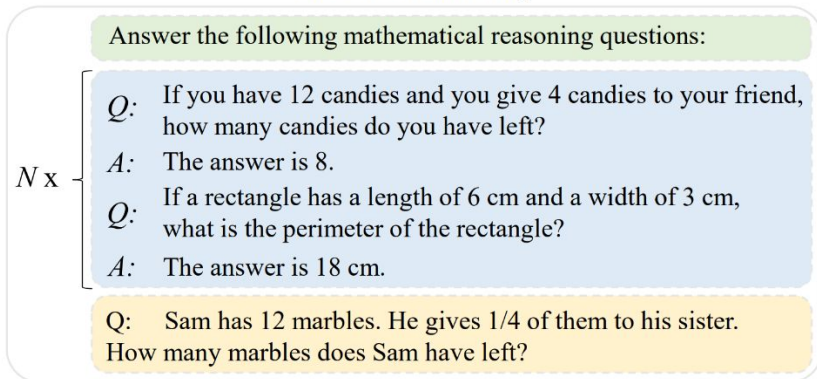
Research from XYZ institute shows that wearing mask in public reduce COVID transmission rate by X%! <link.to.article.com>

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# Application of generative language models

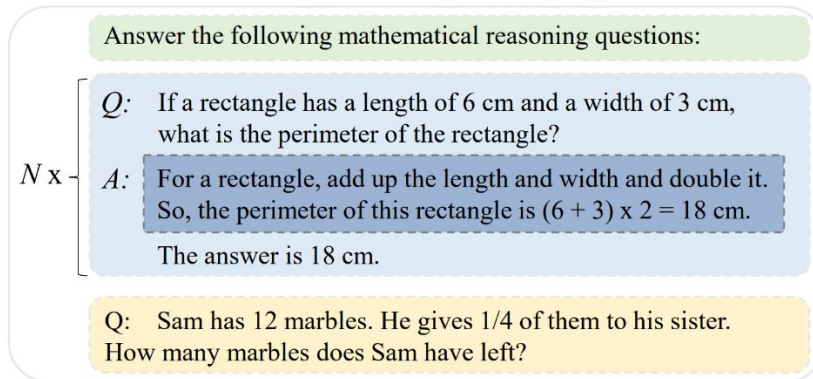
## In-Context Learning



A: The answer is 9.

LLM

## Chain-of-Thought Prompting



A: He gives  $(\frac{1}{4}) \times 12 = 3$  marbles. So Sam is left with  $12 - 3 = 9$  marbles. The answer is 9.

Task description

Demonstration

Chain-of-Thought

Query

# Language Modeling - Old to New

n-gram

Word2Vec

RNN

LSTM

ELMo

BERT

GPT

T5

ChatGPT

LLaMA

RWKV-LM

# State of Language Modeling

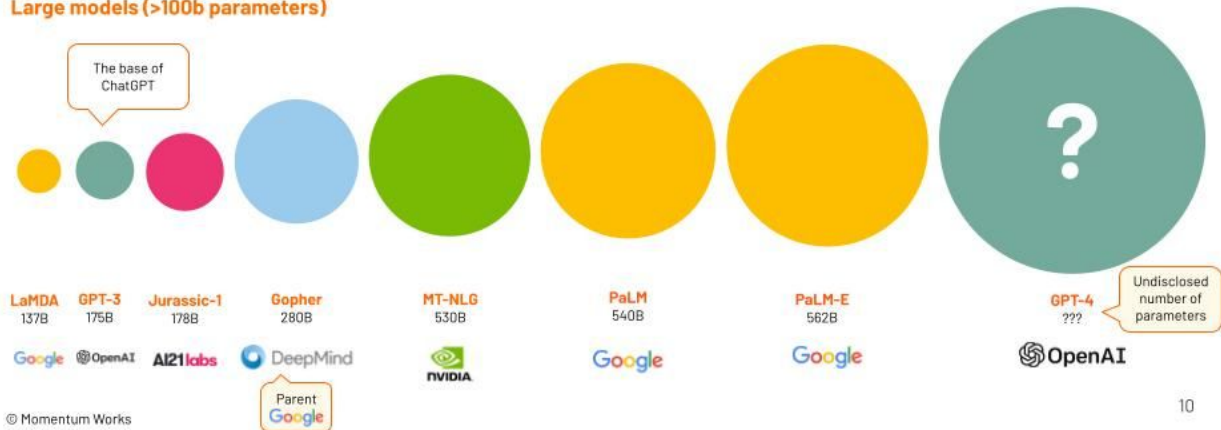
## Large Language Models are becoming very large indeed



### Small models (<= 100b parameters)



### Large models (>100b parameters)

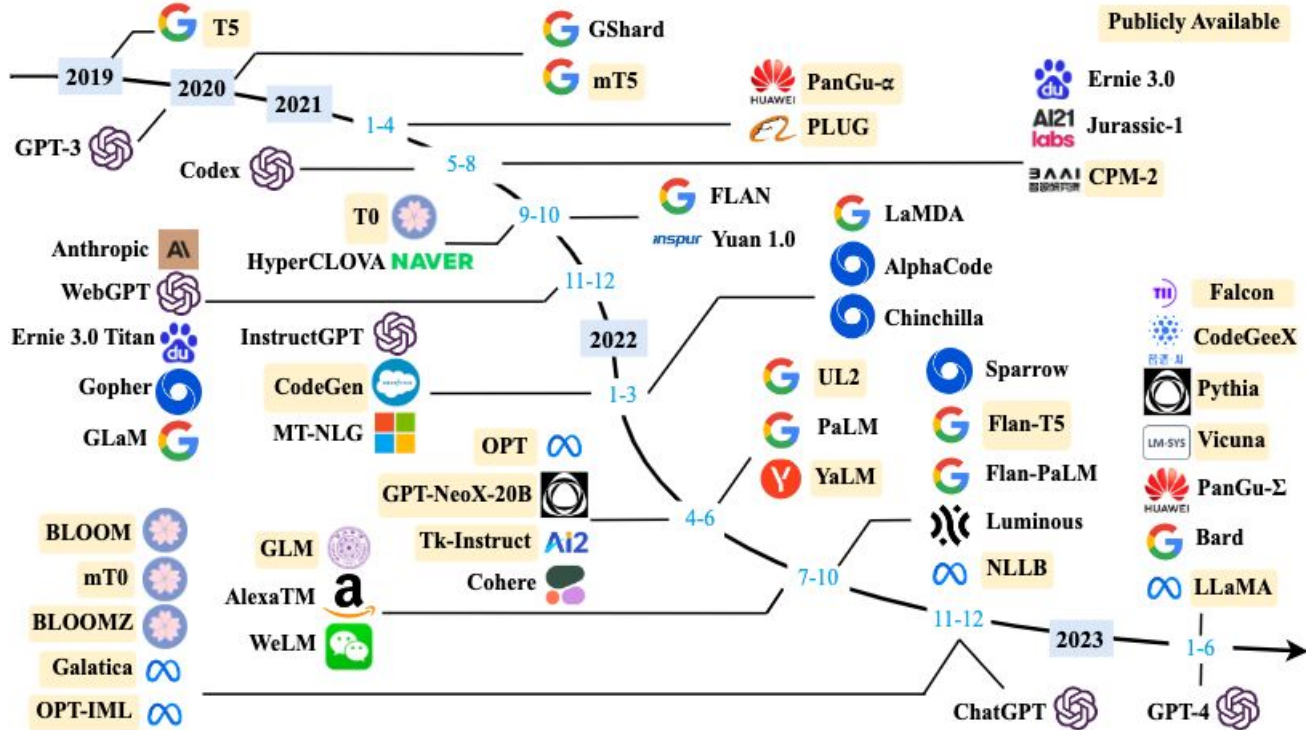


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Source: <https://momentum.asia/product/the-future-by-chatgpt/>

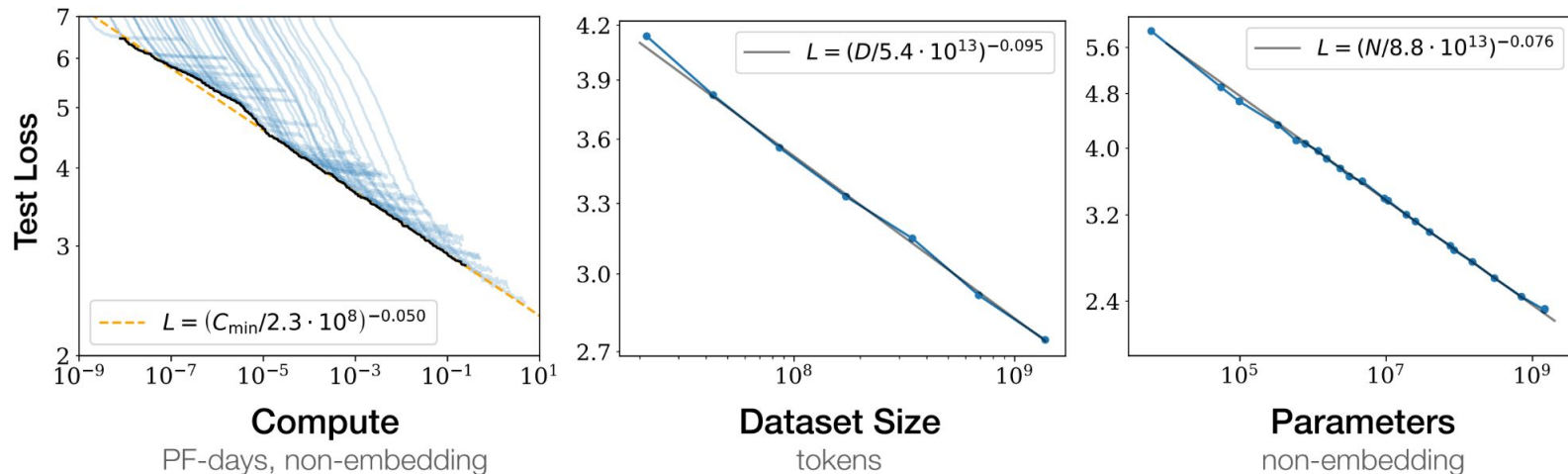
# Recent history of Language Models



Source: <https://github.com/RUCAIBox/LLMSurvey>



# Scaling Laws



**Figure 1** Language modeling performance improves smoothly as we increase the model size, dataset size, and amount of compute<sup>2</sup> used for training. For optimal performance all three factors must be scaled up in tandem. Empirical performance has a power-law relationship with each individual factor when not bottlenecked by the other two.

# Need for Context

## Real world data is contextual

📄 Fill-Mask

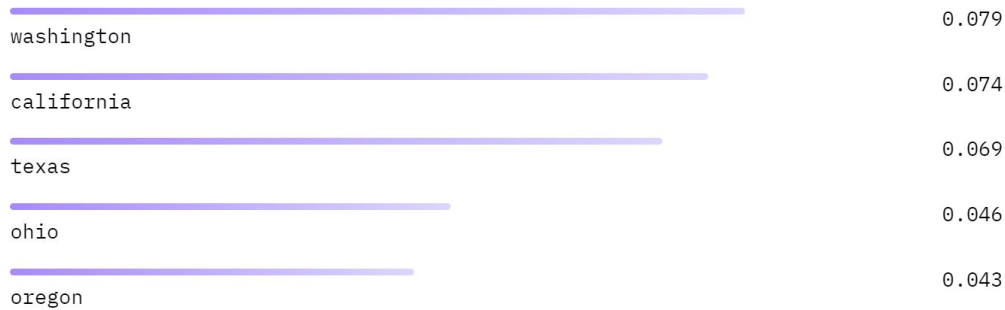
Examples

Mask token: [MASK]

I reside in the state of [MASK].

