

# Decoding GenAI: The Science Behind the Magic of ChatGPT

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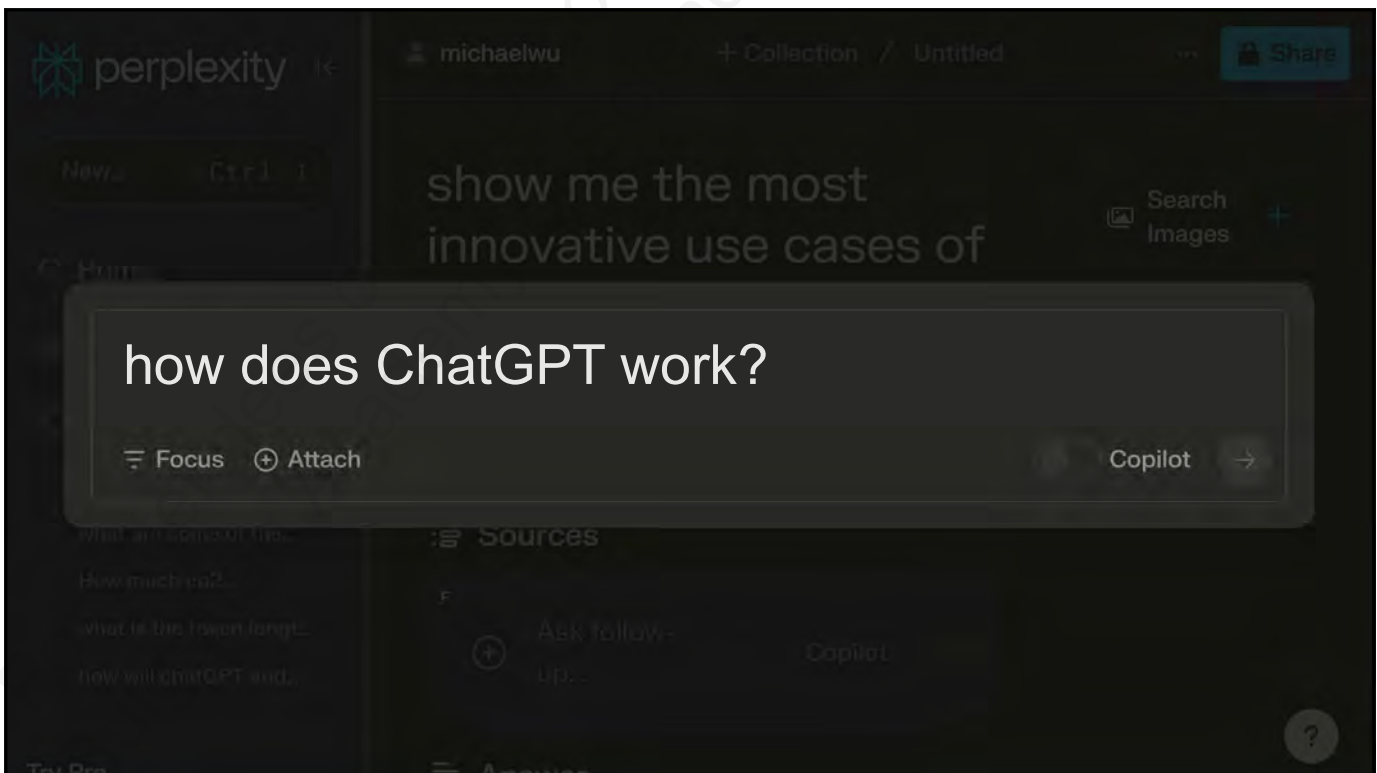
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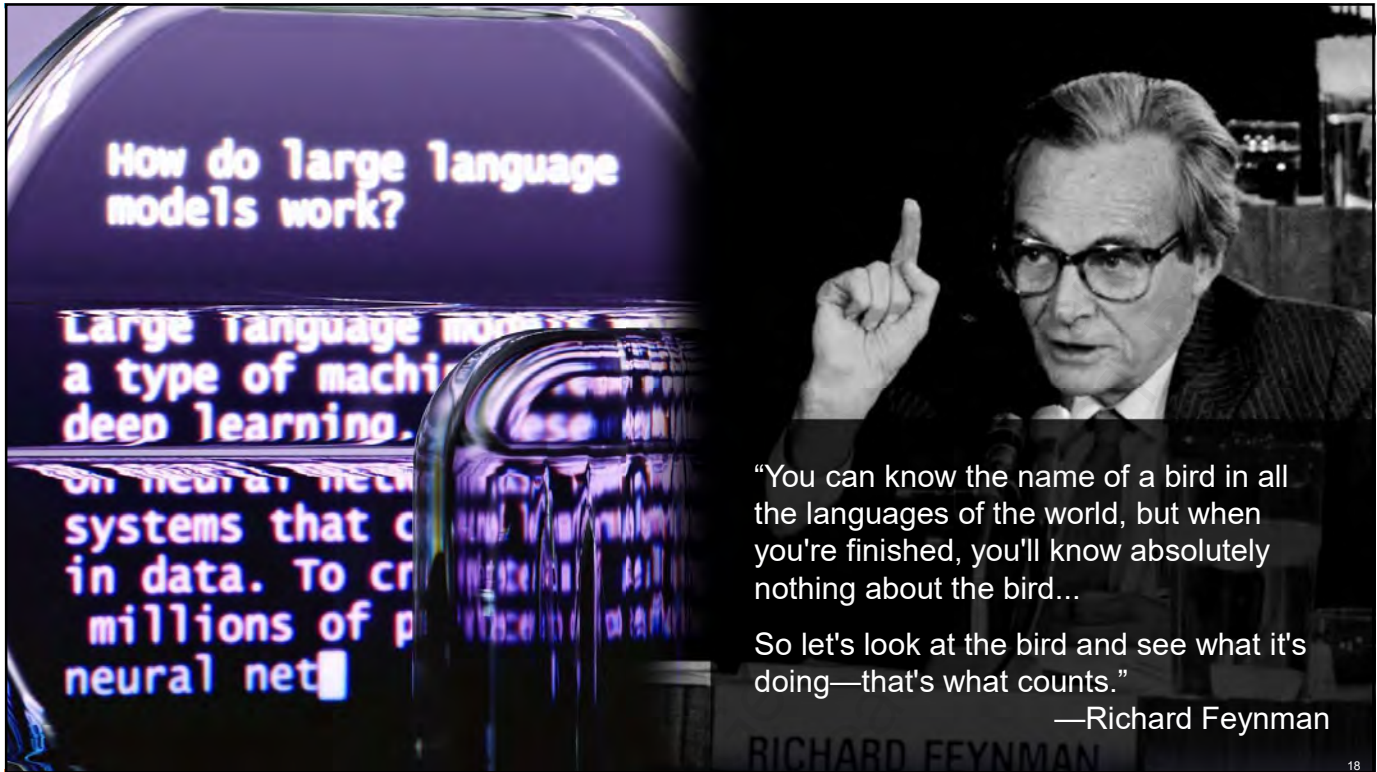
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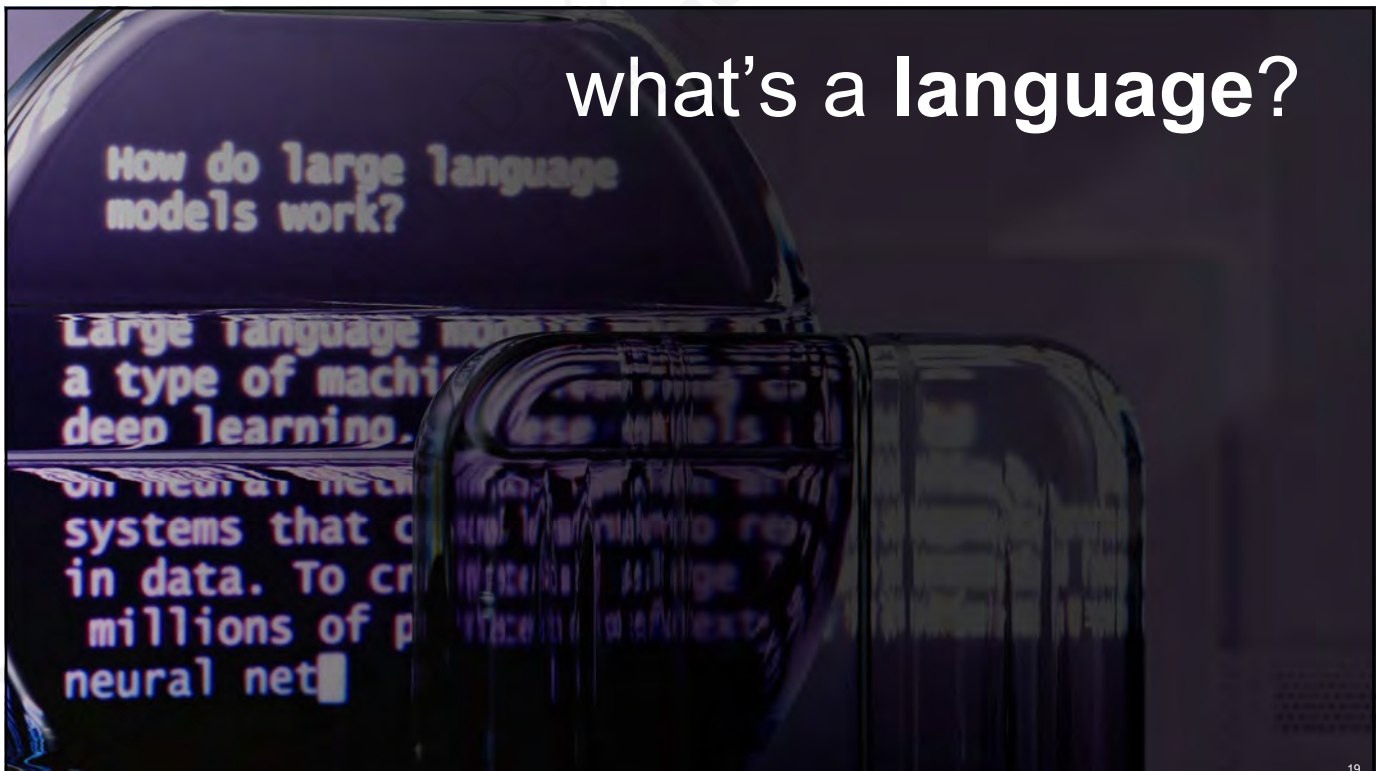
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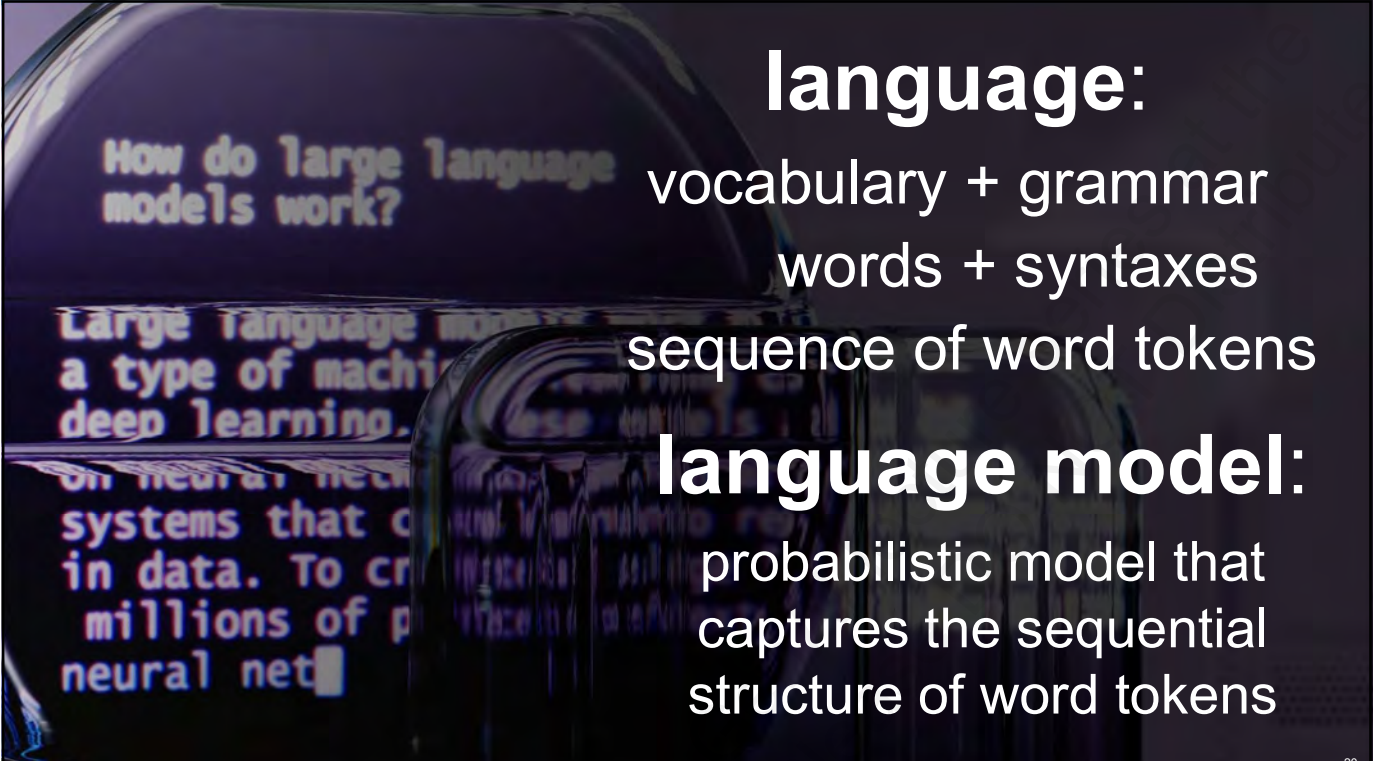
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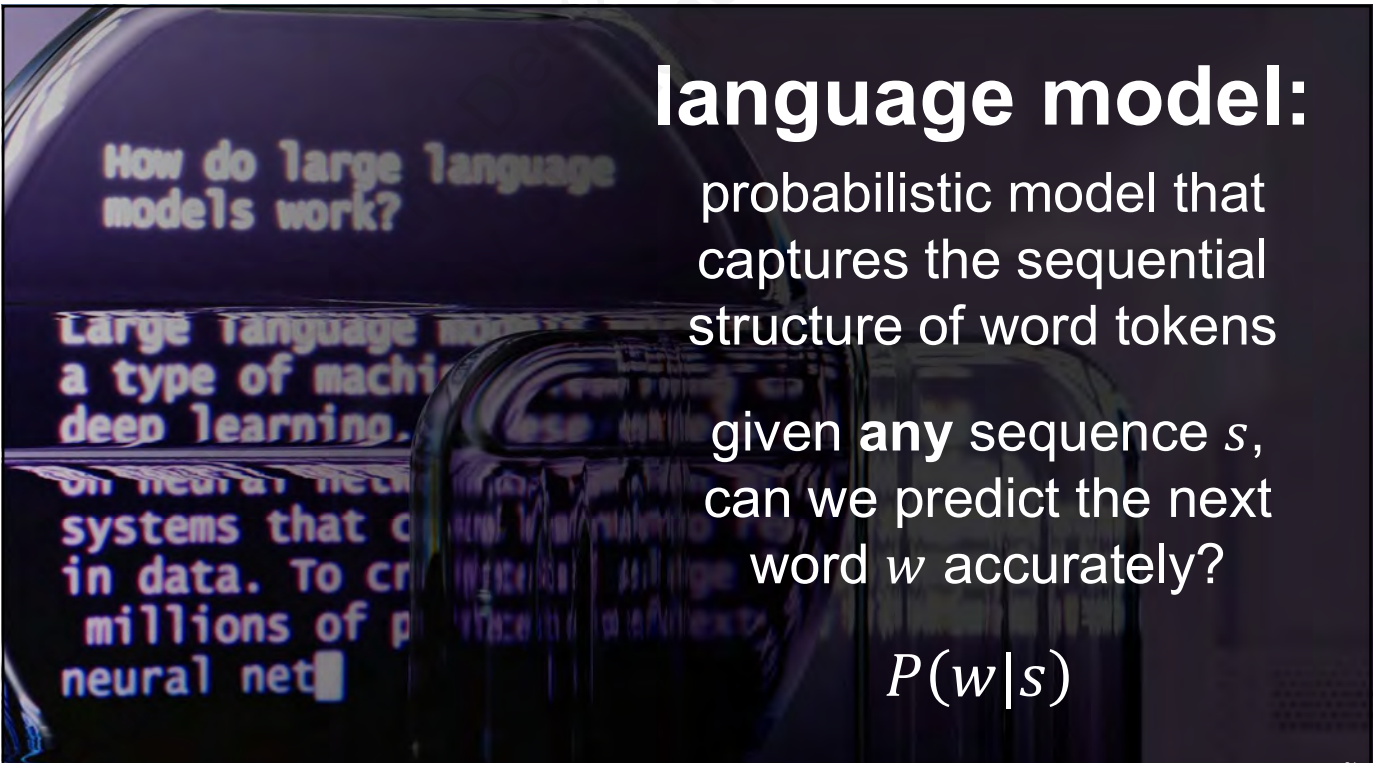
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 vocabulary + grammar  
 words + syntaxes  
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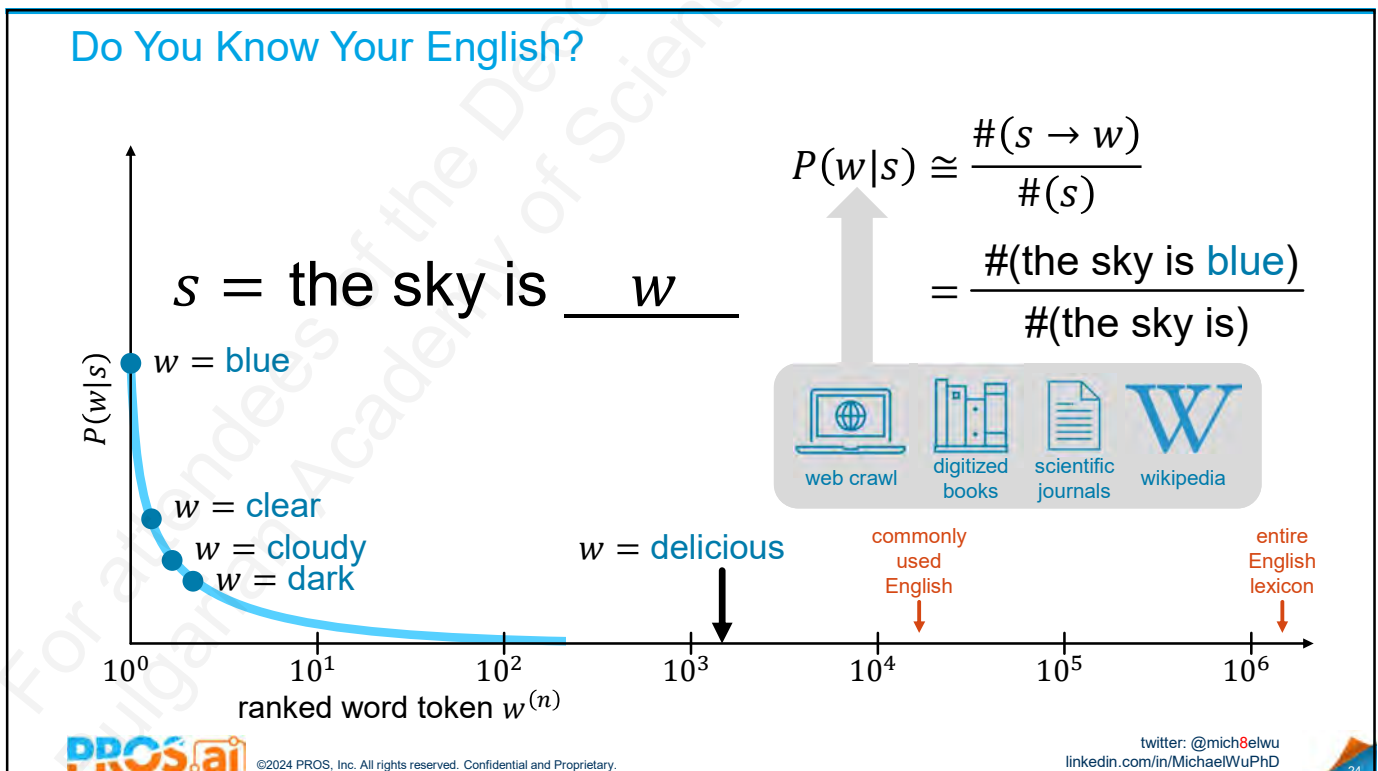
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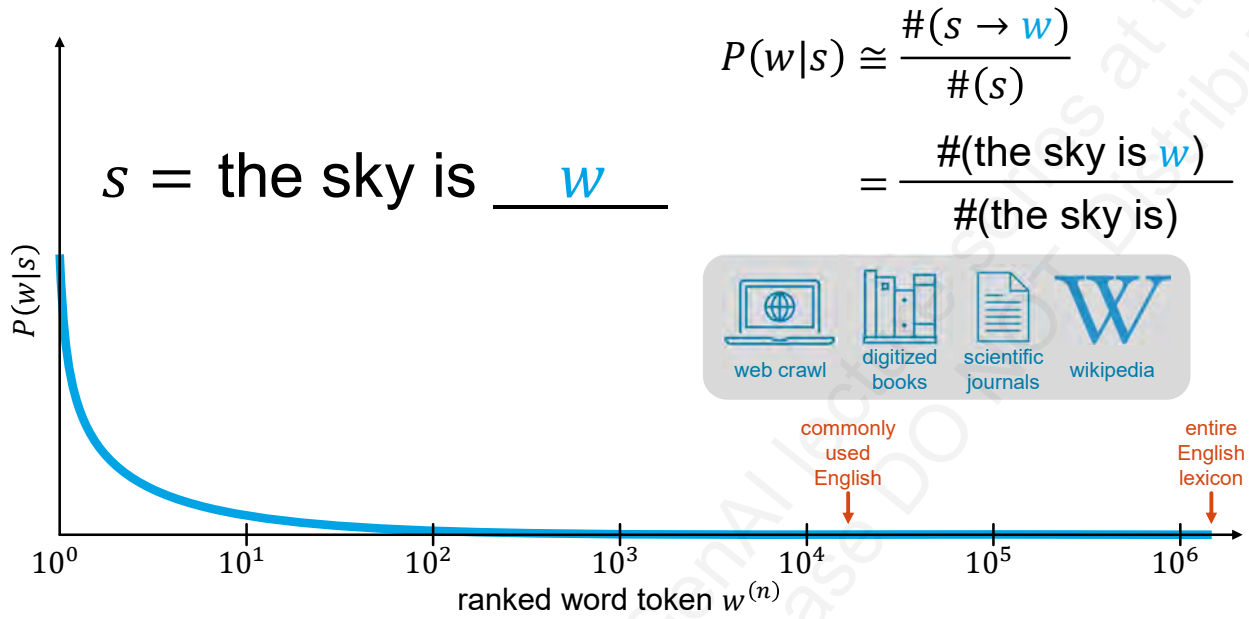
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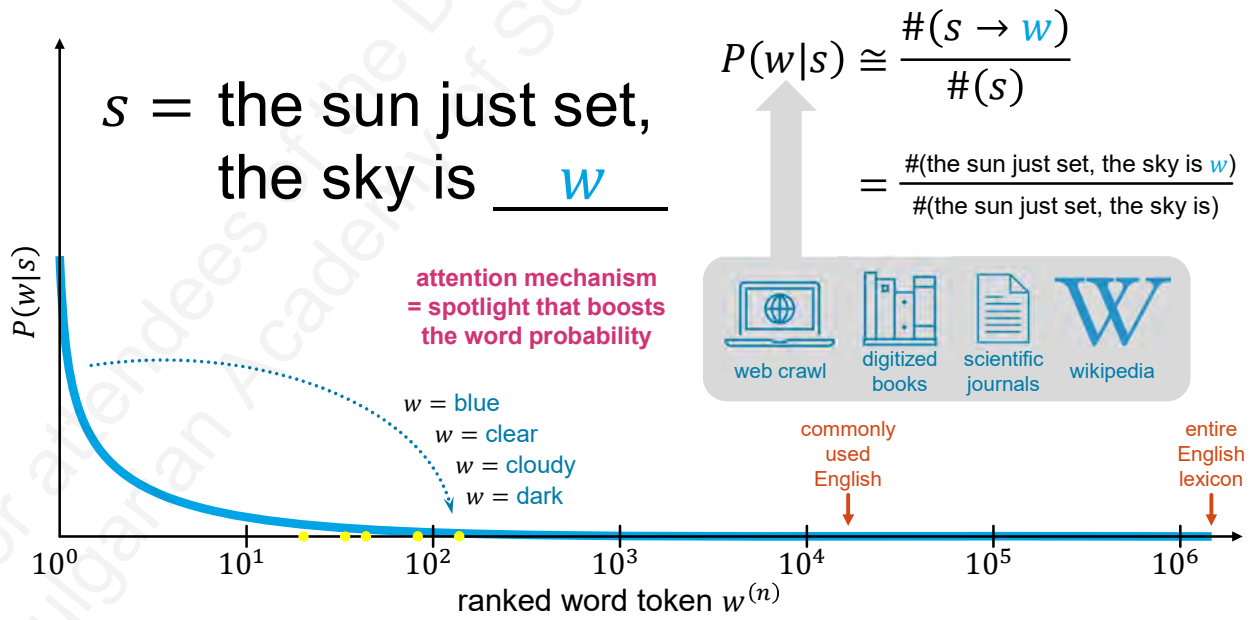


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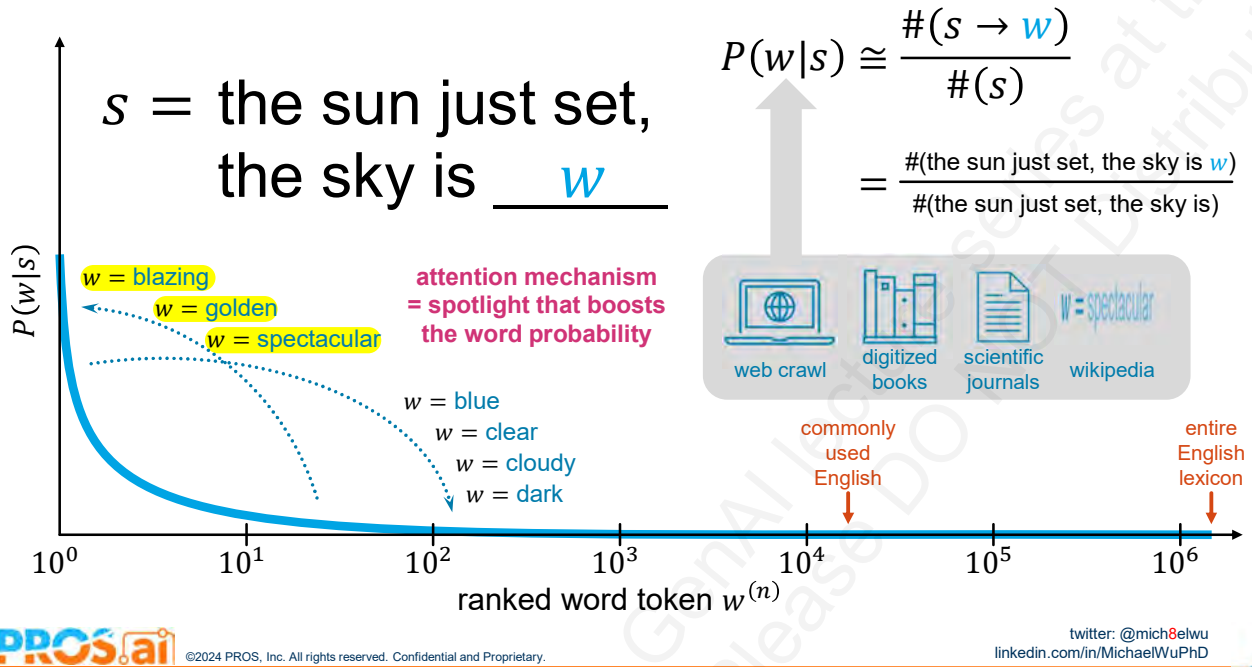


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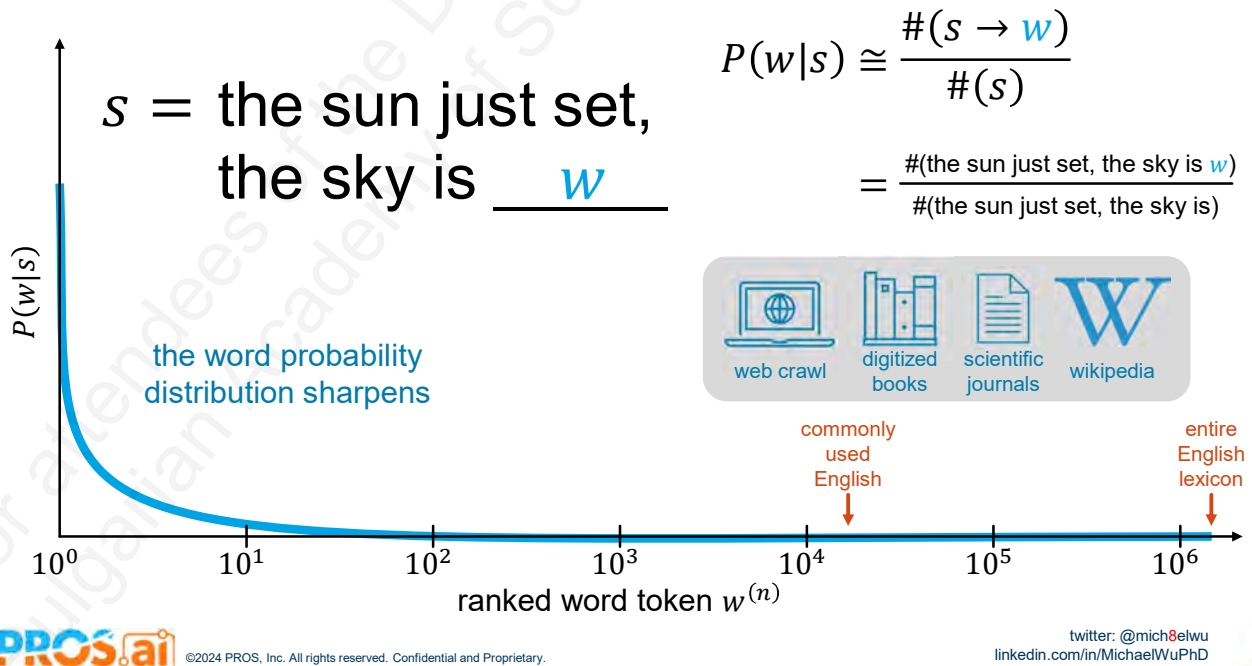
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## Longer Sequence → More Concentrated Word Probability

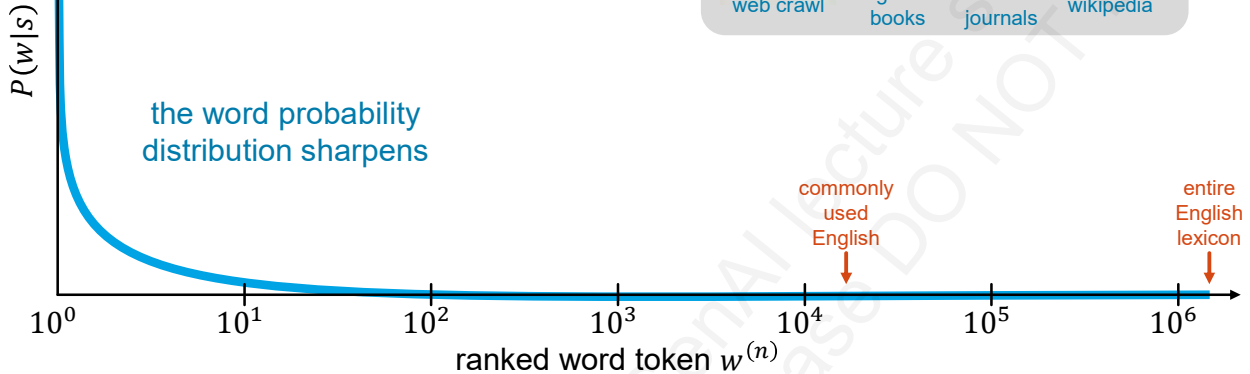


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### Longer Sequence → More Concentrated Word Probability

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the sun just set,  
the sky is       $w$

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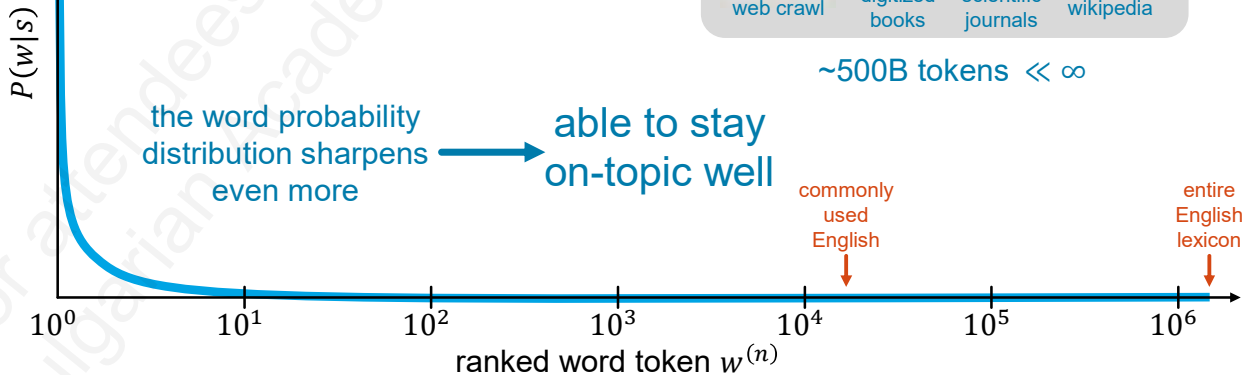
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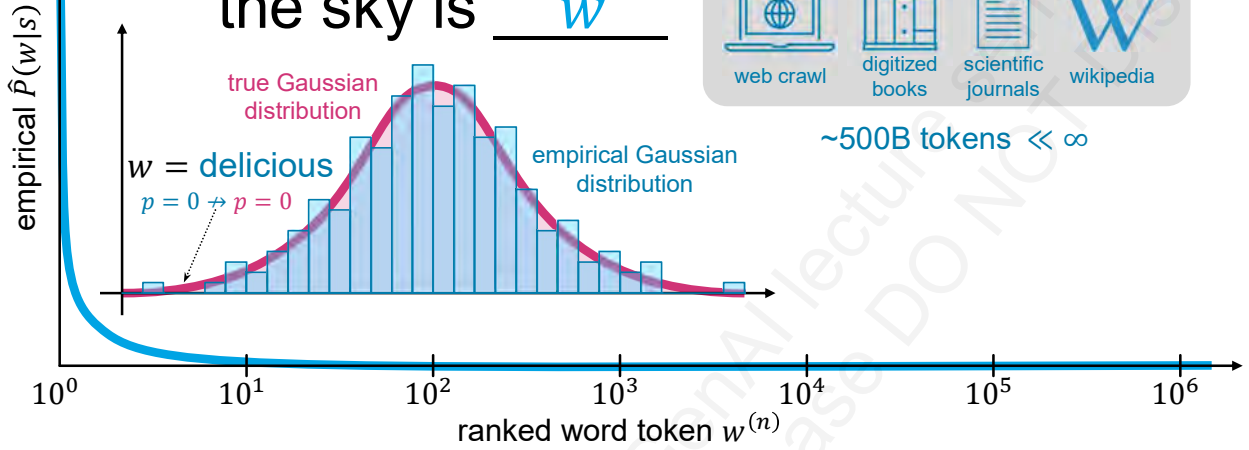
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### Empirical Word Probability to Language Model