Compute

Computation time on cpu: cached



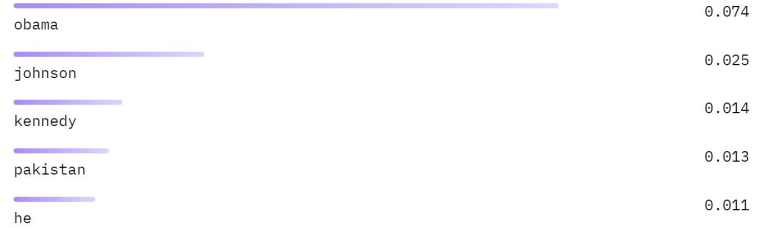
Requires location context

Mask token: [MASK]

President [MASK] is the current president of USA.

Compute

Computation time on cpu: 0.056 s



Requires temporal context

Mask token: [MASK]

So happy to see the [MASK] win their NFL match.

Compute

Computation time on cpu: 0.048 s

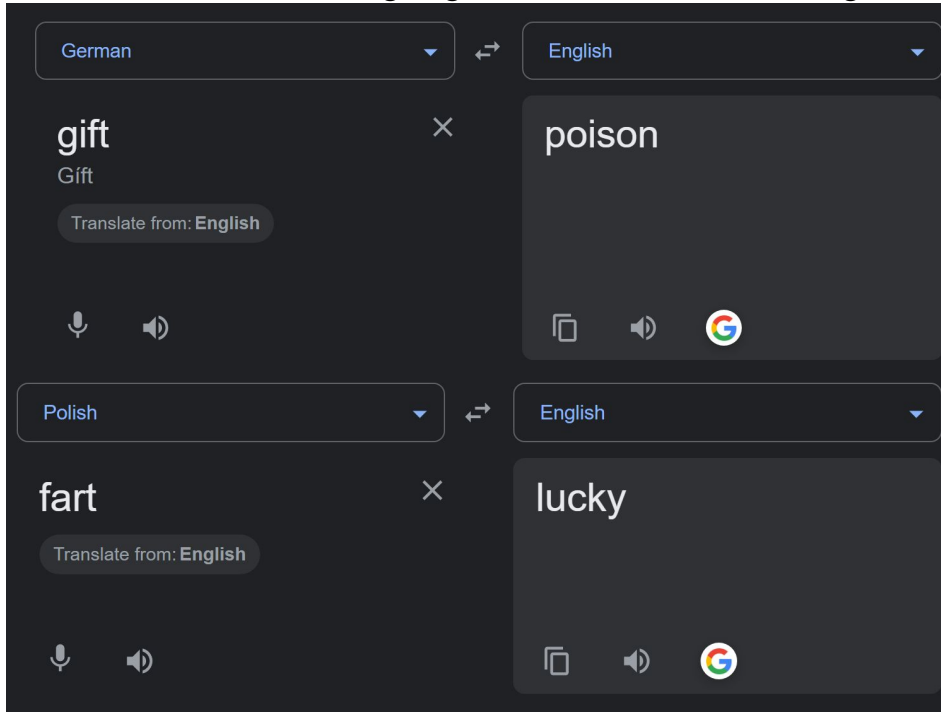


Requires social context

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# Need for context in Translation

When translating a language it is also important to learn which words from one language map to which words in the other language to avoid embarrassing errors like the following:



**Me (visiting a german friend):** I brought this drink as a gift for you

**Guests who know only german look in awe.**

**A polish person (learning English) visits an English friend:** I hope this day brings you lots of fart

**English friend:** Ewww

# Contextual Text

**Shubhanshu Mishra** @TheShubhanshu · Dec 3

Introducing PyTAIL tool and benchmark paper from my PhD thesis done in collaboration with my advisor @janadiesner at InterNLP and HiLL @NeurIPSConf workshops.

PyTAIL aims to merge active learning, online learning, and human in the loop interface.

[github.com/socialmediaie/...](https://github.com/socialmediaie/) ✓

**Shubhanshu Mishra** @TheShubhanshu · Dec 3

Replying to @TheShubhanshu

PyTAIL goes beyond the simulation setting of active learning to support efficient human in the loop process of data annotation using data, rule, and lexicon suggestions which can lead to faster annotations.

Presentation: [youtube.com/watch?v=AwDu64...](https://youtube.com/watch?v=AwDu64...) ✓

#NeurIPS22 #NLP #MachineLearning

**Shubhanshu Mishra** @TheShubhanshu · Dec 3

This work was done during my PhD at @iSchoolUI at @UofIllinois and @DiesnerLab and is based on chapter 8 of my thesis.

More details on my thesis can be found at: [shubhanshu.com/phd\\_thesis/](https://shubhanshu.com/phd_thesis/)

✓

Topical Signal

Community and Location Signal

# Challenges of encoding context via Text based prompts

1. You need a good way to represent context via text based prompt which is informative.
  - a. Requires trial and error.
  - b. Difficult for images, audio, video. You can use signal to text and then add it as prompt. [\[1\]](#)
2. Inappropriate handling of rare words because of tokenization issues
  - a. URL, user handles, rare brand names will lead to token based splitting and the context is lost.
3. Text is often the wrong abstraction for context which is embedded in a graph.
  - a. A user is known more by their engagement signal than by their name, description.
  - b. Naive Incontext Learning based on text will not help here.
4. Transformers have  $O(N^2)$  training and inference cost so using long text based context is more costly than using a single embedding based context.
5. Using Context allows us to infuse domain knowledge.

# Digital Social Trace Data [https://shubhanshu.com/phd\\_thesis/](https://shubhanshu.com/phd_thesis/)

A representation for real world contextual text data

Digital Social Trace Data (DSTD) are digital activity traces generated by individuals as part of a social interactions, such as interactions on social media websites like Twitter, Facebook; or in scientific publications.

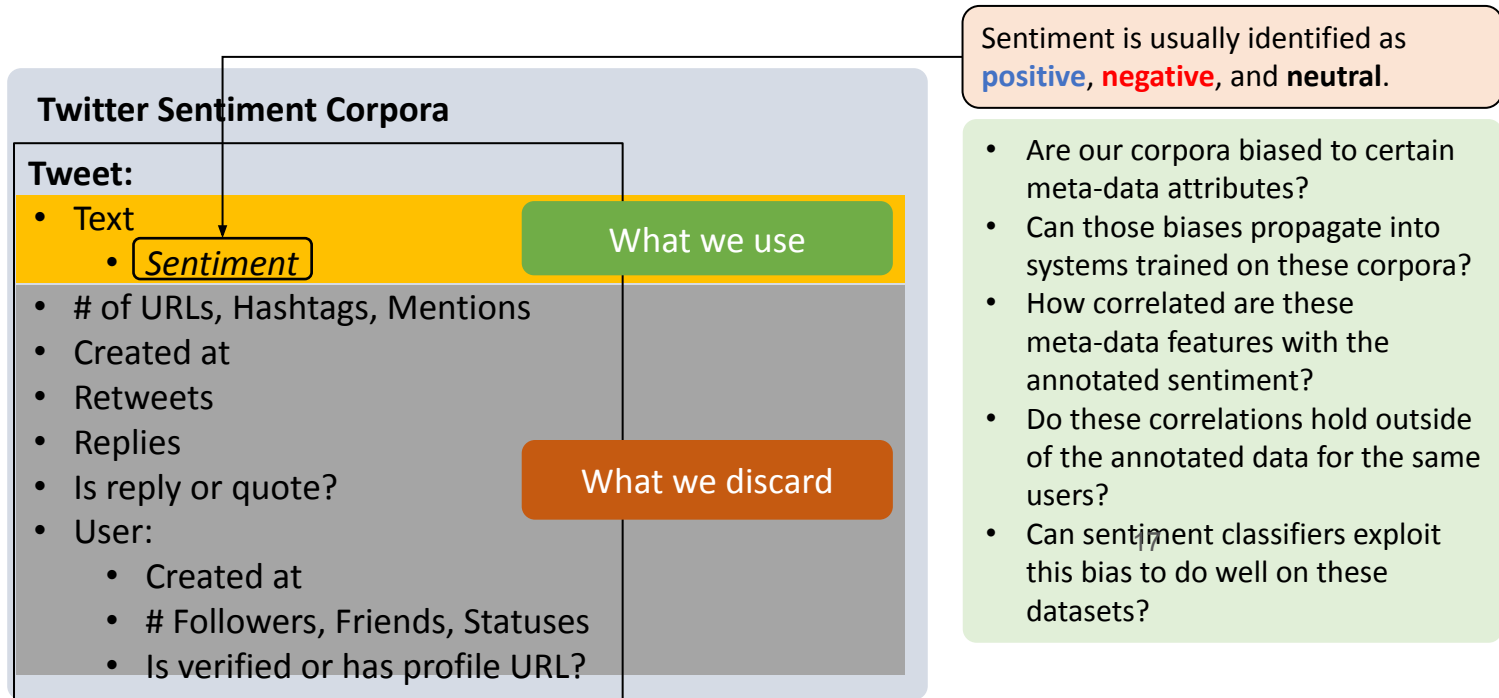
**Can help with building better Content Models for Web Scale Content**