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web crawl    digitized books    scientific journals    wikipedia

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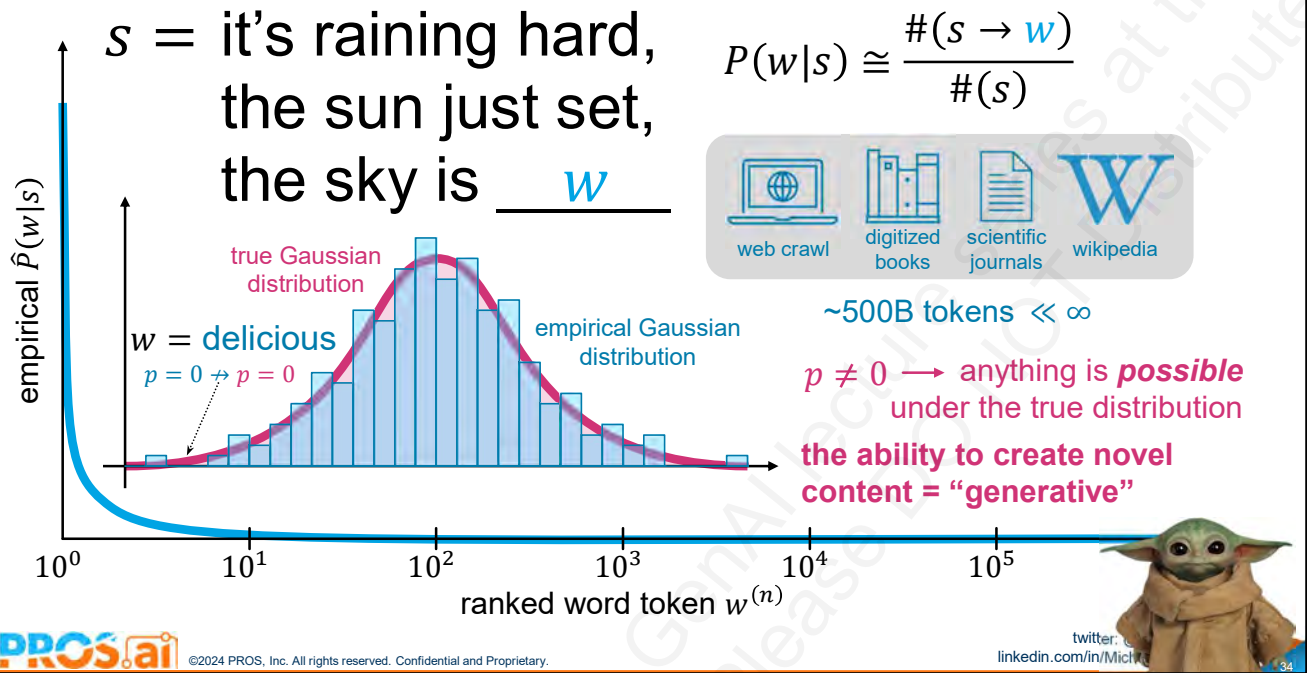
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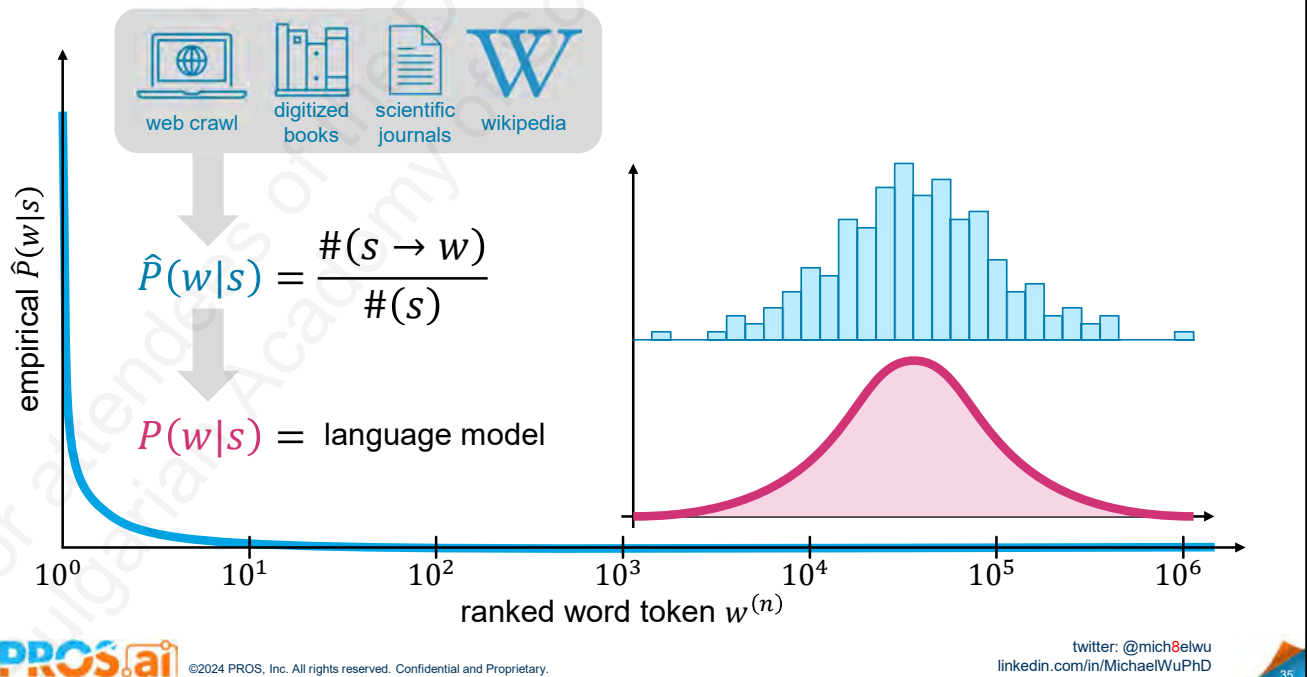
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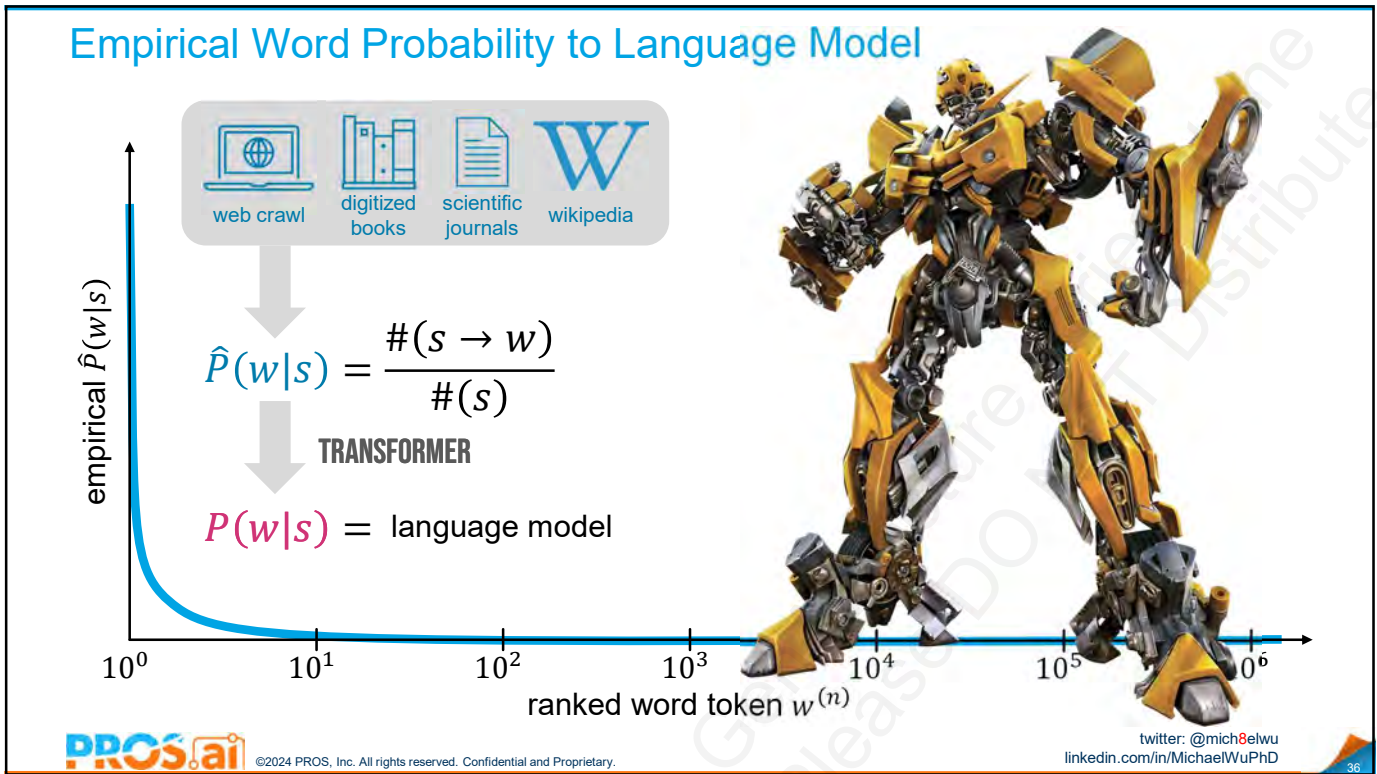


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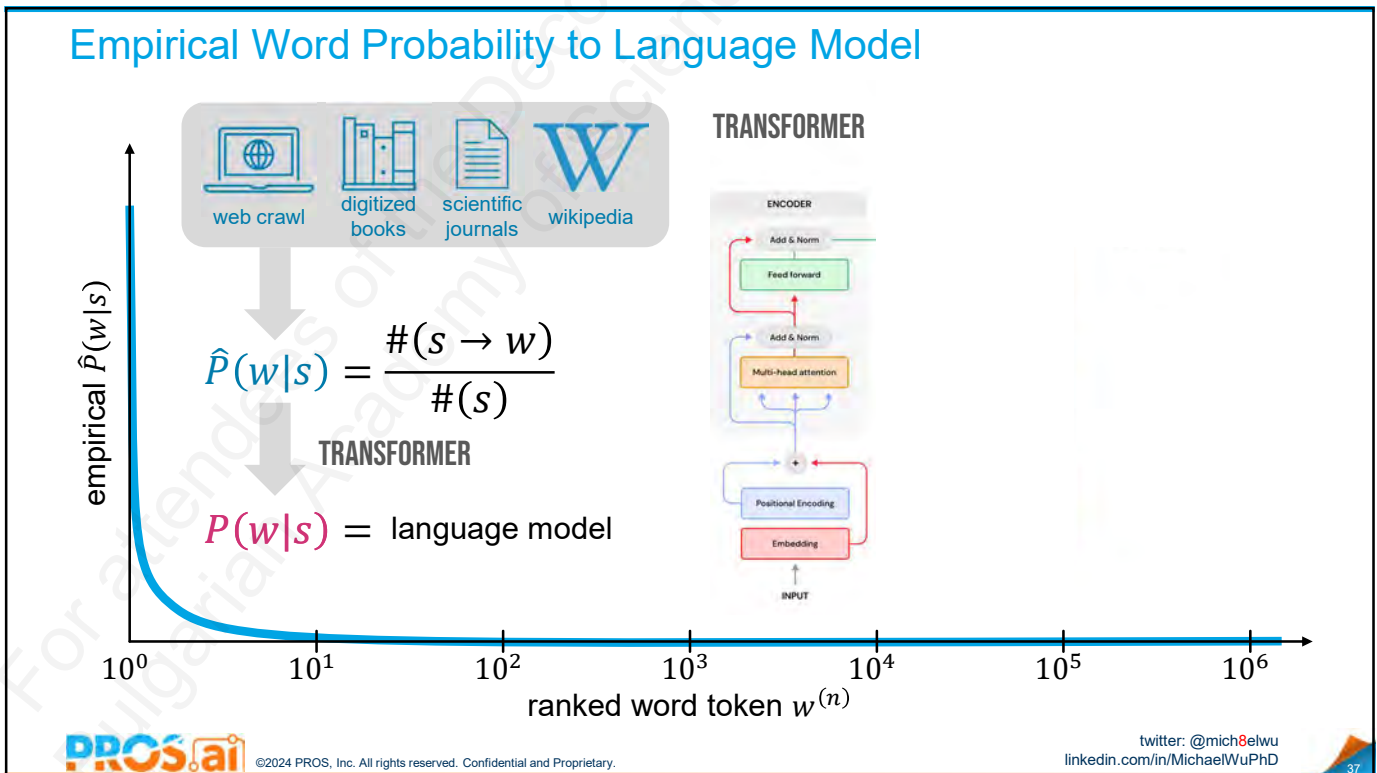
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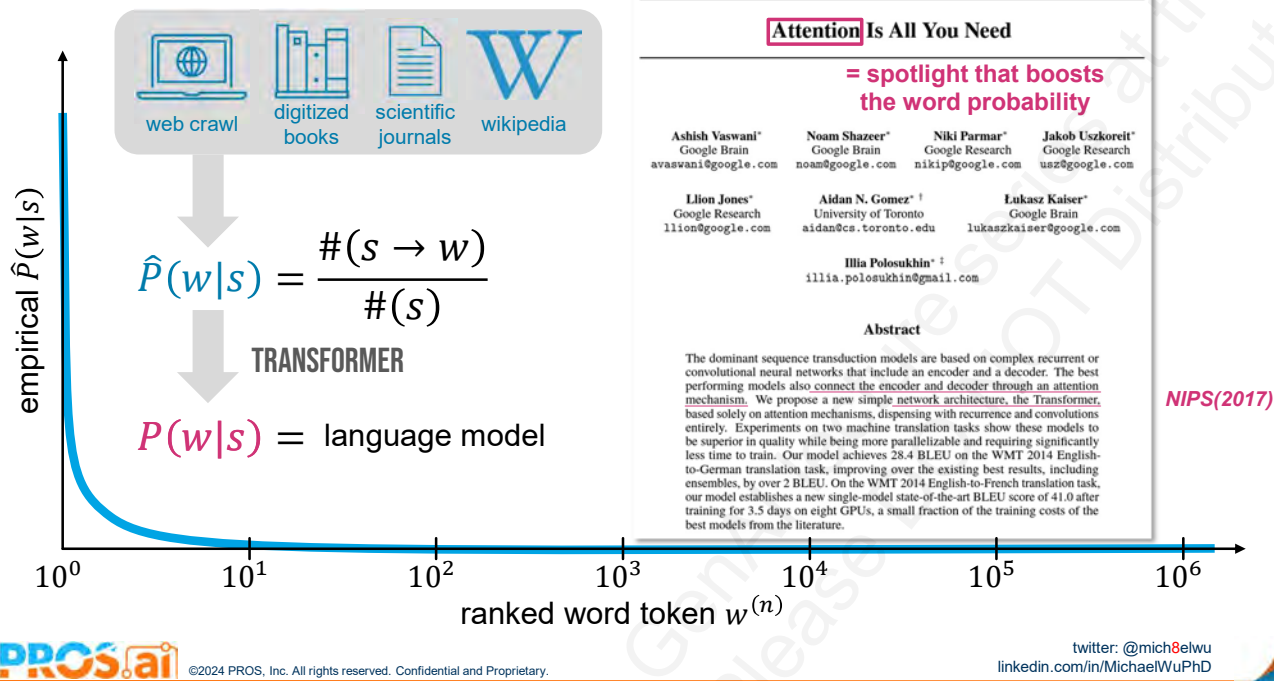