Most Language Models are missing this  
holistic context around the text



# Improving sentiment classification using user and tweet metadata



# Types of metadata and what they quantify

## **Quantification**

Activity level

Social Interest of the user

Social status

Account age

Profile authenticity

## **Quantification**

Topical variety

Reference to sources

Reference to network

Part of conversation

Reference to conversation

## **User metadata**

# Statuses

# Friends

# Followers

# days since account creation to posted tweet

Presence of URL on the profile or if the profile is verified

## **Tweet metadata**

# hashtags

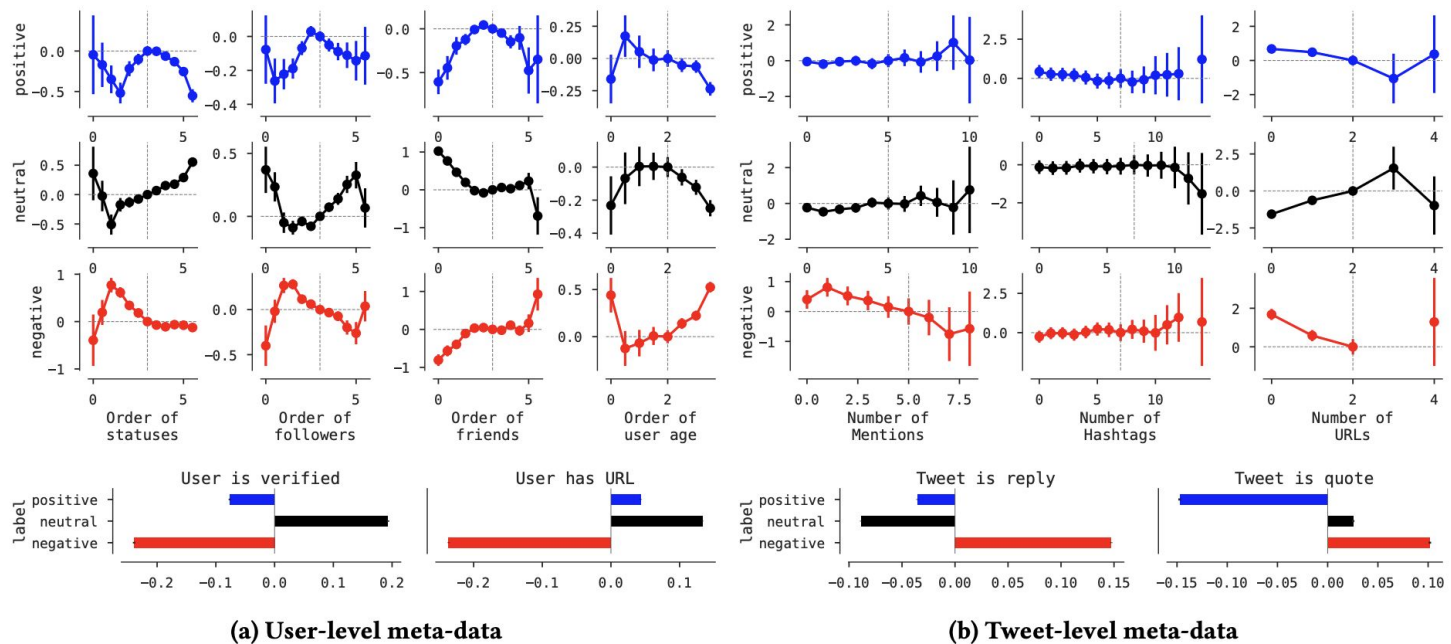
# URLs

# user mentions

Is reply

Is quote

# User metadata v/s Sentiment

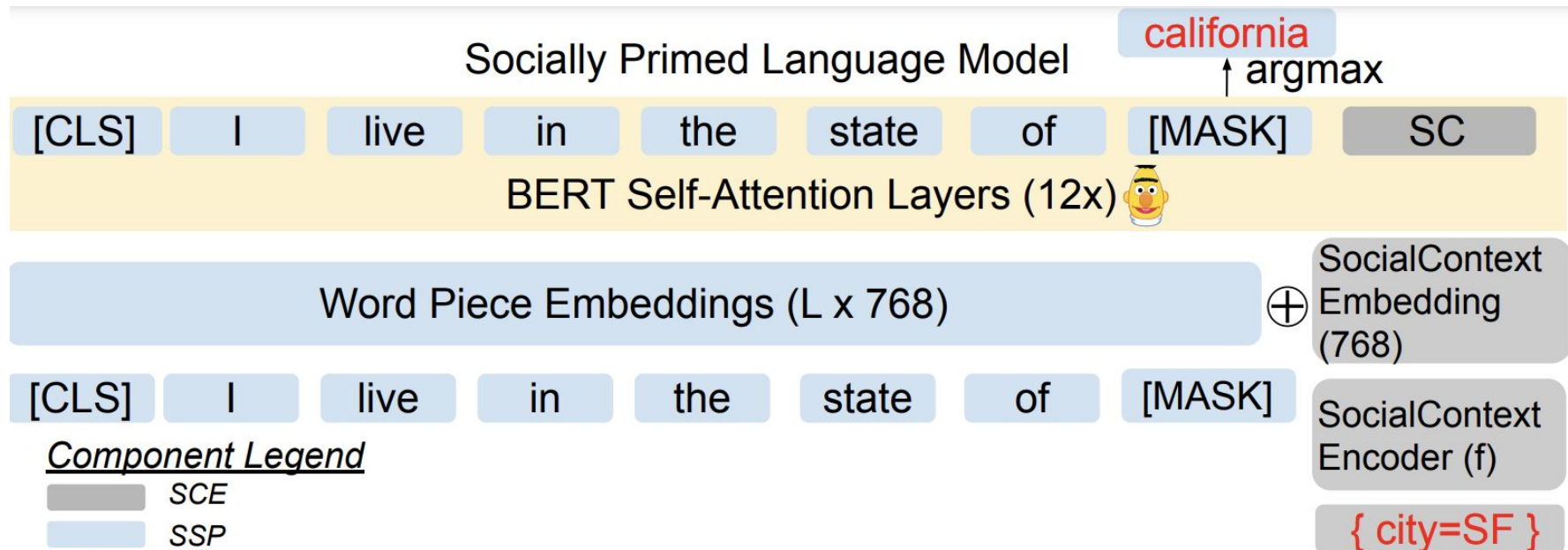


**Figure 3: Meta-data features vs. sentiment classes. Y-axis in top plots and X-axis in bottom plots, is log-odds ratio, with respect to point at dashed lines.**

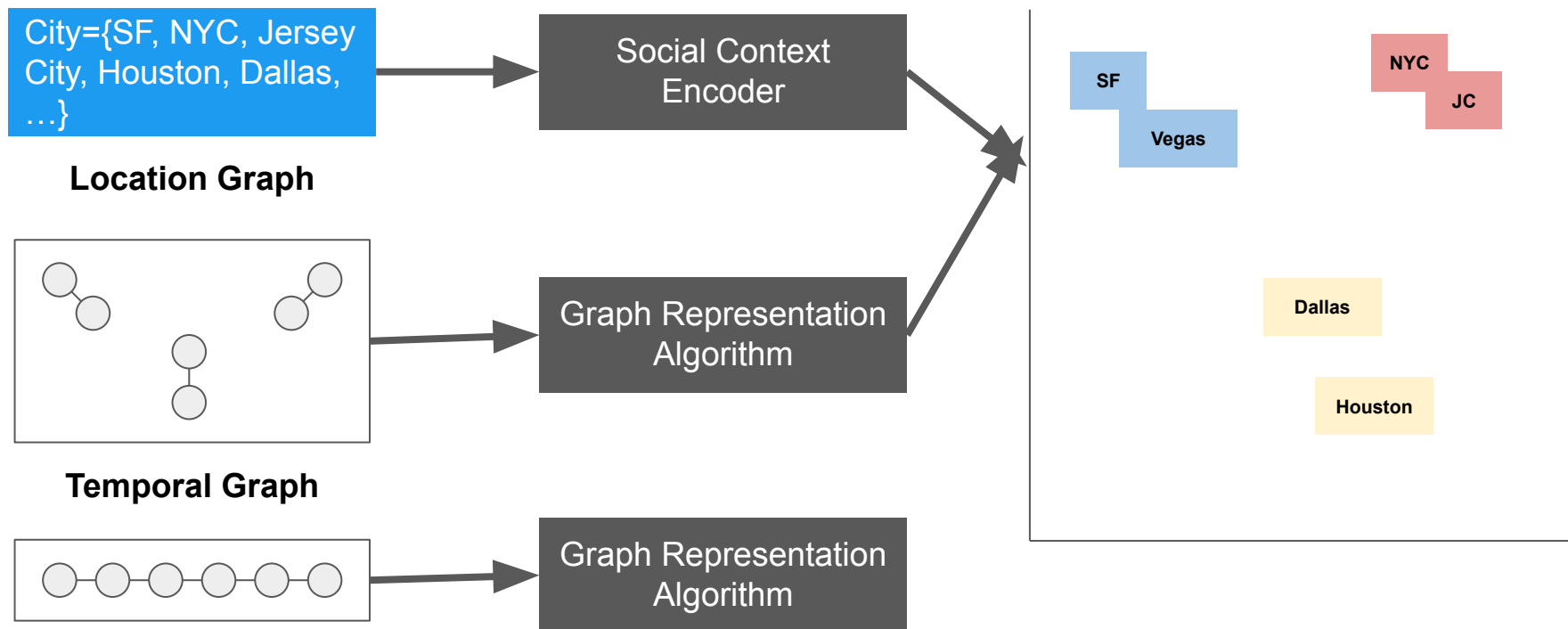
# Using metadata features can improve sentiment classification

| Dataset    | Model | Acc. | P    | R    | F1          | KLD   |   |
|------------|-------|------|------|------|-------------|-------|---|
| Airline    | meta  | 63.9 | 61.1 | 36.8 | 32.8        | 0.663 | Boost in F1 is mostly due to better recall. Precision is lower.<br><br>MESC might be helping with tweets with high OOV rates, where text classifiers don't do well. |
|            | text  | 80.0 | 78.3 | 69.0 | 72.4        | 0.026 |   |
|            | joint | 80.3 | 76.6 | 72.0 | <b>74.0</b> | 0.005 |   |
| Clarin     | meta  | 45.7 | 42.1 | 40.9 | 37.8        | 0.238 |   |
|            | text  | 64.1 | 64.5 | 62.2 | 62.9        | 0.012 |   |
|            | joint | 64.1 | 64.0 | 63.0 | <b>63.4</b> | 0.000 |   |
| GOP        | meta  | 59.9 | 54.3 | 37.5 | 33.6        | 0.776 |   |
|            | text  | 66.4 | 63.7 | 51.4 | 53.6        | 0.111 |   |
|            | joint | 65.6 | 59.9 | 56.5 | <b>57.8</b> | 0.006 |   |
| Healthcare | meta  | 56.7 | 36.8 | 39.4 | 35.1        | 0.717 |   |
|            | text  | 64.2 | 71.3 | 49.5 | 51.0        | 0.233 |   |
|            | joint | 65.6 | 61.6 | 58.3 | <b>59.5</b> | 0.007 |   |
| Obama      | meta  | 39.3 | 37.0 | 35.1 | 32.0        | 0.282 |   |
|            | text  | 61.5 | 64.8 | 59.7 | 60.9        | 0.030 |   |
|            | joint | 62.3 | 63.2 | 61.6 | <b>62.2</b> | 0.002 |   |
| SemEval    | meta  | 47.0 | 31.0 | 36.2 | 33.0        | 0.845 |   |
|            | text  | 65.5 | 64.1 | 58.0 | 59.5        | 0.032 |   |
|            | joint | 65.6 | 62.7 | 60.5 | <b>61.4</b> | 0.001 |   |

# LMSOC: An Approach for Socially Sensitive Pretraining



# Social Context Encoder



# Evaluating LMSOC

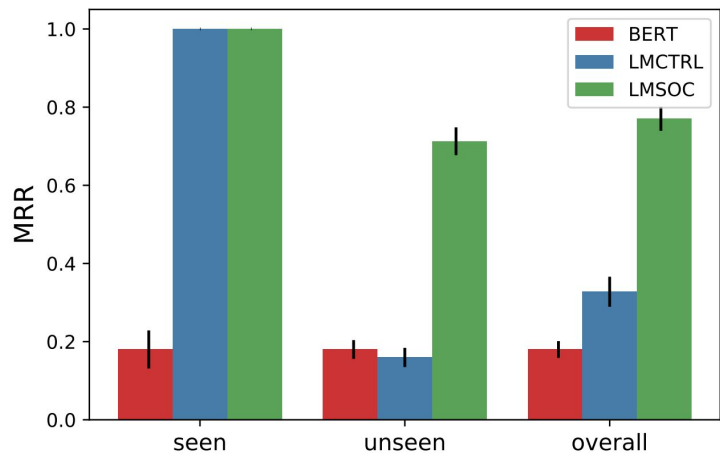


Figure 2: Performance of models on the synthetic data set as measured in terms of mean reciprocal rank (MRR, higher is better). See Section 3.1 for details.

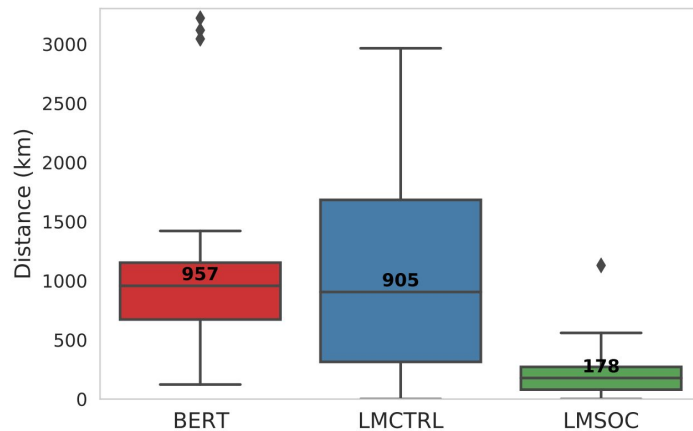


Figure 3: Descriptive statistics of the distances of the top cities from the input city predicted by various models on the **CLOSECITY** task (lower is better). See Section 3.2.2 for details.

# Evaluating LMSOC

| Model  | Task                     |                                  |                          |                                  |
|--------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
|        | STATES                   |                                  | NFL                      |                                  |
|        | MRR $\uparrow$ (95 % CI) | Mean Rank $\downarrow$ (95 % CI) | MRR $\uparrow$ (95 % CI) | Mean Rank $\downarrow$ (95 % CI) |
| BERT   | 0.28 (0.20, 0.36)        | 5.6 (4.17, 7.02)                 | 0.03 (0.02, 0.04)        | 59.8 (47.1, 72.6)                |
| LMCTRL | 0.41 (0.30, 0.51)        | 9.8 (4.34, 15.29)                | 0.03 (0.02, 0.04)        | 86.8 (61.38, 112.2)              |
| LMSOC  | <b>0.78 (0.68, 0.89)</b> | <b>2.3 (0.72, 3.89)</b>          | <b>0.15 (0.12, 0.19)</b> | <b>10.64 (6.66, 14.62)</b>       |

## Input Sentence

## Social Context

## Top 10 predicted tokens

*I reside in the state of [MASK]*

*San Diego*

*california, ca, texas, mexico*

*I reside in the state of [MASK]*

*Dallas*

*texas, houston, mexico, california, tx*

*I reside in the state of [MASK]*

*Tampa*

*florida, georgia, fl, texas, jacksonville*

*The most popular nfl team in our state is [MASK]*

*San Diego*

*. the 49ers seattle patriots*



Bringing it all together

# NTULM: Enriching Social Media Text Representations with Non-Textual Units

# Motivation: Non-Textual Units

**Non-Textual Units (NTUs)** are the social contexts which appear alongside a social media post, e.g. *Hashtag*, *URL*, *author*, *user mentions* and *media*



# Challenge: Existing models and NTUs

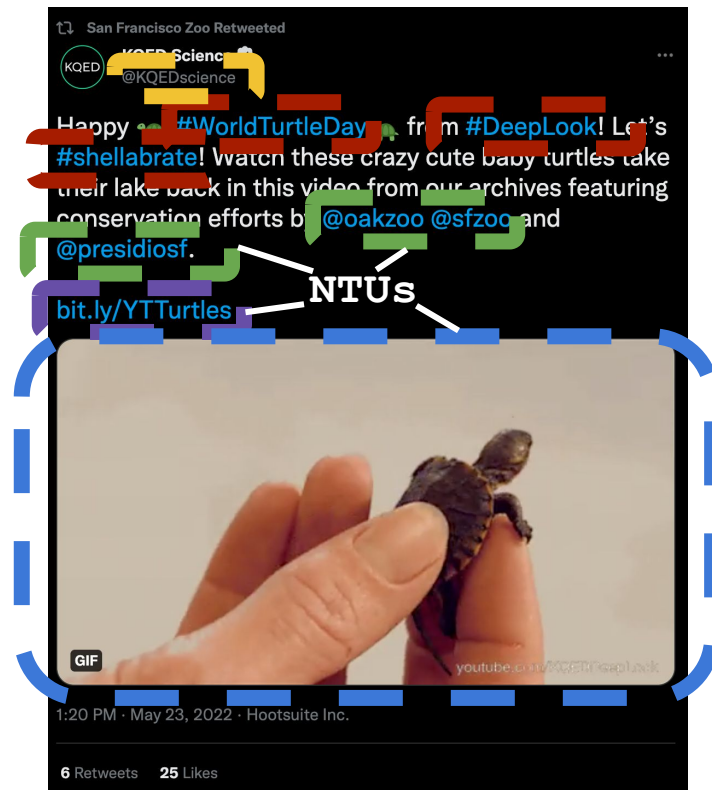
NTUs embedded in the text are broken up by tokenizers diminishing their signal.

Non embedded NTUs are not included.

NTUs have a global context outside of the text.