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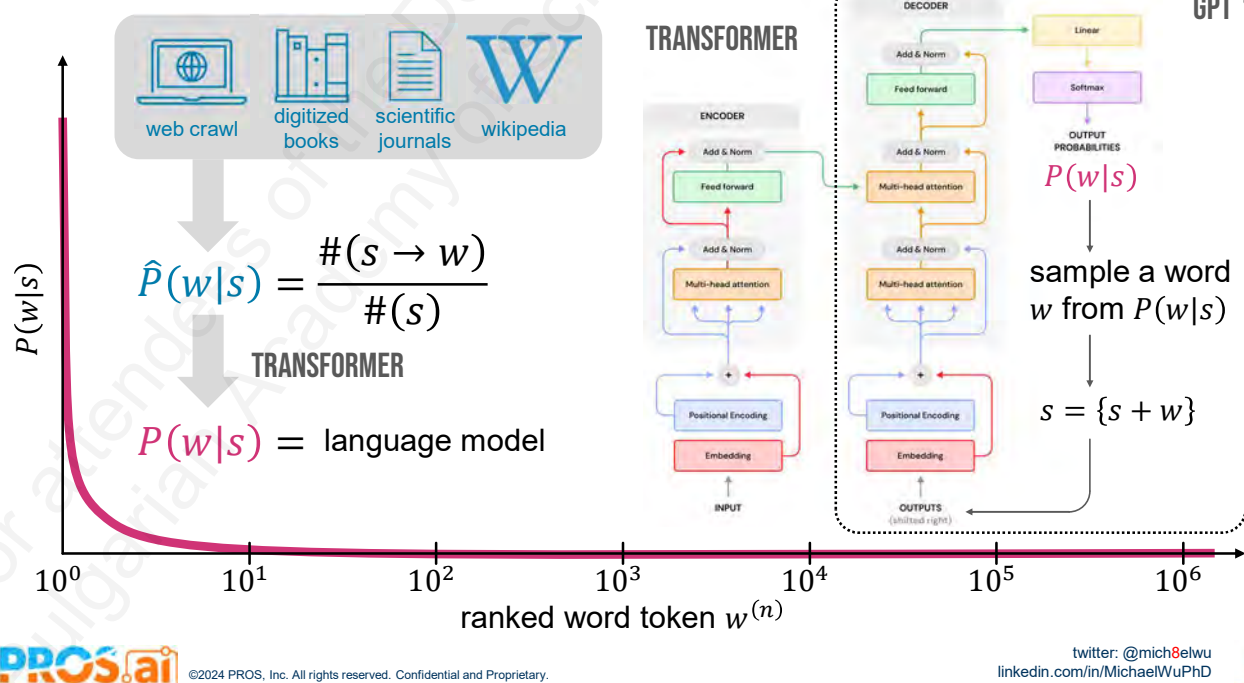
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## GPT: Generative Pre-trained Transformer is a large language model (LLM)

random number generator  
from a distribution over *all* words  
given *any* word sequence  
trained with human written text  
using transformer architecture

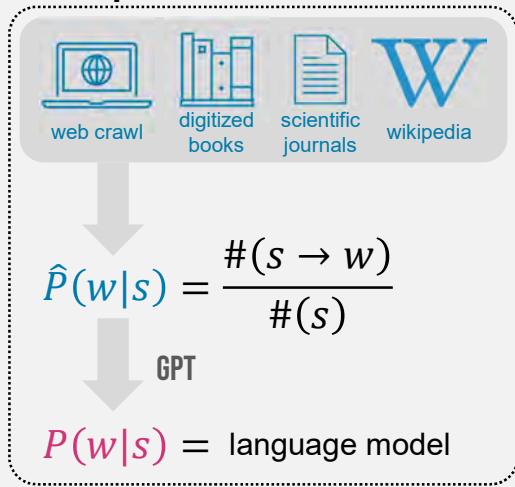
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doesn't sound  
very intelligent

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## From GPT to ChatGPT

**pre-trained via supervised/  
self-supervised**



**plausible continuation of text  
≠ good response to questions  
and instructions**

- user: explain how cost-based pricing in B2B works
- LLM: explain how value-based pricing in B2C works

**supervised *transfer learning* to  
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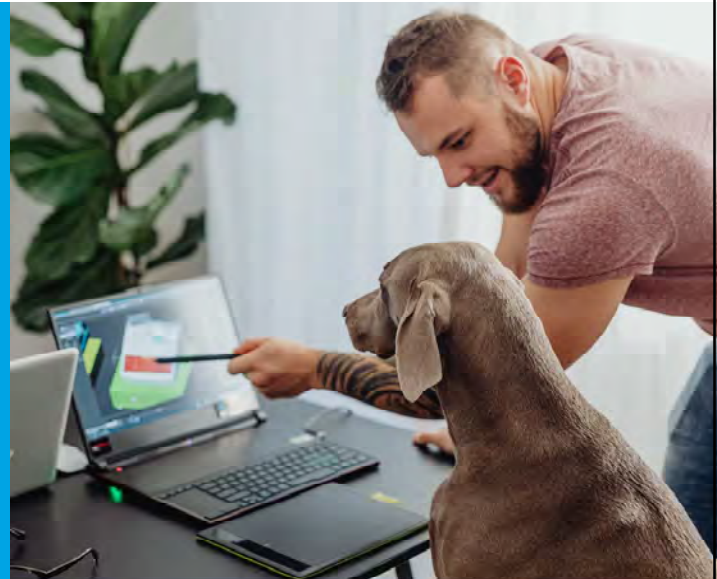
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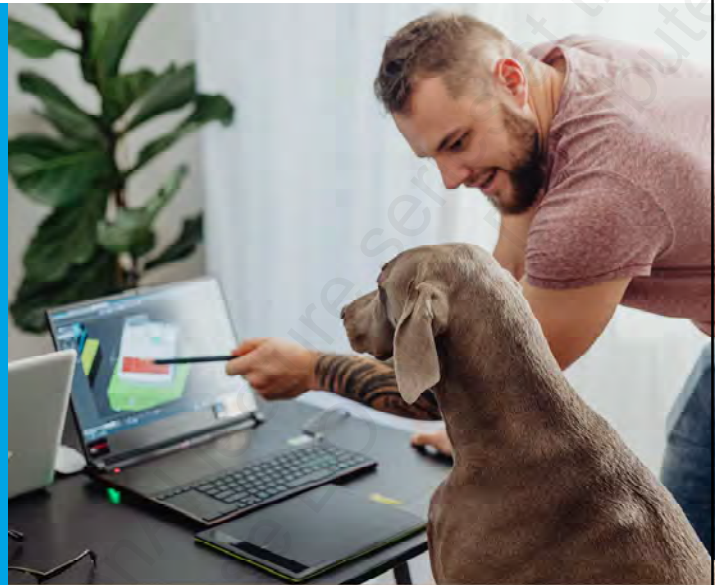
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## From GPT to ChatGPT

responding to commands  
≠ good open-ended dialogues

*reinforcement learning with human-in-the-loop ranking of good dialogue responses*

- scoring a good dialog is nebulous
- inconsistency among people



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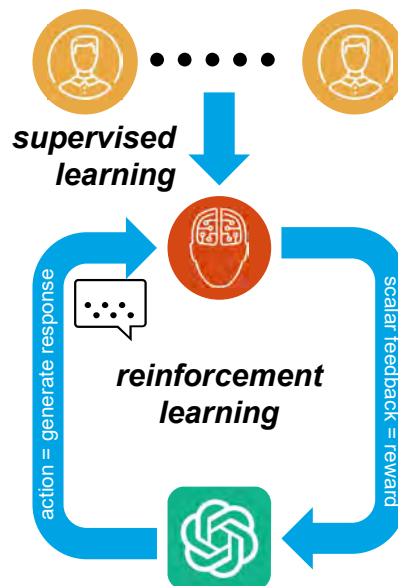
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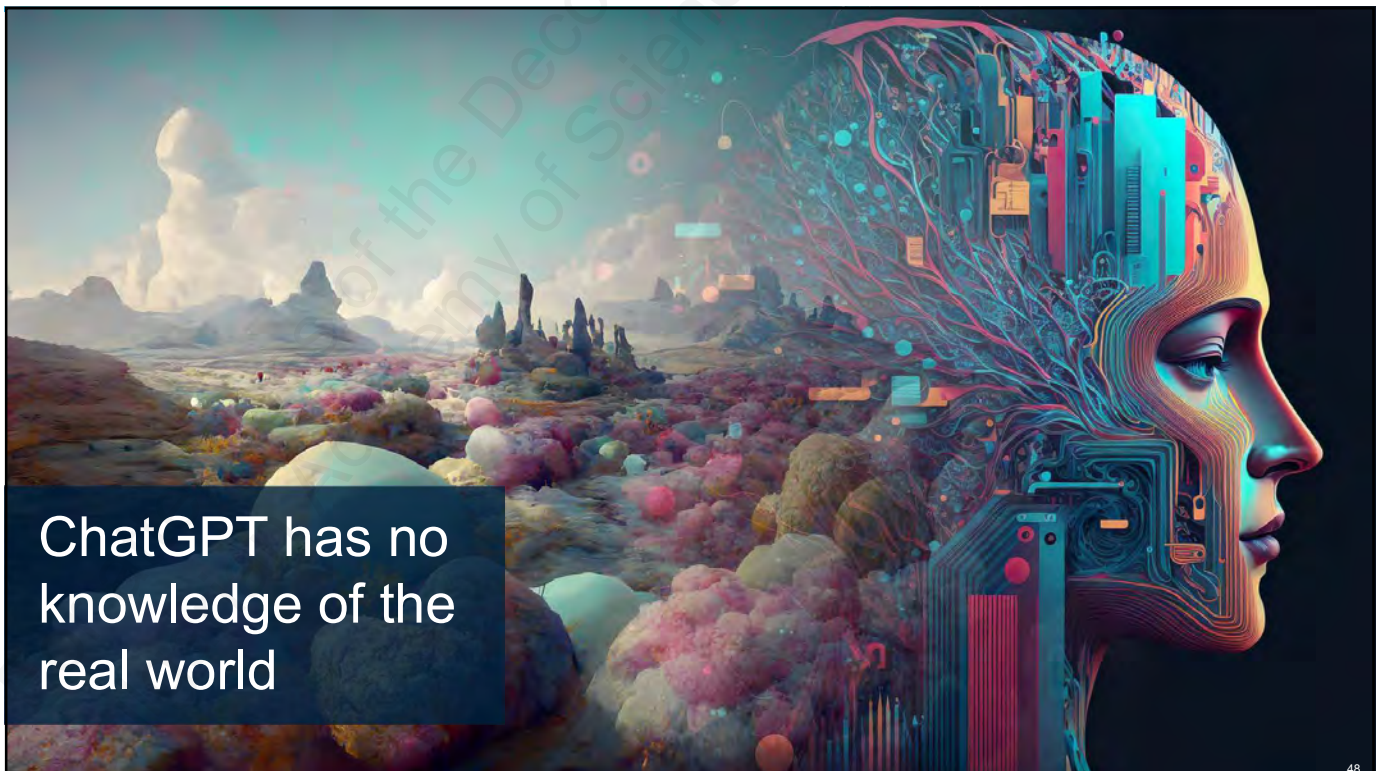


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feature: for *design*  
+ *creative*  
use cases



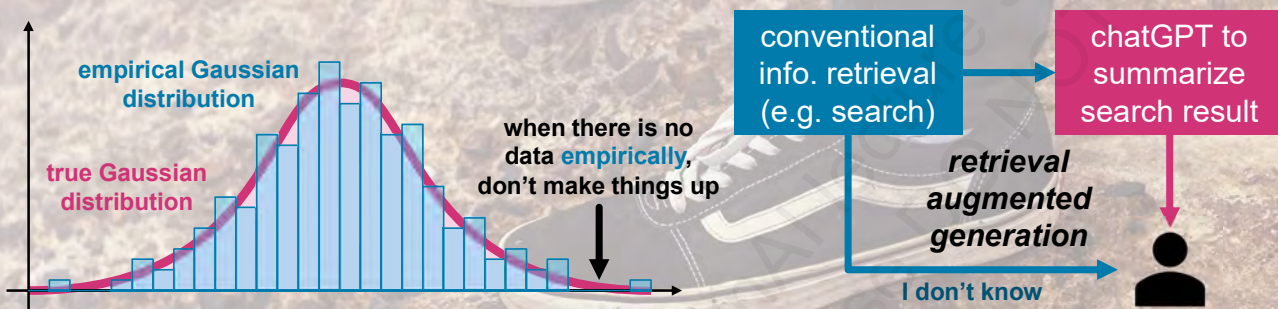
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bug: for *fact-based*  
applications



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# fact-based applications require *grounding*



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## 2 ways to work with LLM

### model fine-tuning

**pros**

- knowledge encoded into the model parameters
- can teach it anything

**cons**

- costly: 25,000 × nvidia A100 for ~100 days ~\$63M → GPT4
- must be retrained when there's new data or new LLMs
- hard to iterate, slow time to market

### RAG: prompting

**pros**

- no upfront cost
- no retraining on new data
- easily swap in/out different LLM
- easy to iterate, fast time to market

**cons**

- limited context length (GPT4: ~128k tokens)
- knowledge accuracy depends on retrieval mechanism (search)

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## LLMs are foundation models

- pre-train with a broad range of data
- applicable in a wide range of use cases

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## A Language Guru with Broad General Knowledge

### think of ChatGPT as a colleague

- reads lightning fast
- understands any language
- forgetful: small working memory (limited context length)
  - GPT3.5: ~4K tokens
  - GPT4: ~128K tokens
- has broad (non-specific) knowledge
- very imaginative, but overconfident

how could you leverage and work with someone with such skill?