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from, #, deep, ##lo, ##ok, !, let, , s, #, shell,
##ab, ##rate, !, watch, these, crazy, cute, baby,
turtles, take, their, lake, back, in, this, video,
from, our, archives, featuring, conservation, efforts,
by, @, oak, ##zoo, @, sf, ##zoo, and, @, pre, ##si,
##dio, ##sf, ., http, :, /, /, bit, ., l, #y, /, y,
##tt, ##urt, ##les]
```

(Result from tokenizer of bert-base-uncased)



# Intuition: Our approach for Non-Textual Units

Inject average NTU embeddings into the Transformer alongside token embeddings.

Pre-compute NTU embeddings using heterogeneous networks, e.g. social engagements for users and Hashtags

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these, crazy, cute, baby, turtles, take, their, lake, back, in,
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##les] + [@KQEDscience, #WorldTurtleDay, #DeepLook, #shellabrate,
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# NTULM Framework

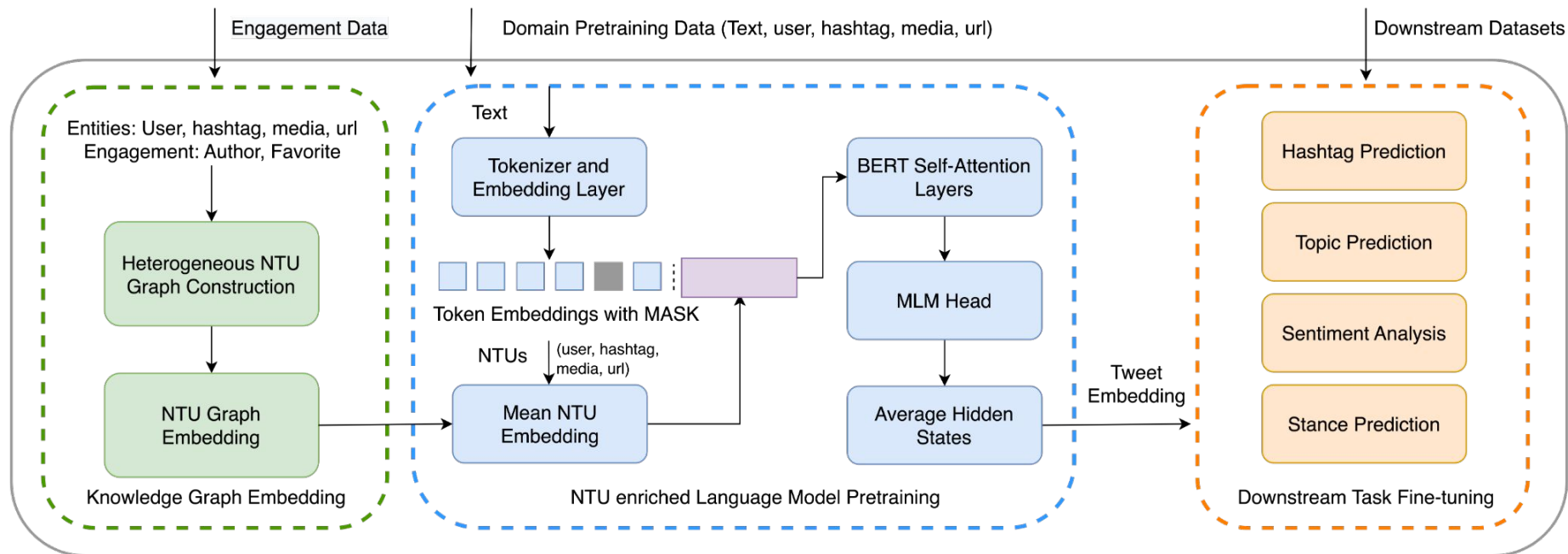


Fig 1: Framework of NTULM

# Knowledge Graph Embedding

- **Graph nodes:** author, Hashtag
- **Graph edges:** connect user-Hashtag if user authors, favorites, or is co-mentioned with a Hashtag
- **Training:** TwHIN framework (El-Kishky et al)

**Author:** *user1*

**Tweet:** Our paper was accepted at @WNUT with @user2 @user3 #nlproc #socialmedia

**Favorited by:** *user4, user5*

Table 1: Example tweet with engagement data of author, mentions, Hashtags, and favorites

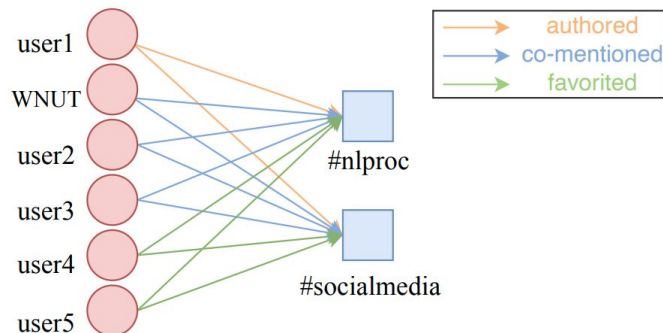
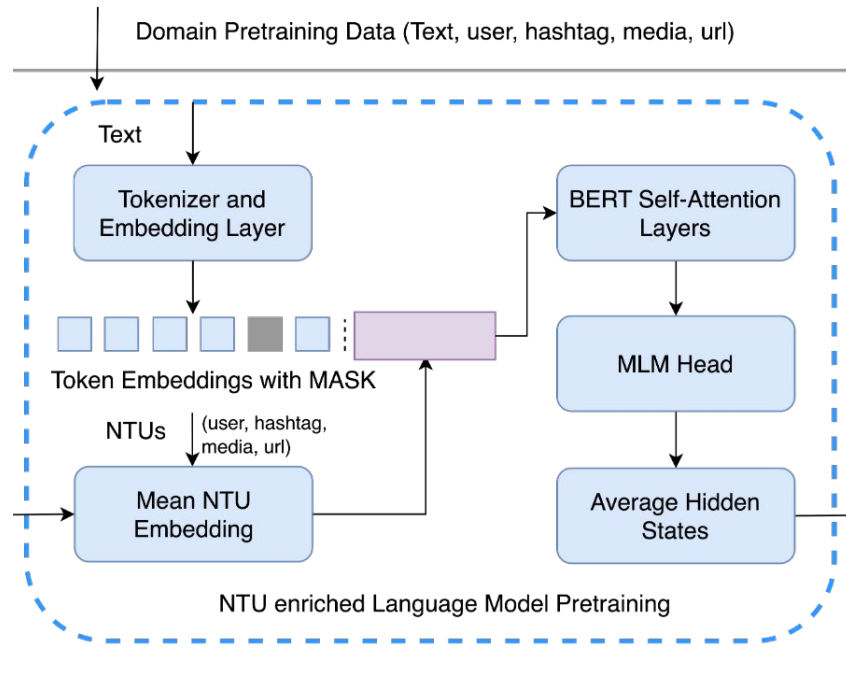


Figure 2: Graph construction with the example data in Table 1 for training NTULM user-Hashtag embeddings.

# NTULM: Masked Language Modeling

- Tweet with NTUs, use average NTU embeddings
- Linear projection to map the average NTU embedding from graph space to LM space
- Concatenate NTU embedding to token embeddings
- Average embedding of NTU type for OOV NTUs
- Fine-tune NTULM via MLM





# Experiments - Dataset

**NTU heterogeneous network:** Tweets (2018-01-01~2022-07-01) with Hashtags and their engagements with users, consisting of 60M Hashtags, 255M users, 5B authorship edges, 3B favorite edges, and 0.9B co-mention edges. We only considered users with 10 - 100 unique Hashtags interactions

**MLM fine tuning:** 1M Tweets sampled from (2022-06-01~2022-06-15).

We also fine-tune BERT without NTUs on these Tweets.

**Downstream Tasks:** TweetEval, SemEval, SocialMediaE, Hashtag Pred, Topic

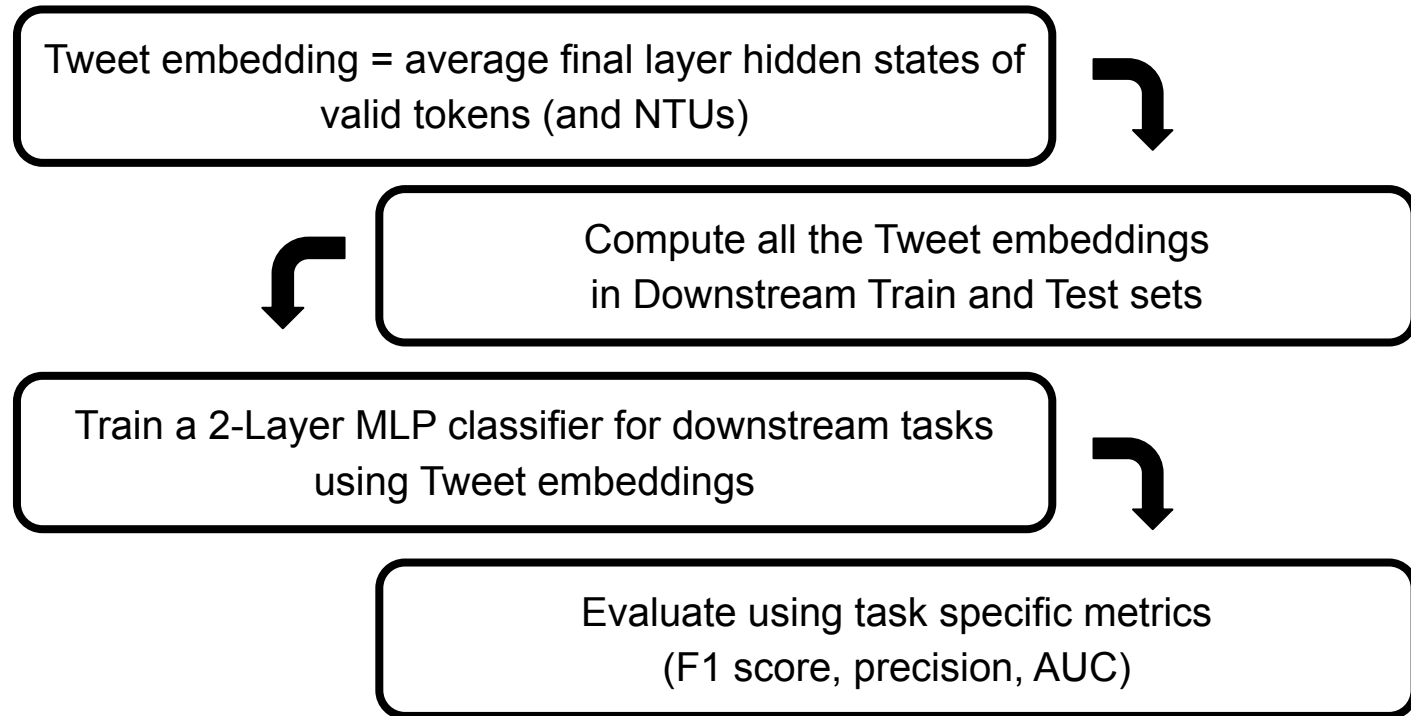
## Results: Masked Language Modeling

| <b>Model</b> | <b>NTUs</b>           | <b>Perplexity<br/>bits</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>BERT</b>  | -                     | 4.425                      |
| <b>NTULM</b> | <b>author</b>         | 4.412                      |
| <b>NTULM</b> | <b>Hashtag</b>        | 4.391                      |
| <b>NTULM</b> | <b>author+Hashtag</b> | <b>4.344</b>               |

Incorporating NTU embedding improves perplexity

Hashtag embedding is more effective than user embedding, combination is best

# Evaluation on Downstream Tasks



## Results: All tasks

| Model        | NTUs                  | Perplexity<br>bits | Topic<br>MAP | TweetEval<br>mean F1 | SemEval 1<br>mean F1 | SemEval 2<br>mean F1 | Hashtag<br>Recall@10 | SMIE<br>mean F1 |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>BERT</b>  | -                     | 4.425              | 0.327        | 0.577                | 0.527                | 0.515                | 0.689                | 0.548           |
| <b>NTULM</b> | <b>author</b>         | 4.412              | 0.325        | 0.579                | 0.527                | <b>0.548</b>         | 0.693                | 0.548           |
| <b>NTULM</b> | <b>Hashtag</b>        | 4.391              | 0.339        | 0.586                | 0.534                | 0.545                | 0.711                | 0.539           |
| <b>NTULM</b> | <b>author+Hashtag</b> | <b>4.344</b>       | <b>0.343</b> | <b>0.590</b>         | <b>0.534</b>         | 0.545                | <b>0.720</b>         | <b>0.549</b>    |

Incorporating NTU embedding improves downstream task performance

Hashtag embedding is more effective than user embedding, combination is best

## NTU Overlap in downstream datasets

| <b>Dataset</b>  | <b>Hashtag overlap</b> | <b>User overlap</b> |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Hashtag         | 99%                    | 10%                 |
| SemEval         | 92%                    | 21%                 |
| Social Media IE | 95%                    | 22%                 |
| Topic           | 99%                    | 14%                 |
| TweetEval       | 98%                    | 0%                  |
| Grand Total     | 95%                    | 14%                 |

Downstream Hashtags more likely to overlap with NTU embeddings than users.

# Why is NTULM effective?

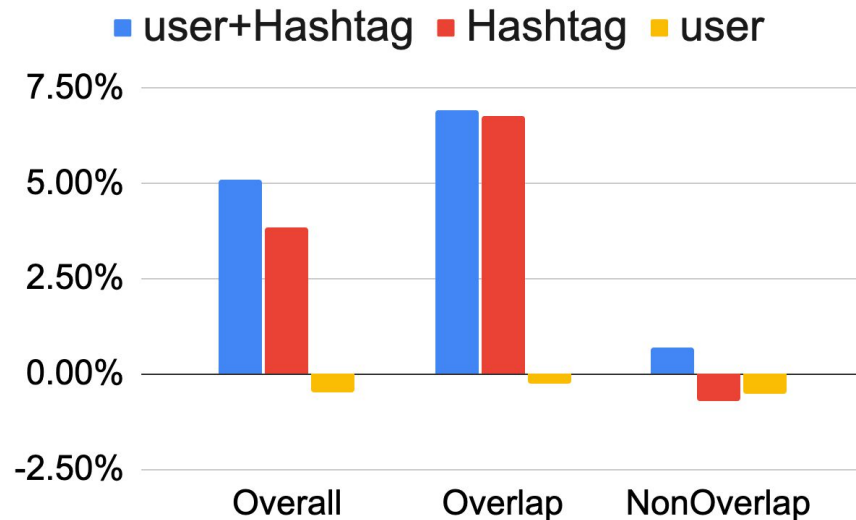
## Hypothesis:

- If NTU is available, NTULM should help.
- If NTU is absent, NTULM should be similar to BERT.

## Observation:

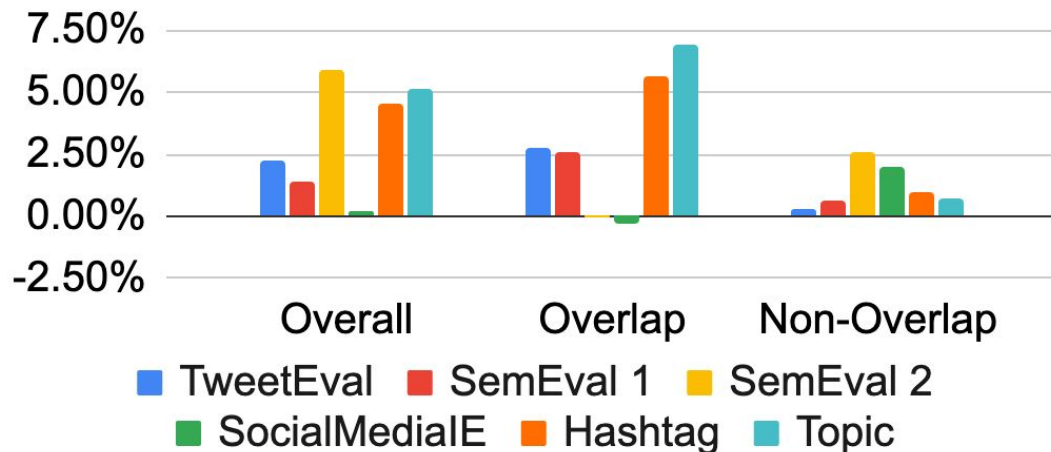
- Hypothesis holds
- Gains with Hashtag NTU are much better than user.

Topic Task % improvement over baseline BERT model



## Results: Overlap performance

NTULM (user+Hashtag) % improvement over BERT  
across NTU overlap with Embeddings

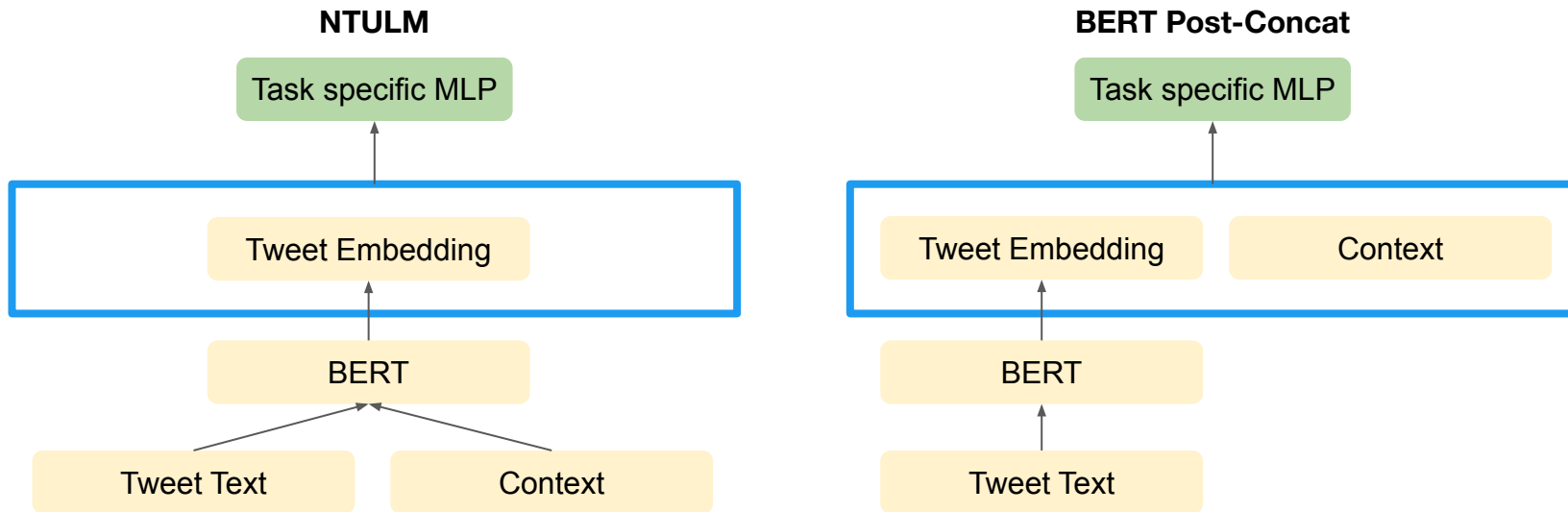


NTULM improved over BERT more when we have no OOV NTUs

Even for no NTUs, NTULM learns good text based embeddings which show small improvements.

# NTULM v/s BERT and Context separate

Alternative way to add context embedding: concatenate the context embedding after the BERT encoder? (named BERT Post-Concat or BERTC)



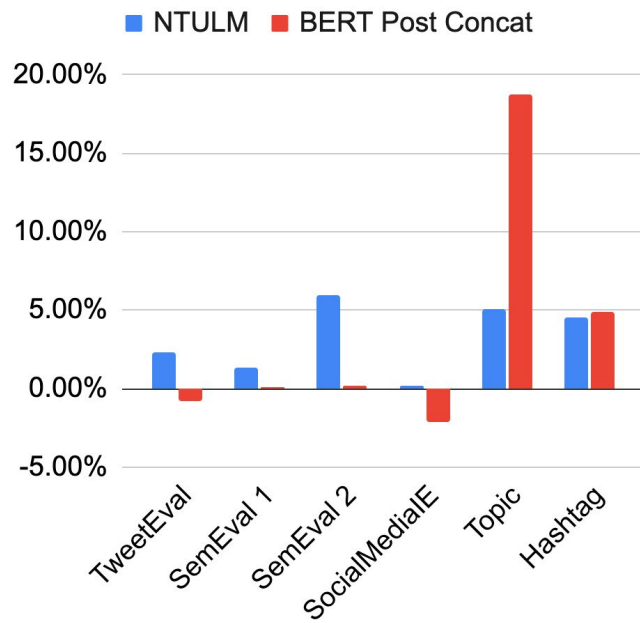


# NTULM v/s BERT and Context separate

| Dataset              | Overall |        | Overlap |        | Non-Overlap |         |
|----------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|-------------|---------|
|                      | NTULM   | BERTC  | NTULM   | BERTC  | NTULM       | BERTC   |
| <b>TweetEval</b>     | 2.27%   | -0.80% | 2.73%   | -3.33% | 0.31%       | 0.65%   |
| <b>SemEval 1</b>     | 1.36%   | 0.08%  | 2.59%   | 0.21%  | 0.65%       | 0.02%   |
| <b>SemEval 2</b>     | 5.93%   | 0.22%  | -0.07%  | 0.58%  | 2.62%       | 0.07%   |
| <b>SocialMediaIE</b> | 0.20%   | -2.12% | -0.27%  | -4.12% | 1.98%       | -22.22% |
| <b>Hashtag</b>       | 4.51%   | 4.87%  | 5.61%   | 7.46%  | 1.01%       | -3.37%  |
| <b>Topic</b>         | 5.10%   | 18.72% | 6.92%   | 34.72% | 0.71%       | -4.17%  |

- **NTULM** integrates contexts embedding before attention layer, enabling the BERT encoder to automatically learn the attention of context embeddings.
- **BERTC** directly attach the context embedding after encoder, making it over-dependent on context embedding (affects the language model itself)

% improvement over BERT using user+Hashtag



# Vision for high business impact

- Many text based user inputs are contextual.
- Using these inputs with their context can lead to better representation.
- This can help address:
  - The cold-start problem (as embeddings based on text), and
  - The popularity bias (as text embeddings are contextual)
- Social Graph can be integrated directly as part of language models to have better item and session representations which can power search and recommendation systems.

# Recap

- Context is important when modeling language
- Spatio temporal and social context when utilized can lead to improved performance of language models on downstream tasks
- NTULM shows how to integrate social context of Non Textual Units into language models
- NTULM led to significant improvements on a variety of tasks over other baselines
- Improving coverage of NTUs may further improve NTULM.

Some newer works

# TwHIN BERT: Tweets which are co-engaged are similar

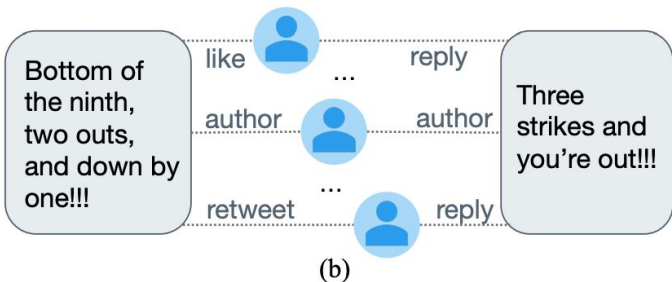


Figure 1: (a) This mock-up shows a short-text Tweet and social engagements such as Faves, Retweets, Replies, Follows that create a social context to Tweets and signify Tweet appeal to engaging users. (b) Co-engagement is a strong indicator of Tweet similarity.

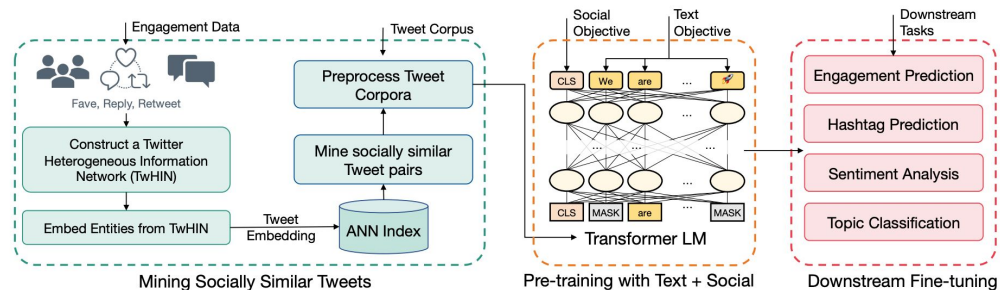
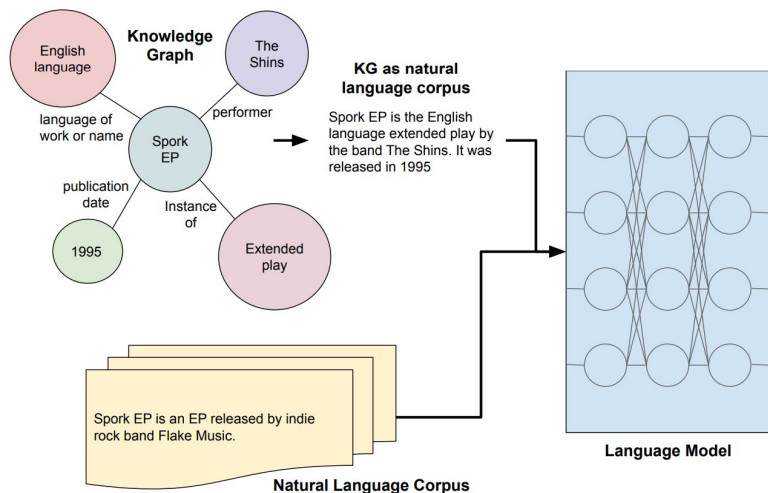


Figure 2: We outline the end-to-end TwHIN-BERT process. This three-step process involves (1) mining socially similar Tweet pairs by embedding a Twitter Heterogeneous Information Network (2) training TwHIN-BERT using a joint social and MLM objective and finally (3) fine-tuning TwHIN-BERT on downstream tasks.

Table 1: Engagement prediction HITS@10 on high, mid, low-resource, and average of all languages.

| Method            | High-Resource |              |              | Mid-Resource |              |              | Low-Resource |              |              | All          |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                   | en            | ja           | ar           | el           | ur           | nl           | no           | da           | ps           | Avg.         |
| <b>mBERT</b>      | .0633         | .0227        | .0532        | .0496        | .0437        | .0616        | .0731        | .1060        | .0522        | .0732        |
| <b>XLm-R</b>      | .0850         | .0947        | .0546        | .0628        | .0315        | .0650        | .1661        | .1150        | .0727        | .0849        |
| <b>XLm-T</b>      | .1181         | .1079        | .1403        | .0562        | .0352        | .0762        | .1156        | .1167        | .0662        | .1043        |
| <b>TwHIN-BERT</b> |               |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| - Base-MLM        | .1400         | .1413        | .1640        | .0801        | .0547        | .0965        | .1502        | .1334        | .0600        | .1161        |
| - Base            | .1552         | .2065        | <b>.2206</b> | .0944        | .0627        | <b>.1346</b> | .1920        | .1470        | .0799        | .1436        |
| - Large           | <b>.1585</b>  | <b>.2325</b> | .1989        | <b>.1065</b> | <b>.0667</b> | .1248        | <b>.2118</b> | <b>.1475</b> | <b>.0817</b> | <b>.1497</b> |

# KELM: Integrating Knowledge Graphs with Language Model Pre-training Corpora



| REALM Retrieval Corpus       | NQ           | WQ           |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| ORIGINAL                     |              |              |
| Wikipedia (reported)         | 40.40        | 40.70        |
| Wikipedia (rerun)            | 38.84        | 40.80        |