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## Beyond ChatGPT

		generic generative AI					specialized generative AI		
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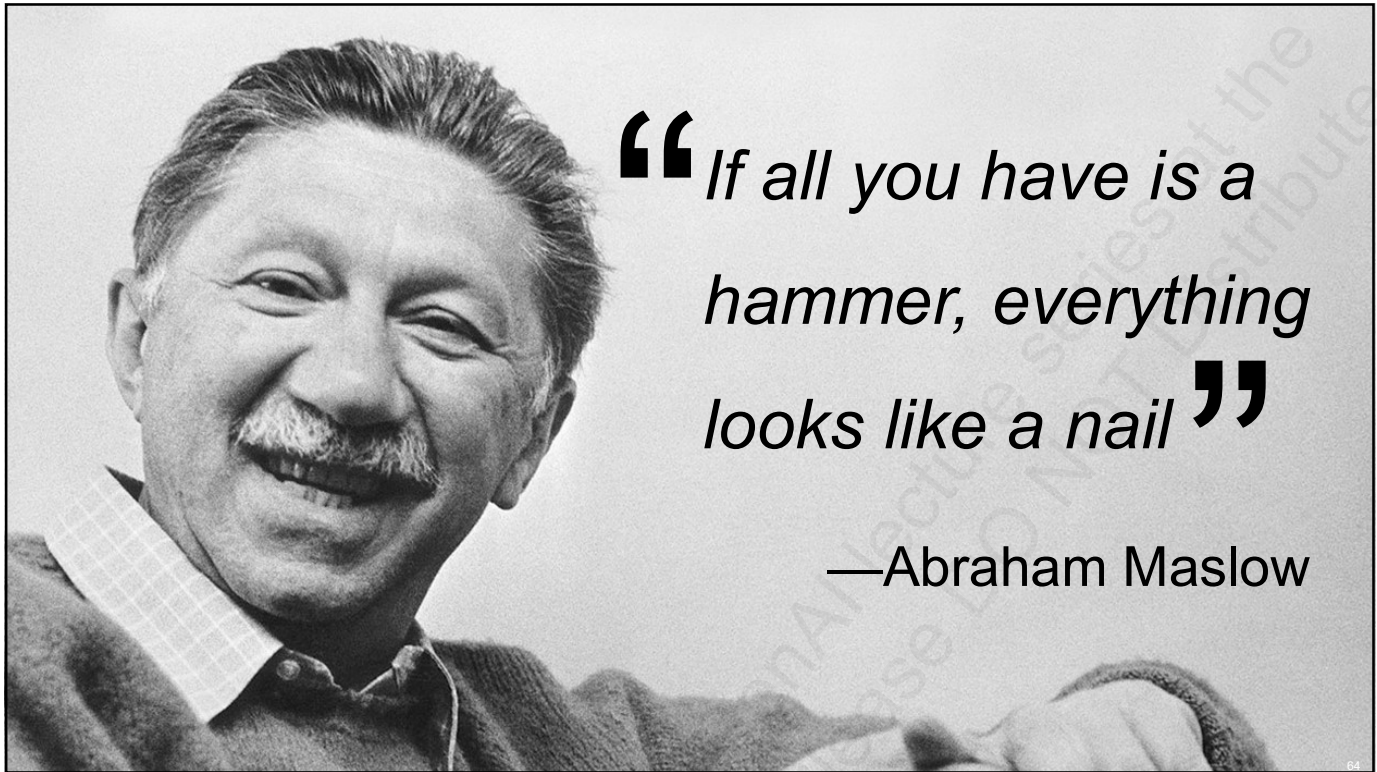
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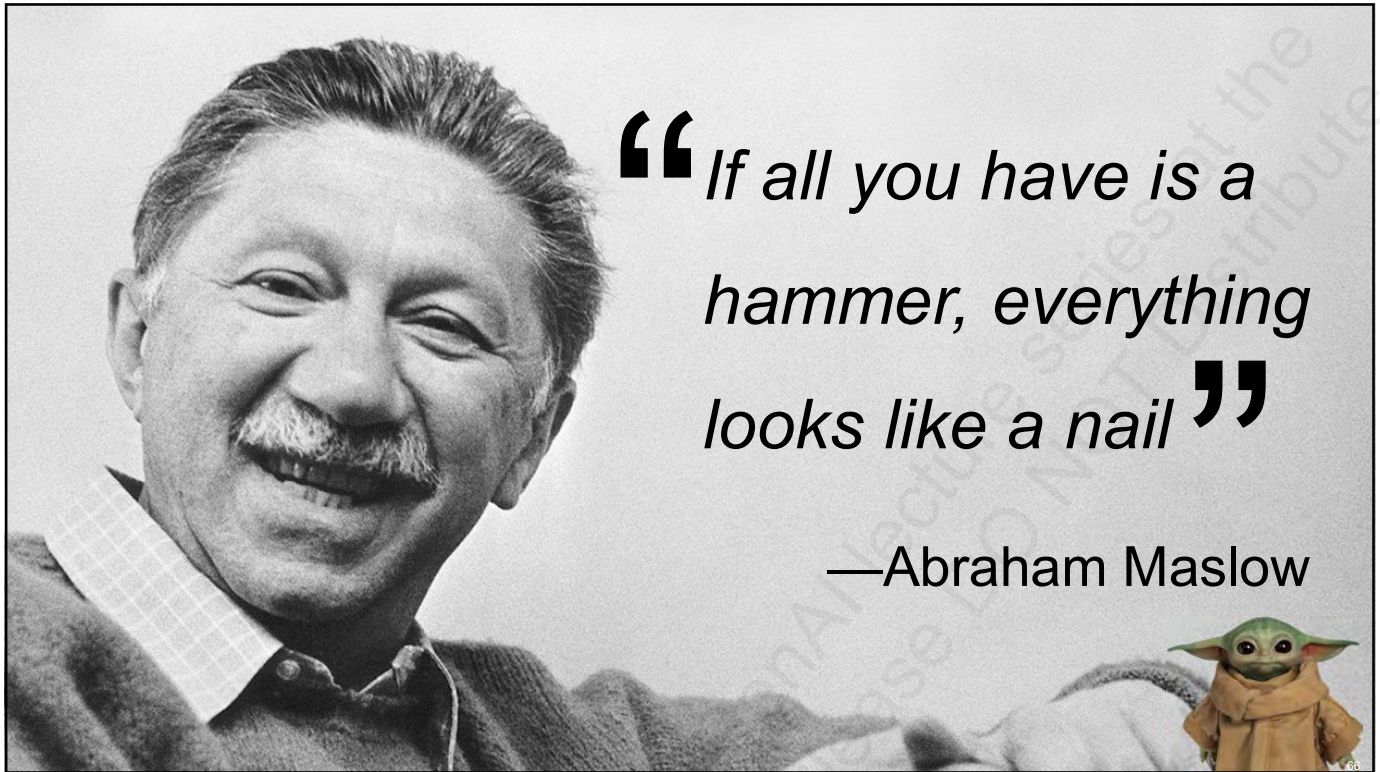
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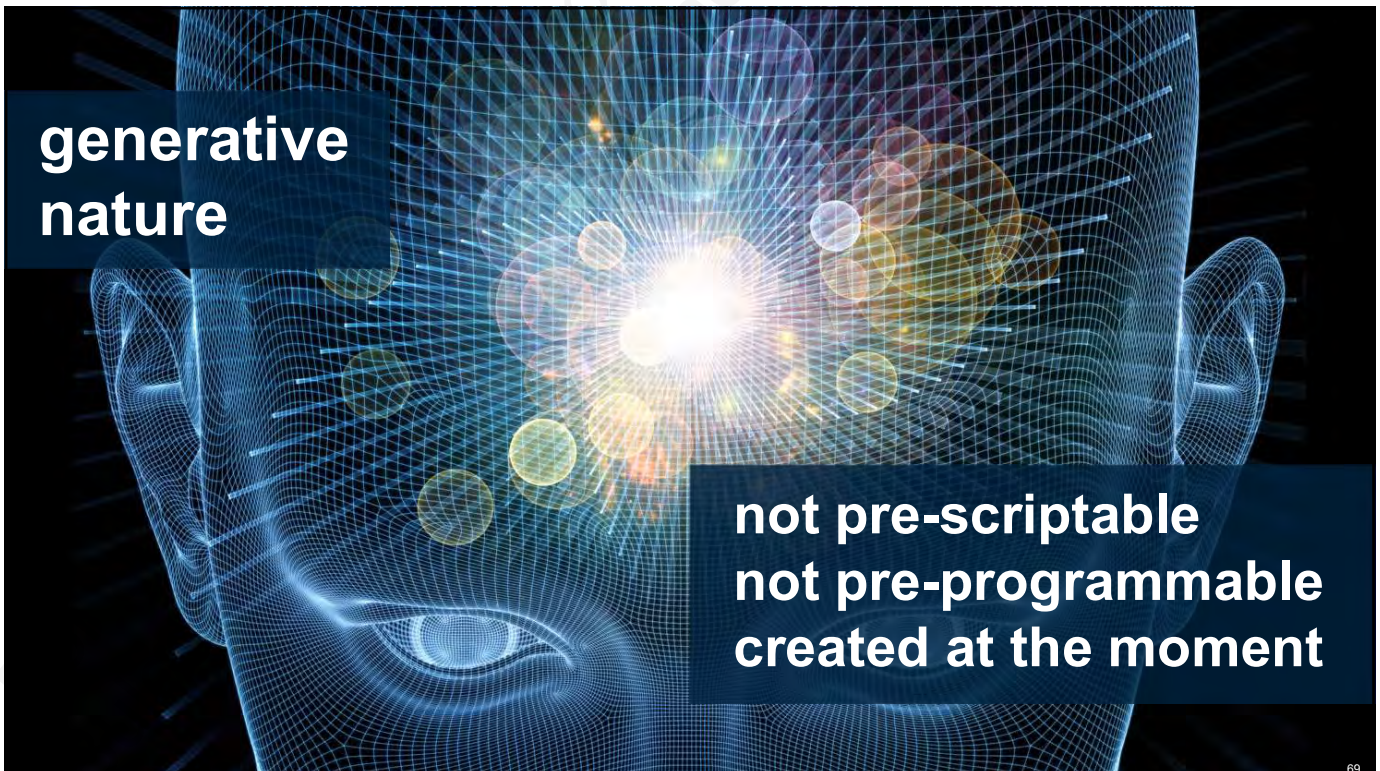
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## Good Use Cases

Github copilot/Codex

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**use case**

ask *any* natural language question  
→ SQL generation for a known DB schema

**prompt**

DB schema, data dictionary, column definitions, etc.

**example**

“what is the total margin lift for my French customers last quarter?”

SQL

€5.78M

**guardrail**

- read-only
- respect access permission

• POLICE LINE • DO NOT CROSS • POLICE LINE • DO NOT CROSS • POLICE LINE

should ALWAYS have some guardrails  
b/c so much is unknown with GenAI

**value/adoption**

- explain aggregated results
- human languages are imprecise
- step through calculations
- without trust there is no value

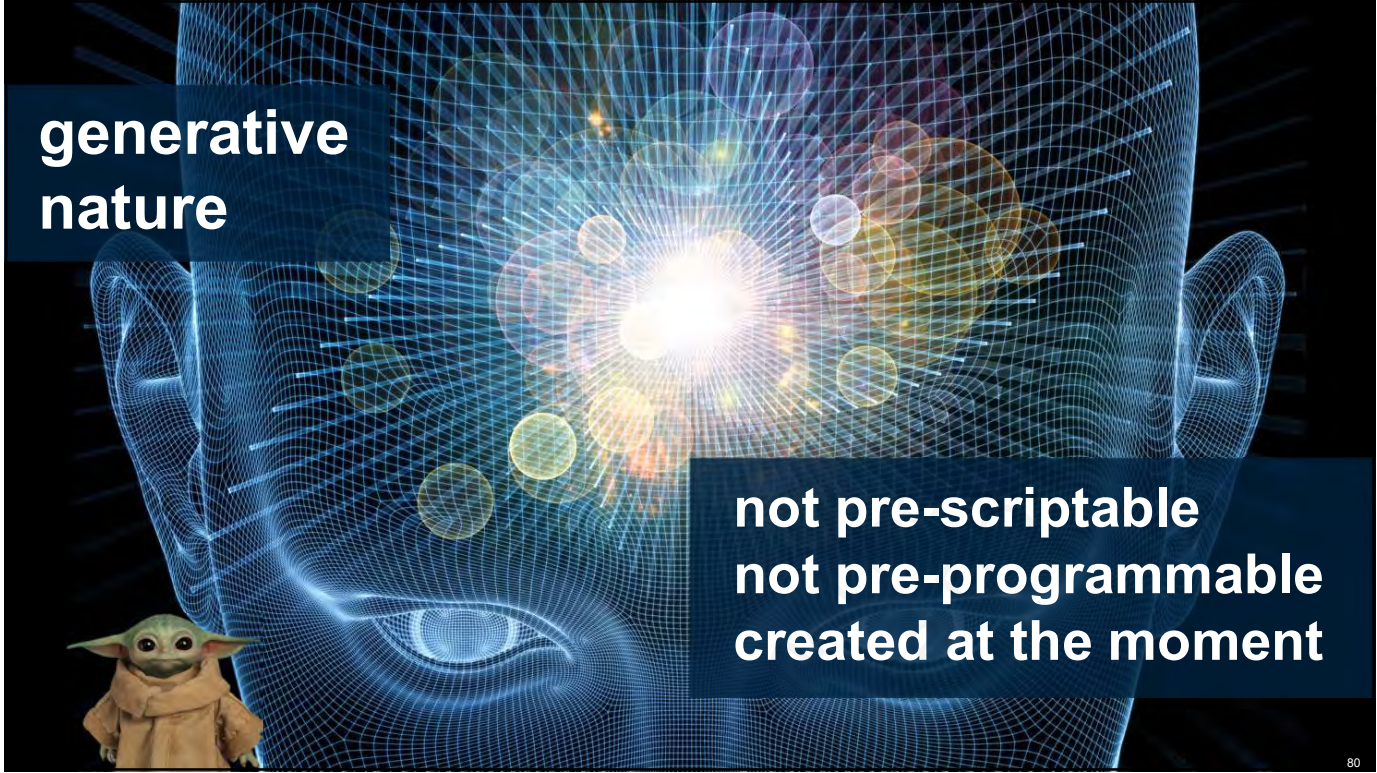
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# CHATGPT PLUGINS

## CODE INTERPRETER ADVANCED DATA ANALYSIS

if you can translate English to code,  
you can pretty much do anything

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**generative  
nature**

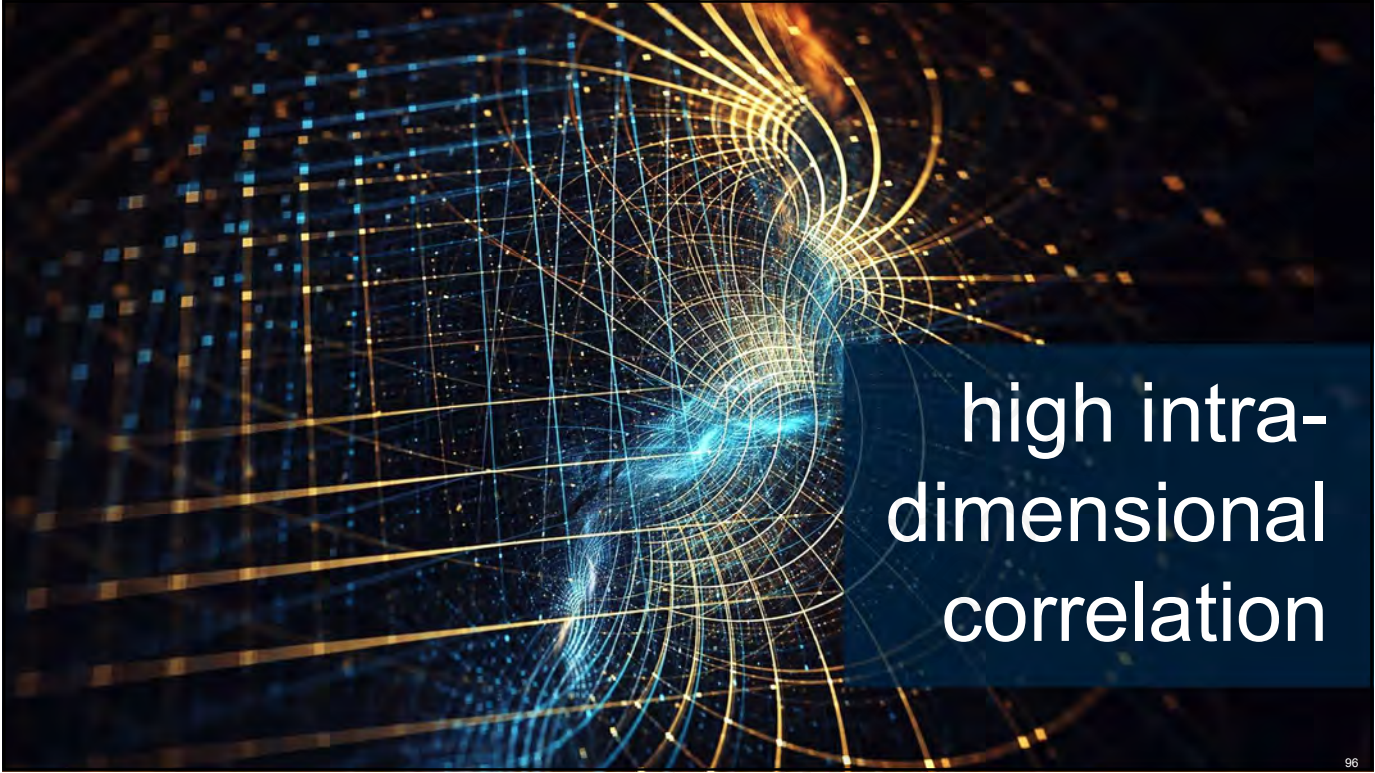
**not pre-scriptable  
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**why does it  
work so well?**

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high intra-  
dimensional  
correlation