| REPLACED                     |              |              |
| Triple Documents             | 21.14        | 42.54        |
| KELM Documents               | 22.58        | 41.19        |
| AUGMENTED                    |              |              |
| Wikipedia + Triple Documents | 40.28        | 42.91        |
| Wikipedia + KELM Documents   | <b>41.47</b> | <b>43.90</b> |

Table 7: Exact Match (EM) accuracy of REALM on NQ and WQ. Pretraining corpus used is CC-News.

## Performance on Natural Questions and Web Questions benchmark

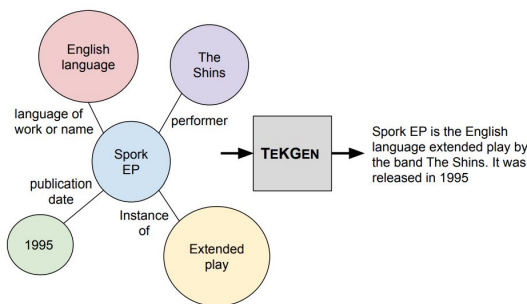


Figure 1: An example of generating text from KG. First, the entity subgraphs on the left are created and then converted to the sentence on the right.

# SKILL: Structured Knowledge Infusion for Large Language Models

| Wikidata triple  | KELM sentence  | Wikidata input                             | KELM input   | Target     |
|--|--|--|--|------------|
| ("Pulp Fiction",<br>"award received",<br>"Palme d'Or") | Quentin Tarantino<br>won the Palme d'Or in 1994<br>for Pulp Fiction. | Pulp Fiction,<br>award received,<br>[MASK] | Quentin Tarantino<br>won the [MASK] in 1994<br>for Pulp Fiction. | Palme d'Or |

Table 1: Example inputs for SKILL pre-training with Wikidata and KELM corpora.

| Model          | FreebaseQA   |              | WikiHop      |              | TQA-matched  |              | TQA          |              | NQ-matched   |              | NQ           |              |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                | dev          | test         | dev          | test         | dev          | test         | dev          | test         | dev          | test         | dev          | test         |
| base           | 25.24        | 27.55        | 19.09        | 18.38        | 31.24        | 33.55        | 22.64        | 22.93        | 36.64        | 32.68        | 25.04        | 25.48        |
| base + C4      | 26.19        | 28.33        | 19.57        | 19.36        | 32.9         | 34.4         | 24.54        | 25.39        | 36.98        | 32.03        | <b>25.88</b> | 25.84        |
| base + WikiKG  | <b>26.92</b> | <b>28.38</b> | 20.28        | <b>20.22</b> | <b>34.21</b> | 35.08        | 24.73        | <b>25.77</b> | <b>37.41</b> | <b>33.33</b> | 25.51        | 25.76        |
| base + KELM    | 26.64        | 28.15        | <b>20.62</b> | 19.81        | 33.64        | <b>35.54</b> | <b>25.22</b> | 25.75        | 36.98        | 32.9         | 25.31        | <b>26.2</b>  |
| large          | 30.22        | 32.88        | 20.92        | 21.12        | 36.7         | 38.09        | 29.24        | 30.03        | 39.22        | 35.06        | 27.12        | 27.15        |
| large + C4     | 32.55        | 34.01        | 22.5         | 21.51        | 38.78        | 40.6         | 30.32        | 30.83        | 39.74        | 35.5         | 27.46        | 28.17        |
| large + WikiKG | <b>33.22</b> | <b>35.29</b> | <b>23.5</b>  | <b>23.4</b>  | 39.19        | <b>41.02</b> | 29.74        | 30.47        | <b>41.12</b> | <b>35.93</b> | 27.38        | 27.89        |
| large + KELM   | 32.65        | 34.16        | 23.34        | 22.91        | <b>39.45</b> | 40.76        | <b>30.51</b> | <b>30.65</b> | 40.95        | 35.5         | <b>27.67</b> | <b>28.56</b> |
| XXL            | 43.67        | 45.02        | 24.76        | 24.8         | 51.73        | 53.1         | 42.44        | 42.21        | 46.47        | 43.72        | 31           | 32.27        |
| XXL + C4       | 42.01        | 44.14        | 23.34        | 22.23        | 50.59        | 52.19        | 40.66        | 40.99        | 45.43        | 40.26        | 30.35        | 31.08        |
| XXL + WikiKG   | 45.22        | <b>47.25</b> | <b>27.57</b> | <b>27.65</b> | <b>54.17</b> | 54.18        | 42.55        | <b>43.54</b> | <b>49.14</b> | <b>44.37</b> | 31.11        | <b>32.74</b> |
| XXL + KELM     | <b>45.42</b> | 45.9         | 26.11        | 26.26        | 53.65        | <b>54.21</b> | <b>42.68</b> | 42.95        | 48.53        | 44.16        | <b>31.79</b> | 32.6         |

| Dataset | Split | Baseline | + C4  | + KG         |
|---------|-------|----------|-------|--------------|
| 1-hop   | dev   | 24.3     | 23.12 | <b>71.52</b> |
|         | test  | 24.5     | 23.53 | <b>71.47</b> |
| 2-hop   | dev   | 32.05    | 32.23 | <b>33.49</b> |
|         | test  | 32.65    | 32.78 | <b>33.57</b> |
| 3-hop   | dev   | 42.08    | 39.22 | <b>43.79</b> |
|         | test  | 42.31    | 39.66 | <b>43.41</b> |

Table 3: Exact match scores achieved by fine-tuning different T5.1.1-large checkpoints on MetaQA task.

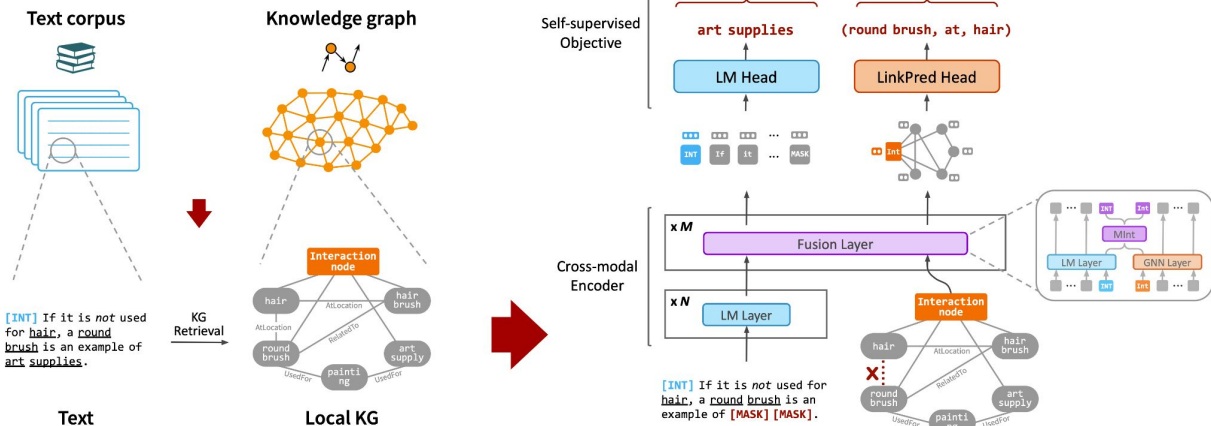
Good performance on WikiMovies KG (MetaQA) using multi-hop reasoning.

1-hop: "What films does Paresh Rawal appear in?"

2-hop: "Who are the directors of the films written by Laura Kerr?"

3-hop: "Who directed the movies written by the writer of Millennium Actress?"

# DRAGON : Deep Bidirectional Language-Knowledge Graph Pretraining



- LLM + GNN
- Joint optimization
- Very good on Entity based question answering

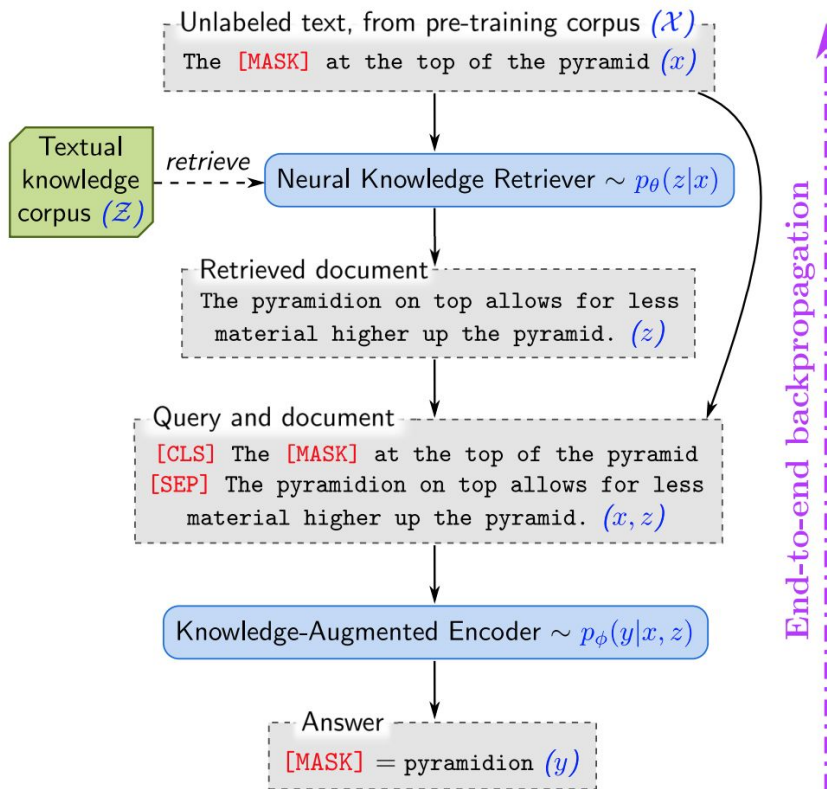
## Raw data

## Pretrain DRAGON

|                      | Negation    | Conjunction | Hedge       | # Prepositional Phrases |             |             |             | # Entities >10 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