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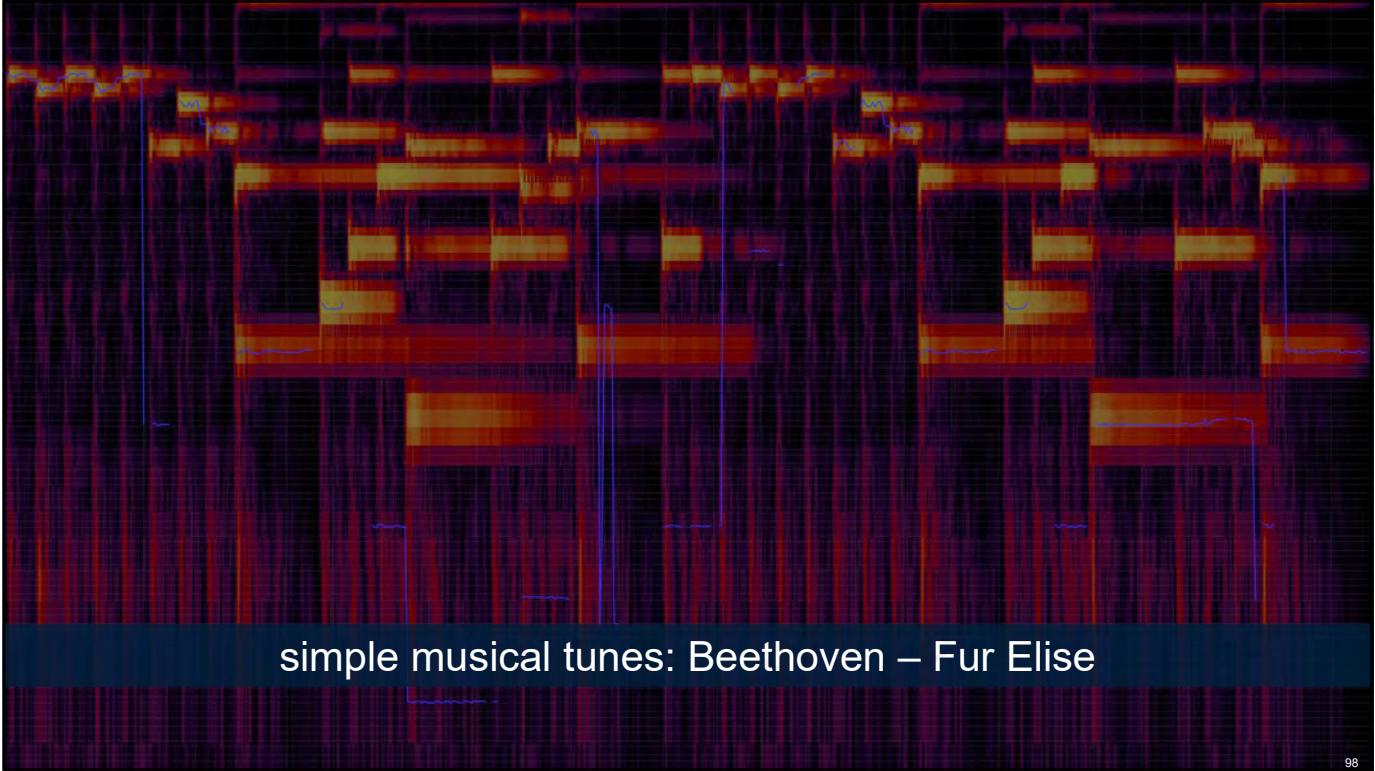
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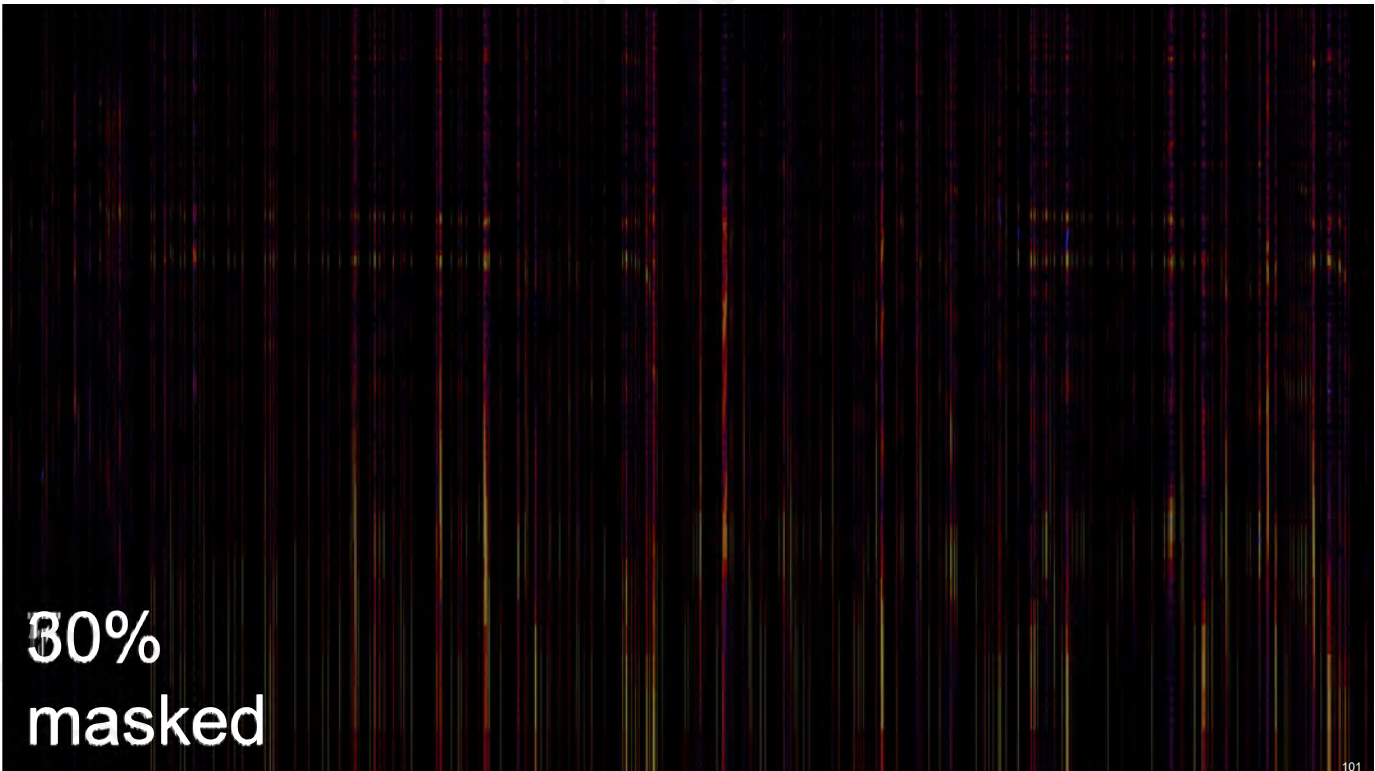
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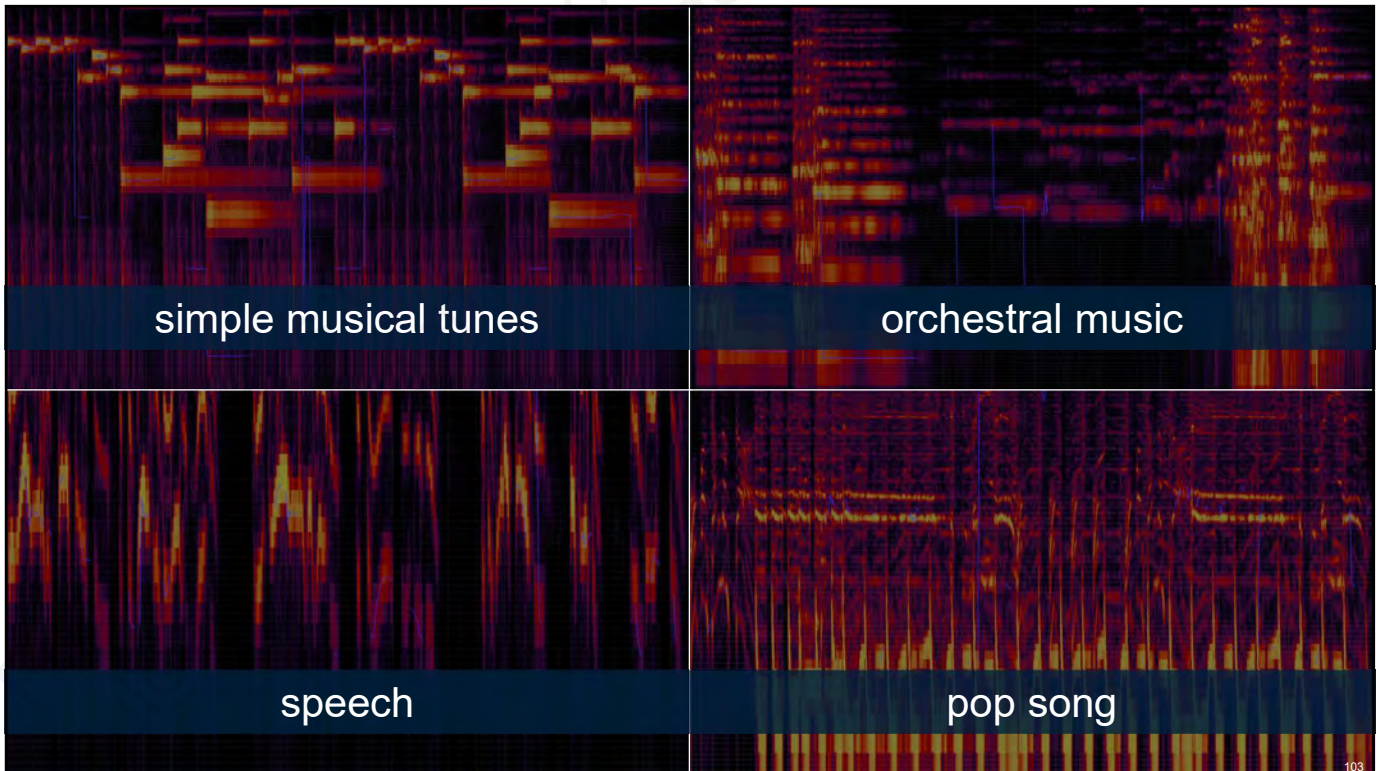
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# ChatGPT and Beyond

## 50<sup>th</sup> b-day poem from ChatGPT

Happy birthday, Dr. Michael Wu  
Today we celebrate all that you do  
Your wisdom and insight we hold so dear  
Your guidance and leadership, always so clear

In the field of revenue management  
You are a true expert and phenomenon  
Your knowledge and skills have paved the way  
For success and growth, day by day

Your dedication and hard work  
Are an inspiration, no need to lurk  
Your passion for learning and innovation  
Have brought us all great motivation

So on this special day, we honor you  
For all that you have accomplished, it's true  
We wish you joy, happiness, and health  
May your dreams and goals be realized with wealth

Happy birthday, Dr. Michael Wu  
We are grateful for all that you do  
May your year ahead be filled with delight  
And your future be forever bright



**Boris Eldagsen wins Sony World Photography Award**

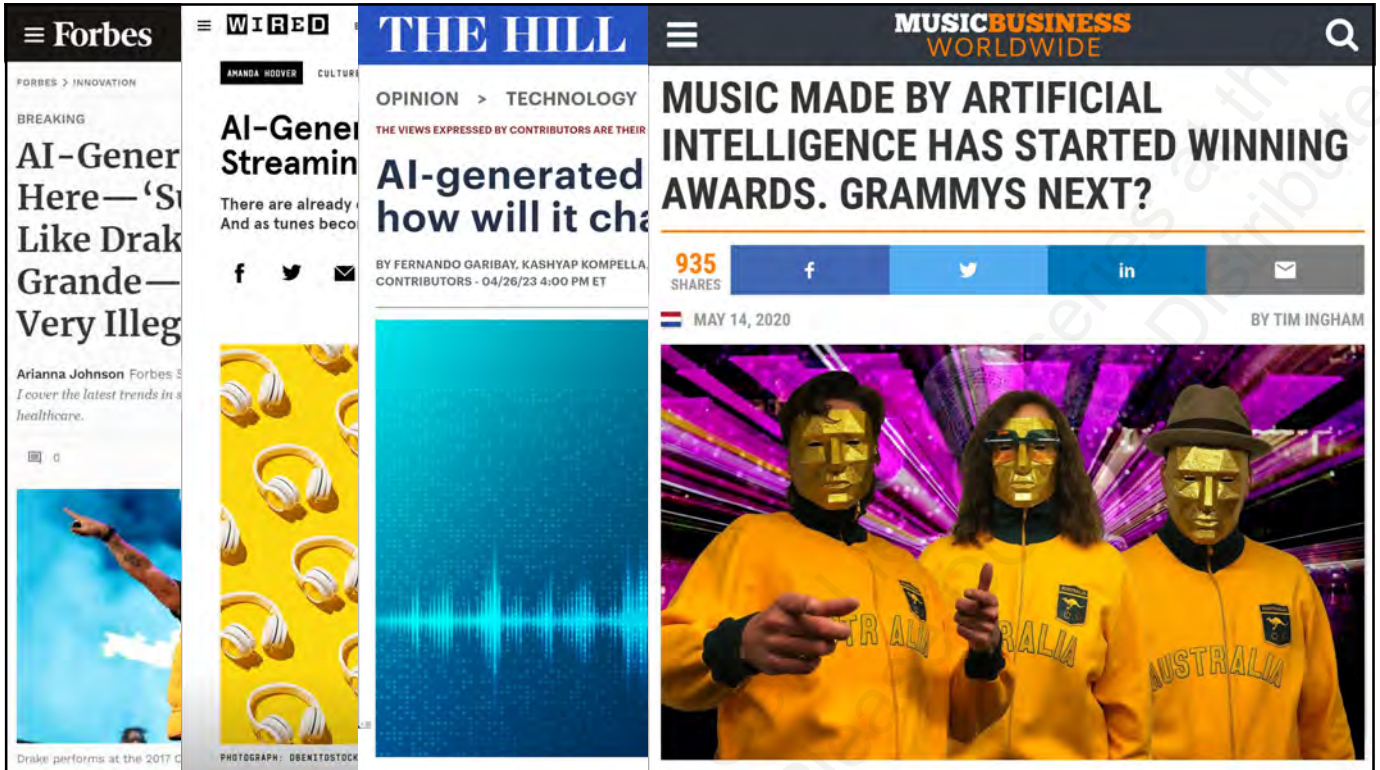


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## Jason Allen wins Colorado State Fair Digital Art Competition

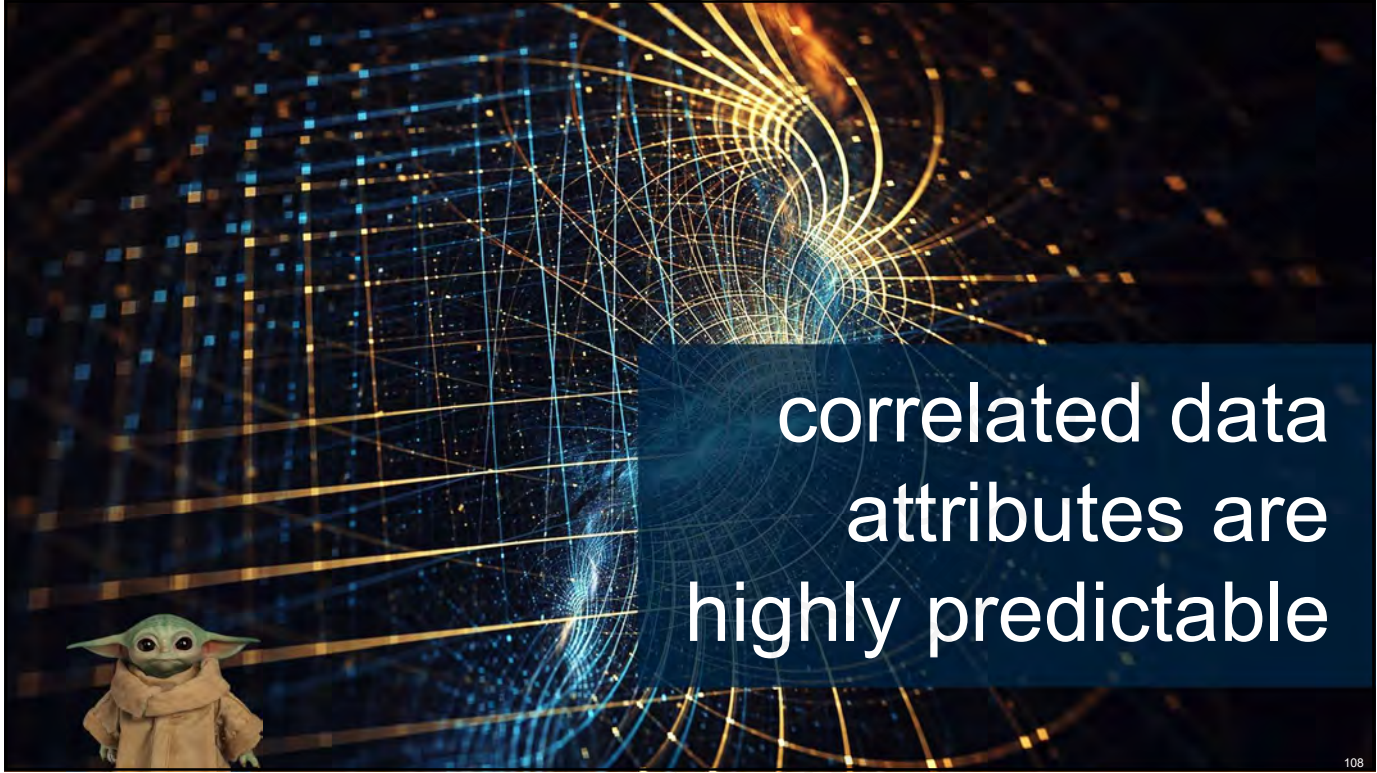




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**QUANTUM SIMPLEX**  
Perplexity in Plain Words

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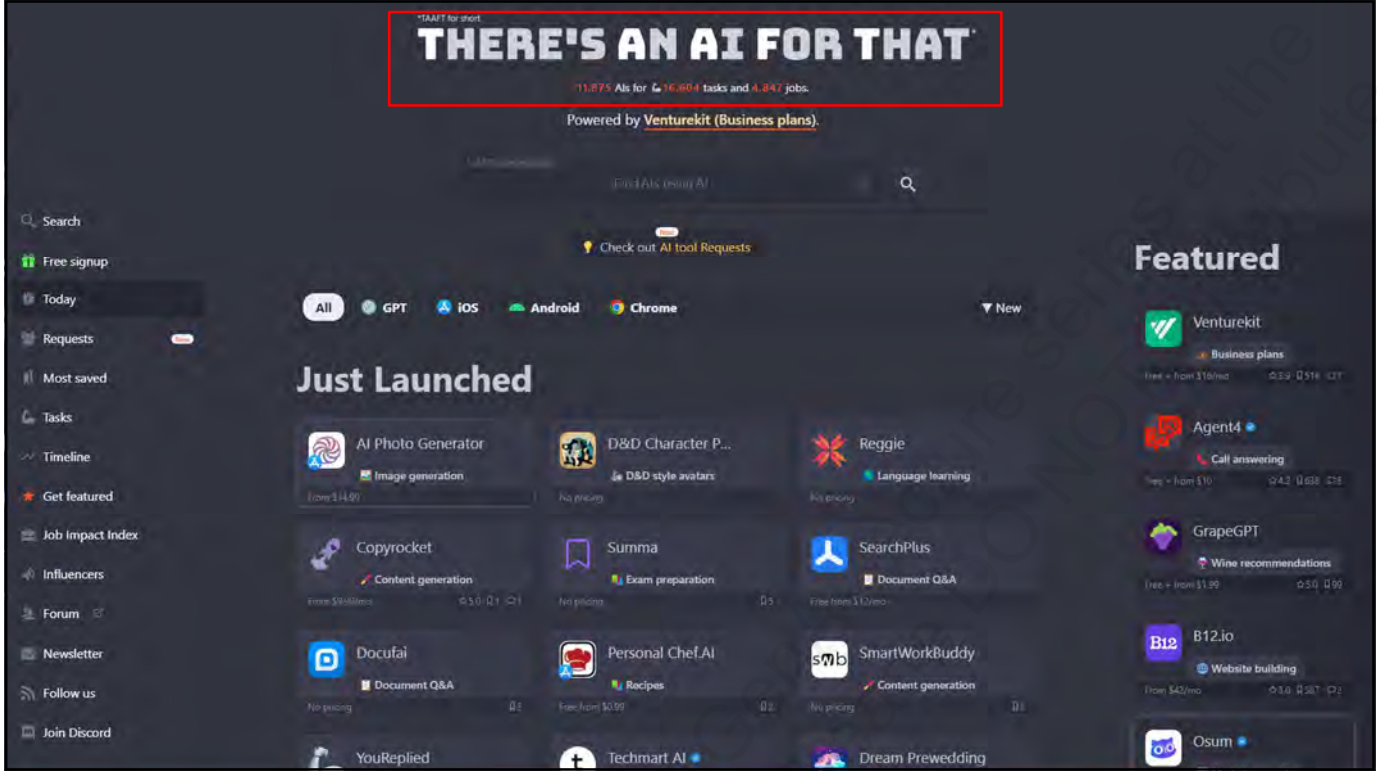
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**most mission-critical business decisions are made with the support of some sort of tabular data**