|                      |             |             |             | 0                       | 1           | 2           | 3           |                |
| RoBERTa              | 61.7        | 70.9        | 68.6        | 67.6                    | 71.0        | 71.1        | 73.1        | 74.5           |
| QAGNN                | 65.1        | 74.5        | 74.2        | 72.1                    | 71.6        | 75.6        | 71.3        | 78.6           |
| GreaseLM             | 65.1        | 74.9        | 76.6        | 75.6                    | 73.8        | 74.7        | 73.6        | 79.4           |
| <b>DRAGON (Ours)</b> | <b>75.2</b> | <b>79.6</b> | <b>77.5</b> | <b>79.1</b>             | <b>78.2</b> | <b>77.8</b> | <b>80.9</b> | <b>83.5</b>    |



# REALM: Retrieval-Augmented Language Model Pre-Training



| Name   | Architectures              | Pre-training   | NQ (79k/4k) | WQ (3k/2k)  | CT (1k /1k) | # params |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| BERT-Baseline (Lee et al., 2019)                             | Sparse Retr.+Transformer   | BERT           | 26.5        | 17.7        | 21.3        | 110m     |
| T5 (base) (Roberts et al., 2020)                             | Transformer Seq2Seq        | T5 (Multitask) | 27.0        | 29.1        | -           | 223m     |
| T5 (large) (Roberts et al., 2020)                            | Transformer Seq2Seq        | T5 (Multitask) | 29.8        | 32.2        | -           | 738m     |
| T5 (11b) (Roberts et al., 2020)                              | Transformer Seq2Seq        | T5 (Multitask) | 34.5        | 37.4        | -           | 11318m   |
| DrQA (Chen et al., 2017)                                     | Sparse Retr.+DocReader     | N/A            | -           | 20.7        | 25.7        | 34m      |
| HardEM (Min et al., 2019a)                                   | Sparse Retr.+Transformer   | BERT           | 28.1        | -           | -           | 110m     |
| GraphRetriever (Min et al., 2019b)                           | GraphRetriever+Transformer | BERT           | 31.8        | 31.6        | -           | 110m     |
| PathRetriever (Asai et al., 2019)                            | PathRetriever+Transformer  | MLM            | 32.6        | -           | -           | 110m     |
| ORQA (Lee et al., 2019)                                      | Dense Retr.+Transformer    | ICT+BERT       | 33.3        | 36.4        | 30.1        | 330m     |
| Ours ( $\mathcal{X}$ = Wikipedia, $\mathcal{Z}$ = Wikipedia) | Dense Retr.+Transformer    | REALM          | 39.2        | 40.2        | <b>46.8</b> | 330m     |
| Ours ( $\mathcal{X}$ = CC-News, $\mathcal{Z}$ = Wikipedia)   | Dense Retr.+Transformer    | REALM          | <b>40.4</b> | <b>40.7</b> | 42.9        | 330m     |

# Augmented Language Models: a Survey

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Really great survey on different ways of augmenting LLMs to support reasoning, usage of external tools, and retrieval models using external KG.

# Multimodal Chain-of-Thought Reasoning in Language Models

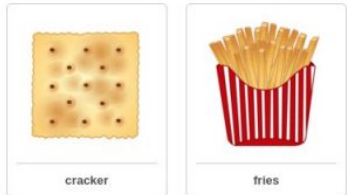
**Input**

Language

**Question:** Which property do these two objects have in common?  
**Context:** Select the better answer.

**Options:** (A) soft (B) salty

Vision



cracker fries

The input section is enclosed in a rounded rectangle. It features a blue 'Input' header. Below it, the 'Language' part contains a question and context. The 'Options' are presented in two separate boxes. The 'Vision' part shows two images: a cracker and a cup of fries, each with its name written below it.

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1B parameter model

**Output**

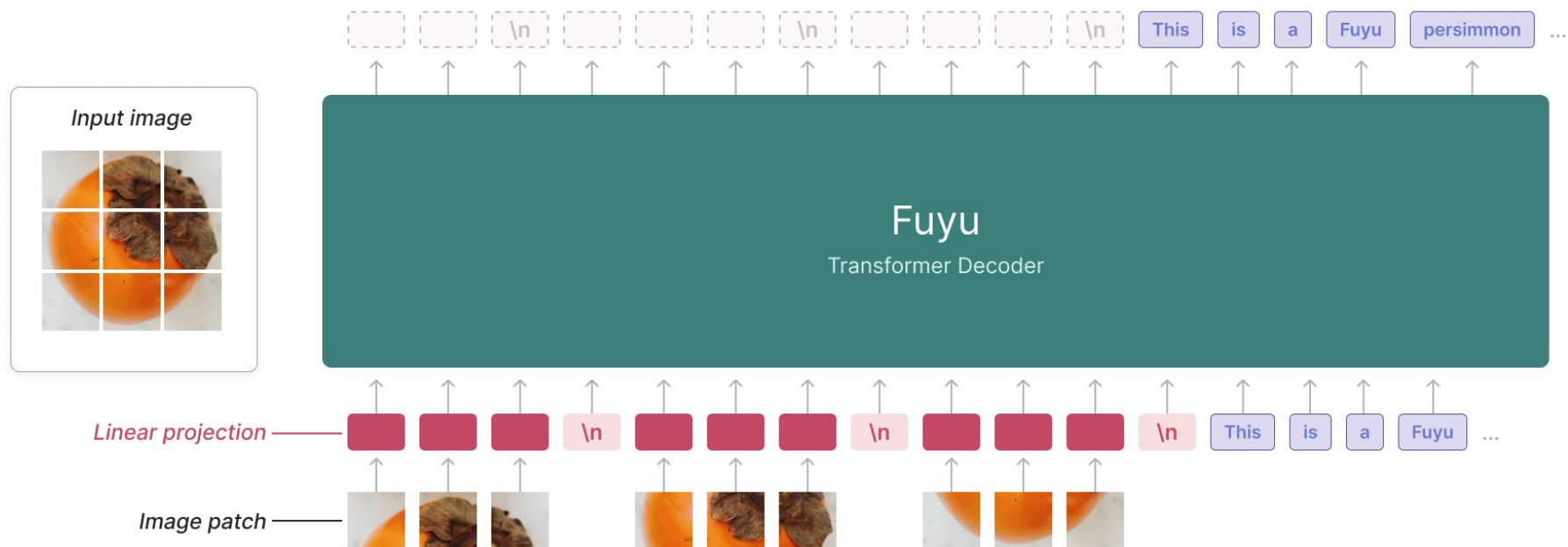
**Rationale:** Look at each object. For each object, decide if it has that property. Potato chips have a salty taste. Both objects are salty. A soft object changes shape when you squeeze it. The fries are soft, but the cracker is not. The property that both objects have in common is salty.

**Answer:** The answer is (B).

The output section is enclosed in a rounded rectangle. It features a blue 'Output' header. Below it, the 'Rationale' provides a step-by-step reasoning process. The 'Answer' is given at the end.

*Figure 1.* Example of the multimodal CoT task.

# Fuyu MLLM



# KOSMOS-1

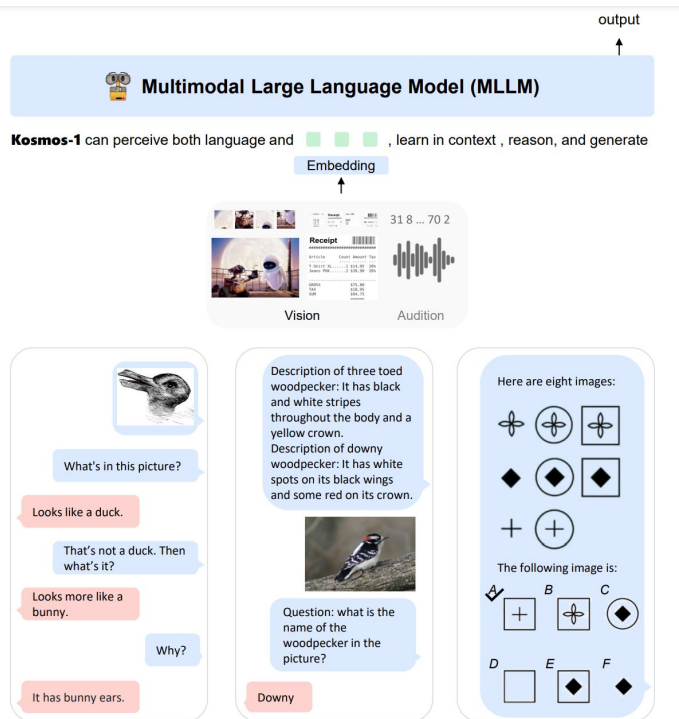


Figure 1: KOSMOS-1 is a multimodal large language model (MLLM) that is capable of perceiving multimodal input, following instructions, and performing in-context learning for not only language tasks but also multimodal tasks. In this work, we align vision with large language models (LLMs), advancing the trend of going from LLMs to MLLMs.

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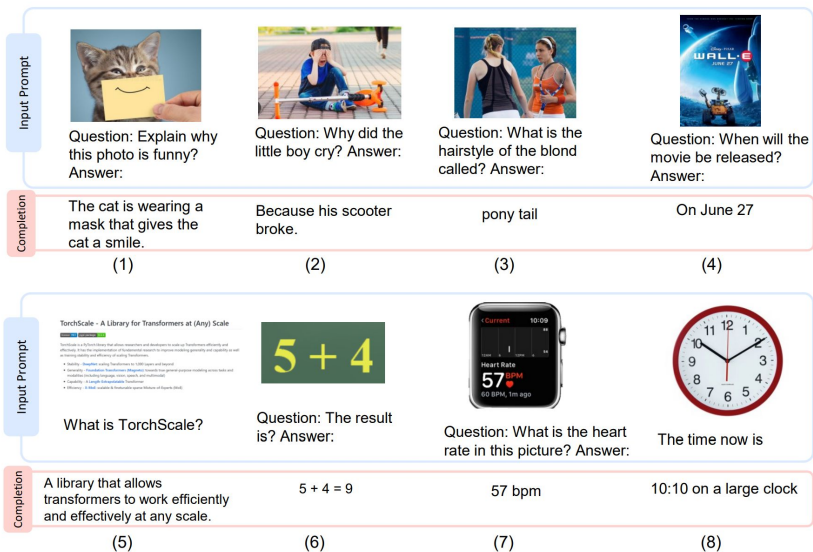
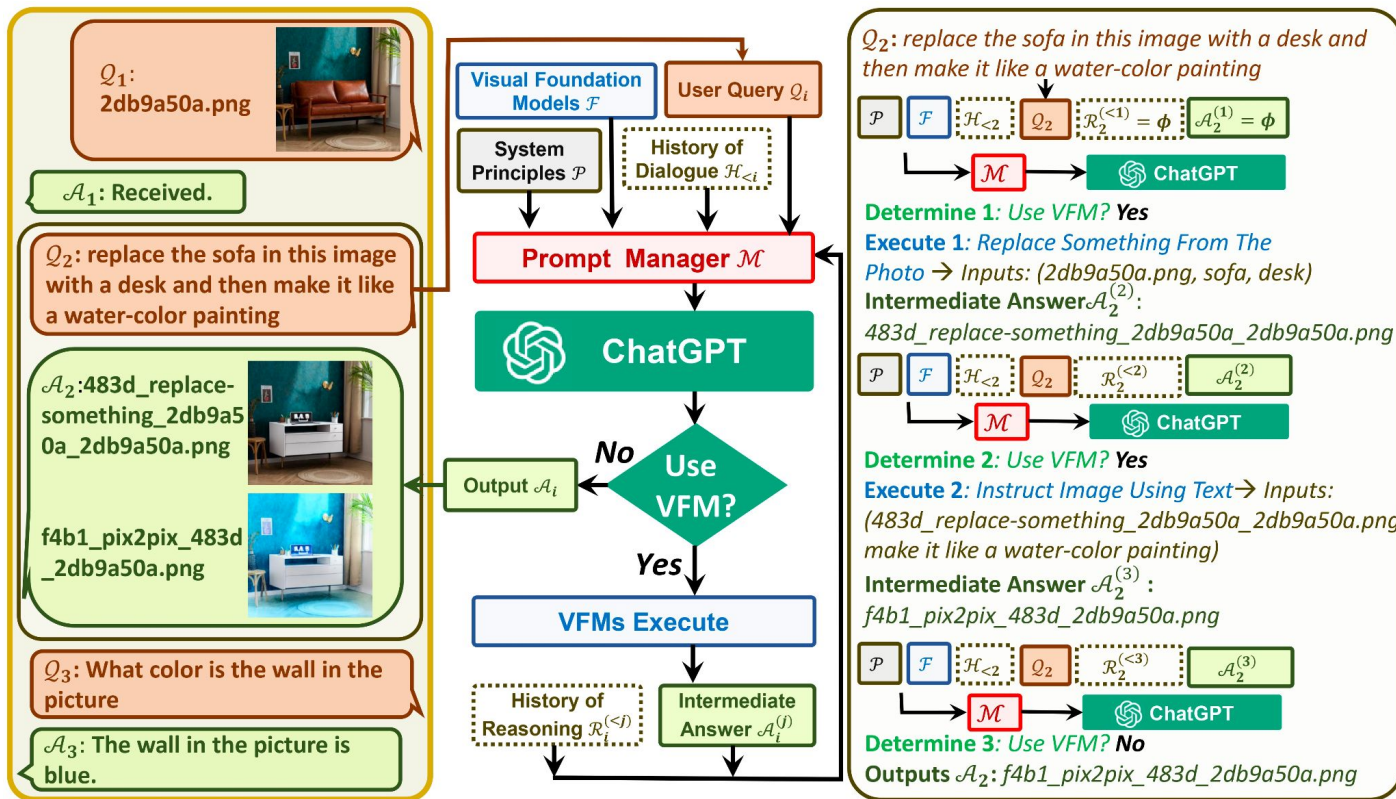


Figure 2: Selected examples generated from KOSMOS-1. Blue boxes are input prompt and pink boxes are KOSMOS-1 output. The examples include (1)-(2) visual explanation, (3)-(4) visual question answering, (5) web page question answering, (6) simple math equation, and (7)-(8) number recognition.

# Visual ChatGPT



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