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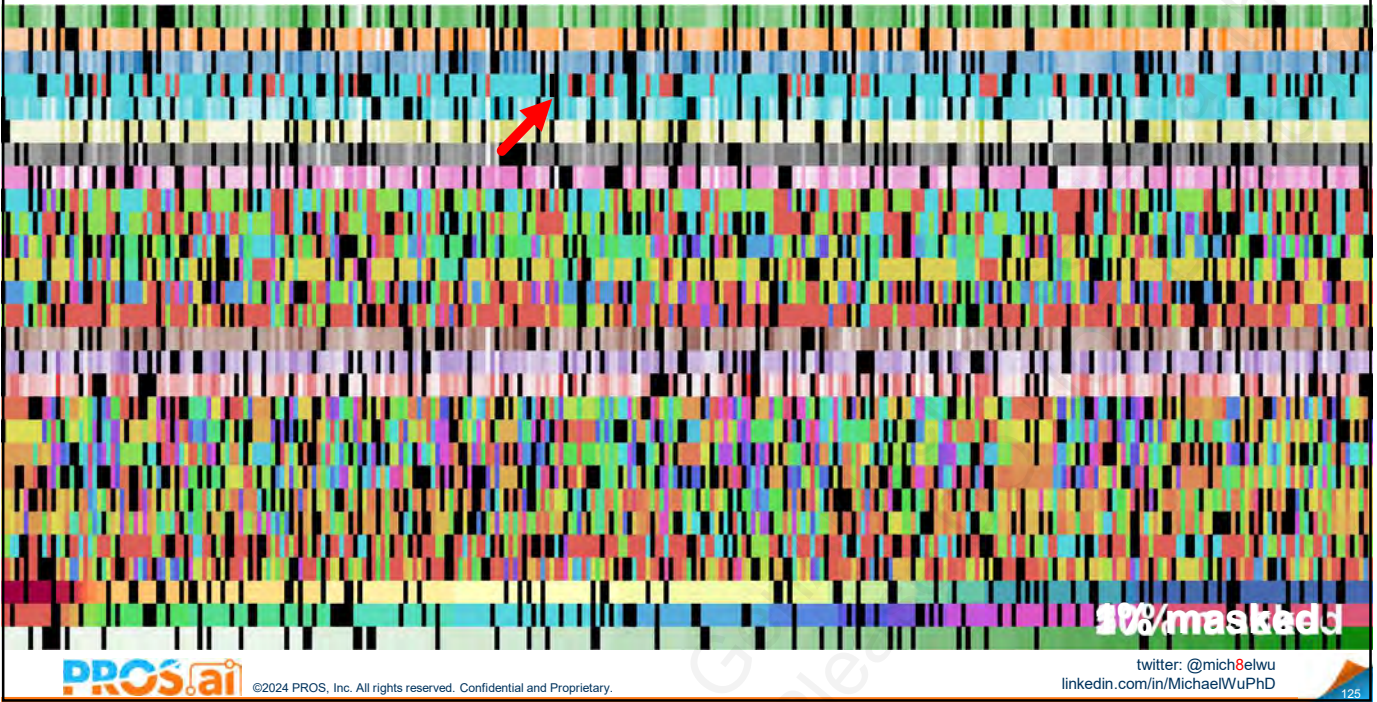
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***tabular data:***  
lower dimensionality  
lack of internal correlation

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## Properties of Tabular Data



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what does it take to drive profitable growth?



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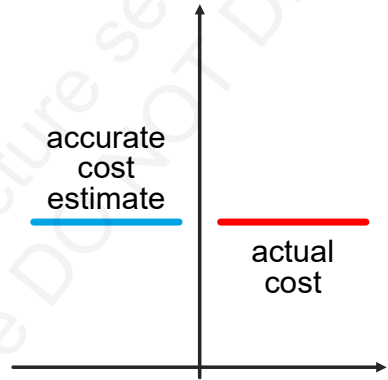
### What Does it Take to Drive Profitability?

# profit = revenue - cost

must have ability to manage both terms

**optimize revenue**

**estimate cost**



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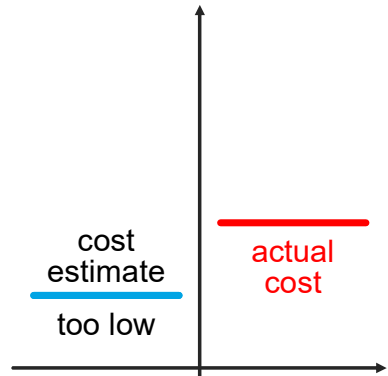
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- selling below the **actual cost**  
→ incur losses (negative margin)



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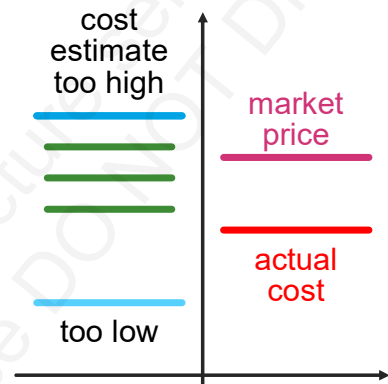
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### optimize revenue

- selling above **market price**  
→ loss of competitiveness
- turn down **deals** that could contribute positive margin  
→ loss of biz opportunities
- selling below the **actual cost**  
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### estimate cost



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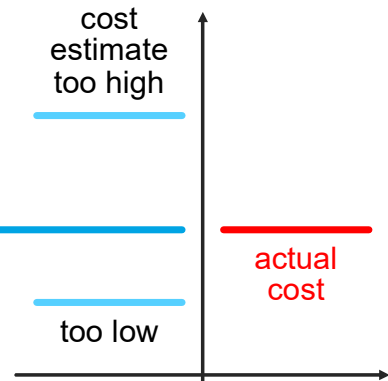
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### optimize revenue

- many products/services are not directly linked to production
- industry with supply constrained (e.g. travel, transport, logistics, utilities, perishables goods, etc.)
- selling above **market price**  
→ loss of competitiveness
- turn down **deals** that could contribute positive margin  
→ loss of biz opportunities

### estimate cost



material cost (cost of production) ≠ accurate cost estimate NOW

- selling below the **actual cost**  
→ incur losses (negative margin)



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### What Does it Take to Drive Profitability?

# profit = revenue - cost

must have ability to manage both terms

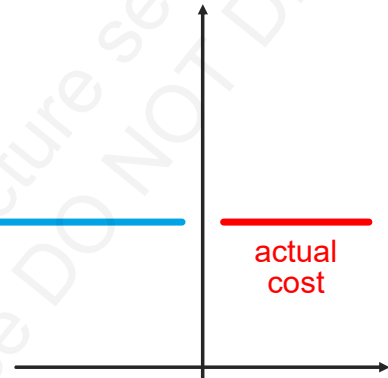
**optimize revenue**

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material cost (cost of production)  $\neq$  accurate cost estimate NOW = opportunity cost

- cost incur by selling NOW, because you can't sell it later (b/c supply is constrained)
- cost based on *current* market demand + biz environment



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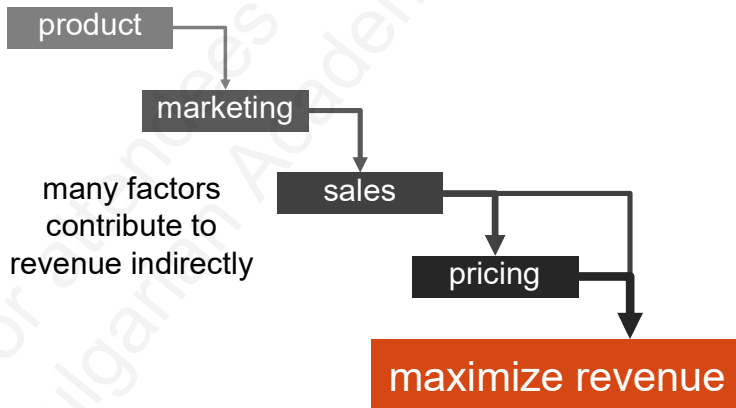
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- pricing = most direct driver for revenue
- 1% price change
  - ▶ 11% margin improvement
  - ▶ more impact than 1% change in anything else about the business
- best way to maximize revenue = **optimize price**



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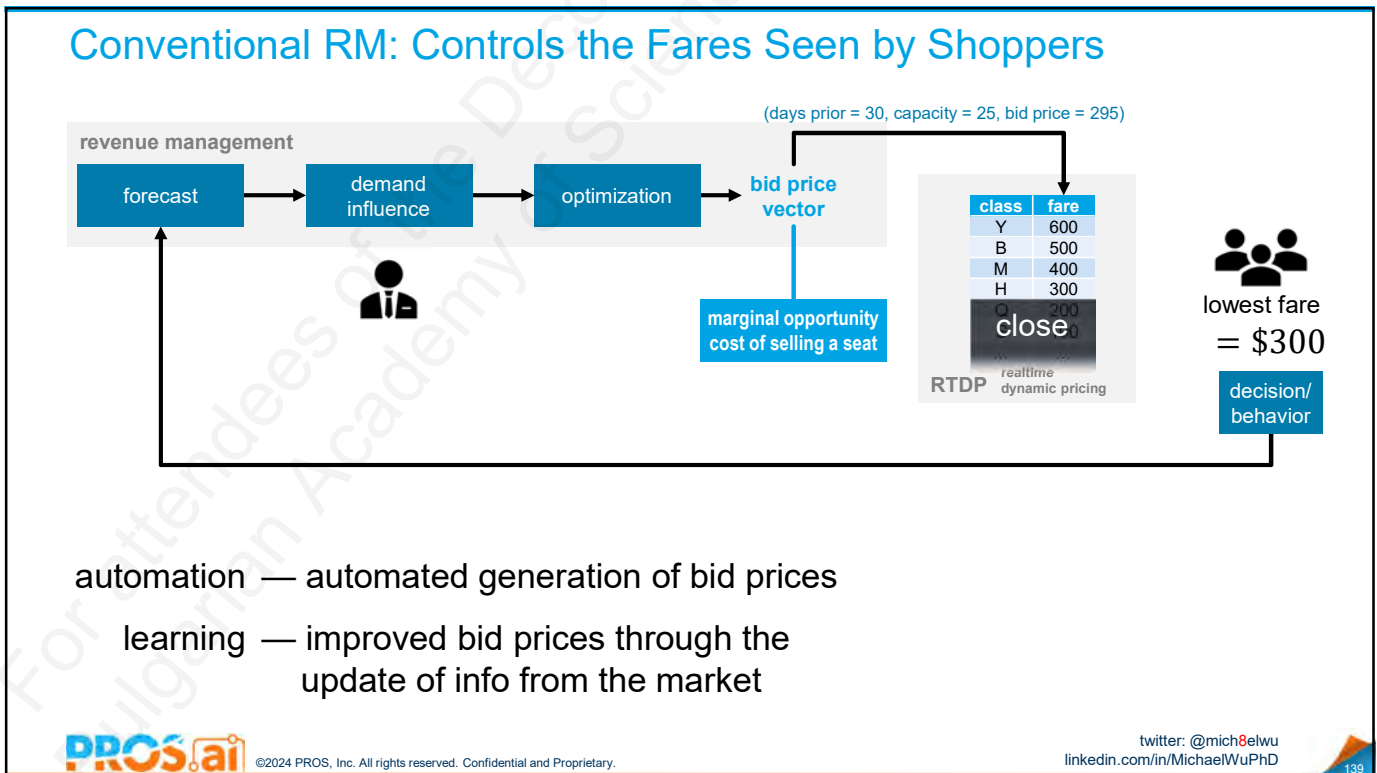
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## Definition of AI

**AI = machine mimicry of certain aspects of human behaviors with 2 important characteristics:**



### automation

the ability to automate decisions and/or subsequent actions



### learning

the ability to learn and improve its performance with usage



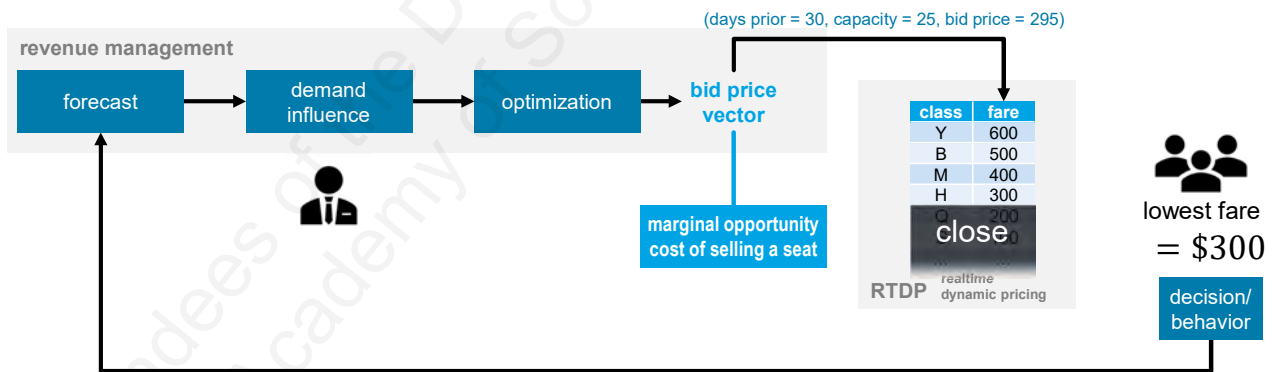
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## Conventional RM: Controls the Fares Seen by Shoppers



**automation** — automated generation of bid prices

**learning** — improved bid prices through the update of info from the market

AI



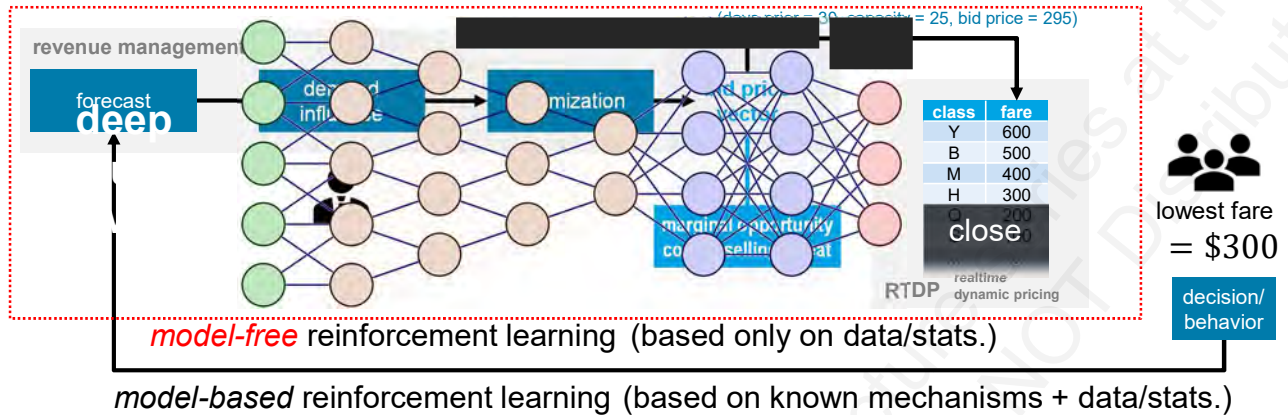
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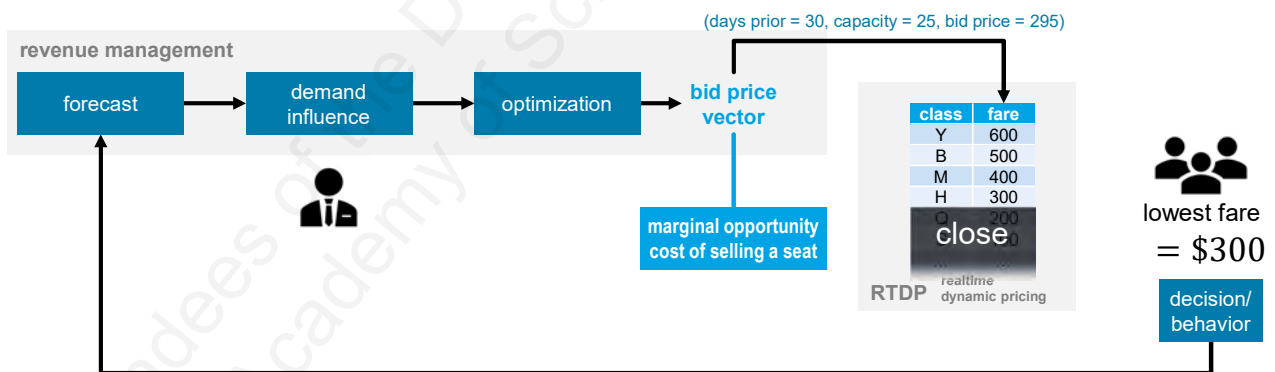


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*model-free* reinforcement learning (based only on data/stats.)

*model-based* reinforcement learning (based on known mechanisms + data/stats.)

**flexibility (generality)**

**transparency (interpretability)**  
**manipulability + control**  
**data efficiency**

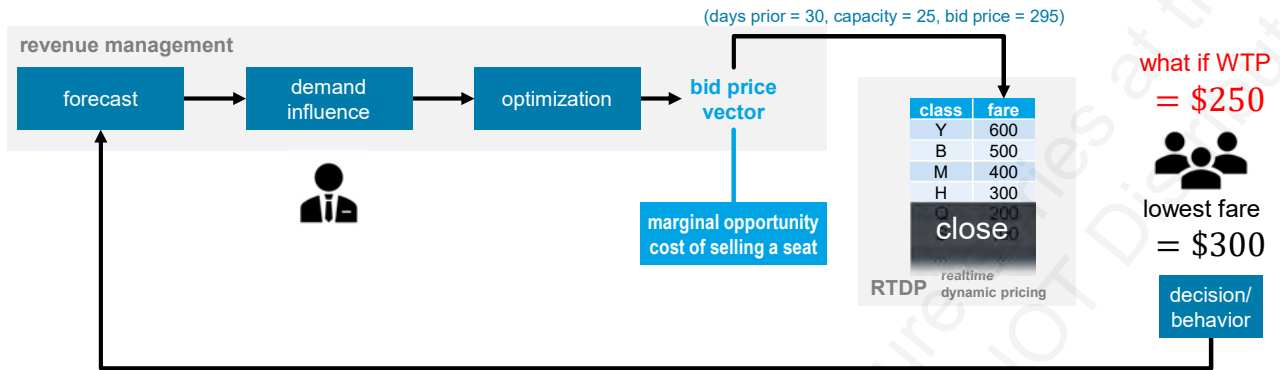


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you can't have the **right price** w/o considering customer's WTP



right time



right price



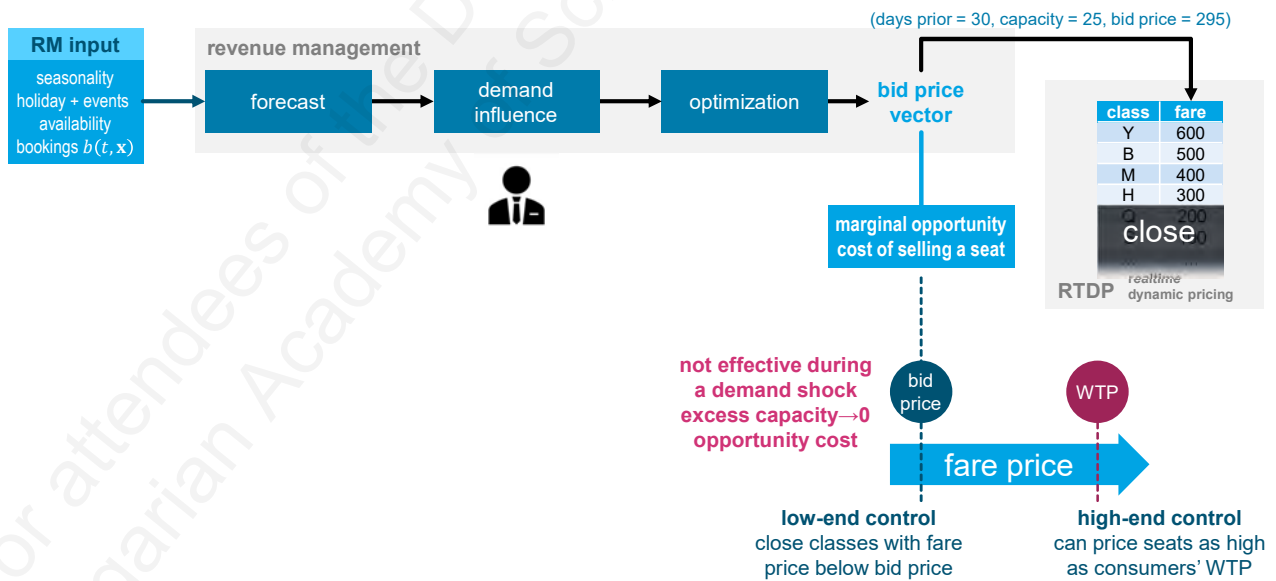
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## Conventional RM + WTP Info



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## Conventional RM + WTP Info

**RM input**

- seasonality
- holiday + events
- availability
- bookings  $b(t, \mathbf{x})$
- prices  $p(t, \mathbf{x})$

**revenue management**

forecast → demand influence → optimization → bid price vector

(days prior = 30, capacity = 25, bid price = 295)

**exponential demand response**

$b(t, \mathbf{x}) = \lambda e^{-p(t, \mathbf{x})/\alpha}$

revenue:  $R_{tot} = b[p(t, \mathbf{x})]p(t, \mathbf{x})$     cost = bid price

margin:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial p} M_{tot} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \exp\left(\frac{-p}{\alpha}\right) [p - c] = 0$

class	fare
Y	600
B	500
M	400
H	300
close	200

RTDP  
realtime dynamic pricing

**marginal opportunity cost of selling a seat**

bid price

WTP

**fare price**

**low-end control**  
close classes with fare price below bid price

**high-end control**  
can price seats as high as consumers' WTP

not effective during a demand shock  
excess capacity → 0 opportunity cost

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$\exp\left(\frac{-p}{\alpha}\right) \left[1 - \frac{[p - c]}{\alpha}\right] = 0$

$\alpha = [p - c]$

$p^* = c + \alpha$

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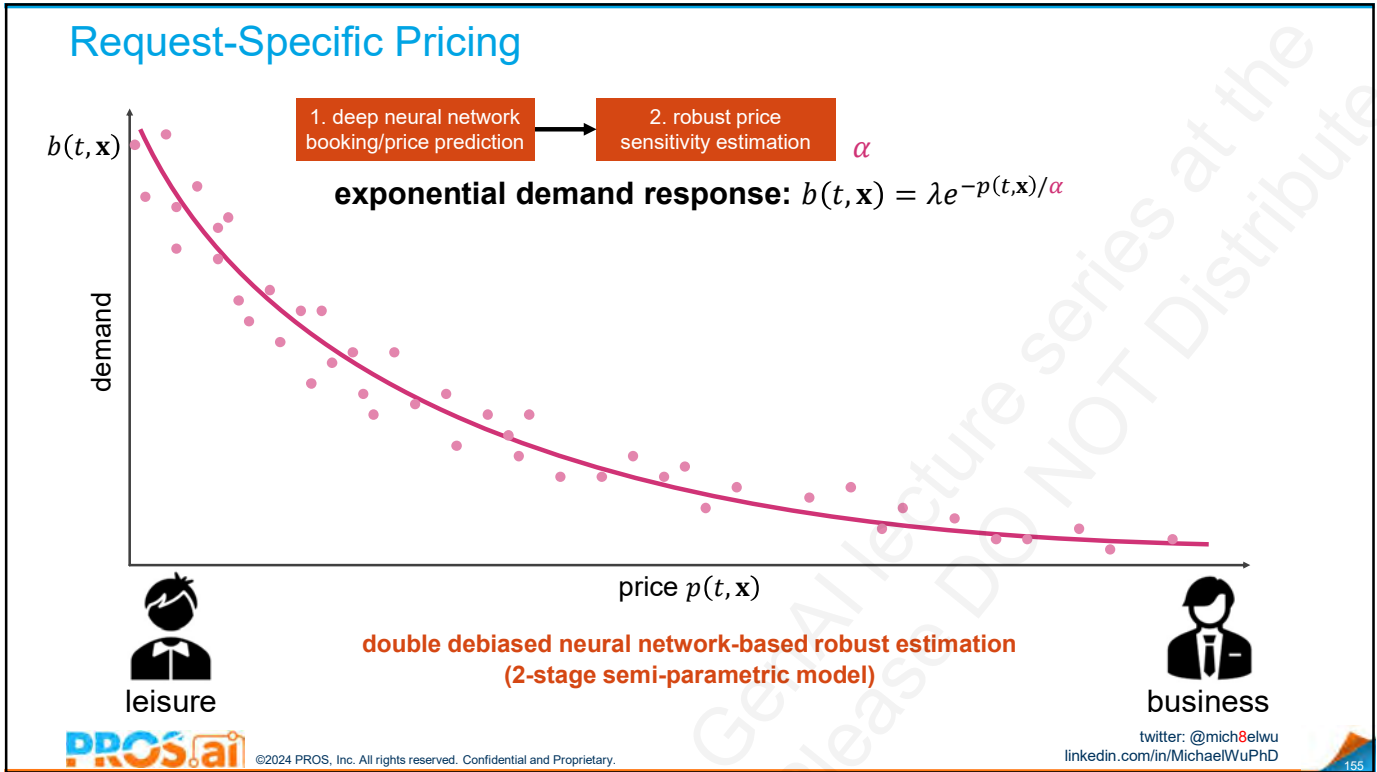
$c$      $p^*$

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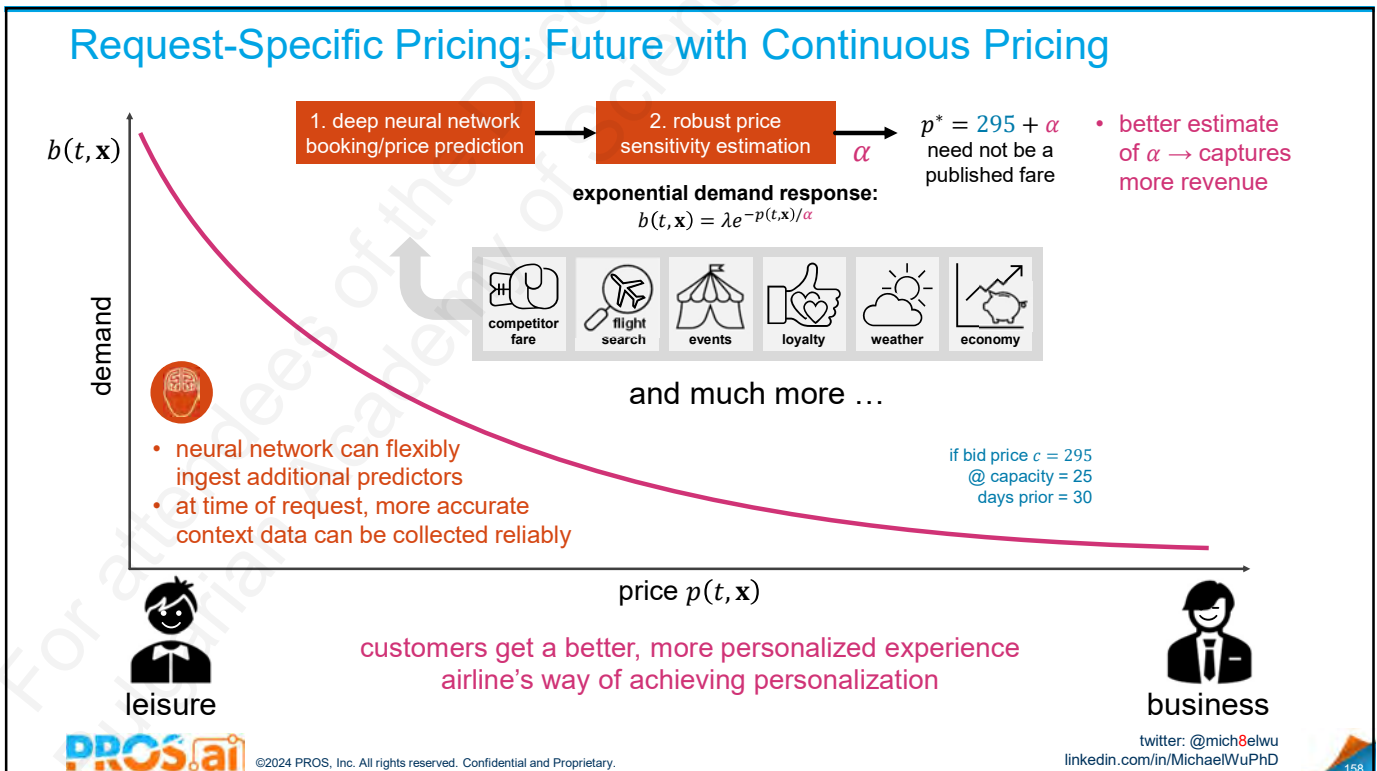
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airlines have a long history of estimating the opportunity cost of seats via their practice of *revenue management (RM)*

**forecast**

inspired an *RM solution* for B2B companies that have no experience in RM

**optimize**

**DiANNe**  
(capacity aware optimization)

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### DiANNe: Direct Adaptive Neural Network RM

**RM input**

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- holiday + events
- availability
- bookings

conventional RM

forecast

optimization

bid price vector

marginal opportunity cost of selling a seat

RTDP *realtime dynamic pricing*

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E	200
<b>close</b>	

(days prior = 30, capacity = 25, bid price = 295)

**forecasting is challenging**

- 1) demand volatility  
(e.g. cargo's late & lumpy demand arrival)
- 2) data unavailability  
(e.g. industries that don't have a RM practice)

<b>Direct</b>	gets bid prices <i>directly</i> from historical transactions (forecast free)
<b>Adaptive</b>	highly <i>adaptive</i> , robust to extreme demand shocks
<b>Neural Network</b>	uses deep <i>neural network</i> as the predictive model

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conventional RM

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RTDP realtime dynamic pricing

<b>Direct</b>	gets bid prices <i>directly</i> from historical transactions (forecast free)	no forecasting: lighter data requirement
<b>Adaptive</b>	highly <i>adaptive</i> , robust to extreme demand shocks	no optimization: lighter implementation + lower cost
<b>Neural Network</b>	uses deep <i>neural network</i> as the predictive model	flexible data sources, supports additional covariates

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<b>Asia air cargo carrier</b>		<b>EU air cargo carrier</b>	
<b>19%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>2.14%</b>	<b>3.07%</b>
bid price prediction <i>MSE</i> reduction	attainable <i>revenue</i> lift	bid price prediction <i>MSE</i> reduction	attainable <i>revenue</i> lift

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more accurate cost  
estimation through  
opportunity cost can drive

**3+%**

revenue lift



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has a long heritage in airline  
revenue management (RM)

**forecast**

**optimize**

inspired an *innovative,  
novel, next-gen B2B  
pricing algorithm*

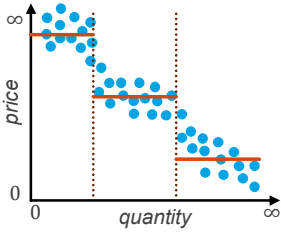
**wROXANNe**  
(Gen-IV pricing optimization)



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## wROXANNe: win-Rate Optimized eXplainable AI with Neural Network



- limits accuracy
- don't support continuous attributes
- limited cross-segment knowledge sharing
- data sparsity



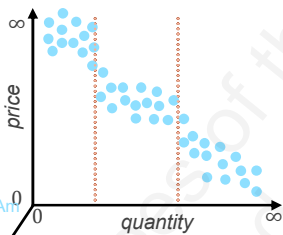
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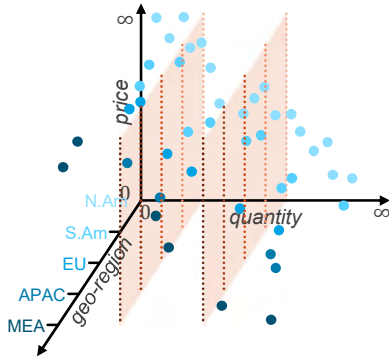
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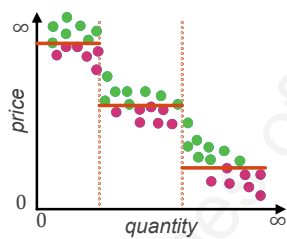
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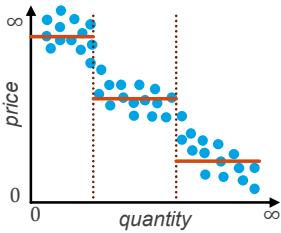
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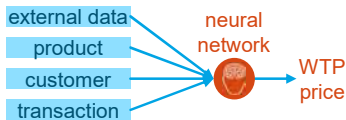
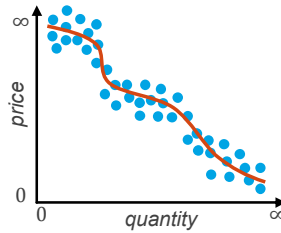


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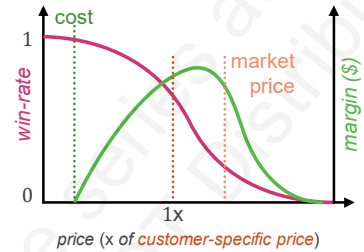
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## forecast



- improve accuracy
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- allow external predictors

## optimize



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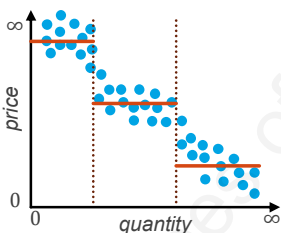
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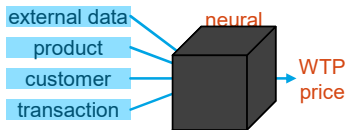
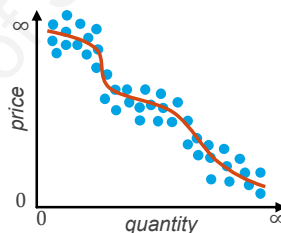


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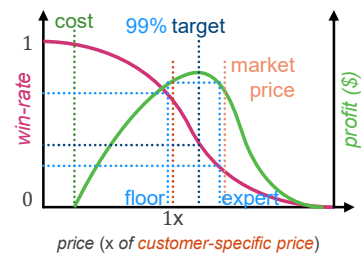
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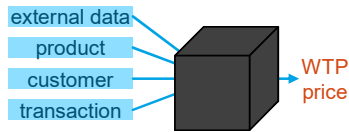
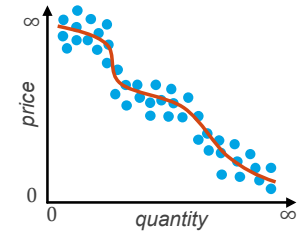
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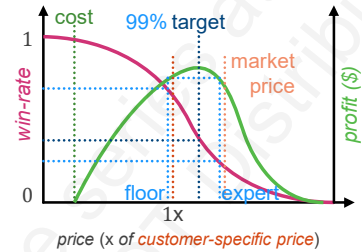
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### eXplainable AI

feature importance via Shapley value

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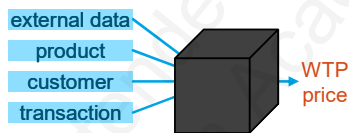
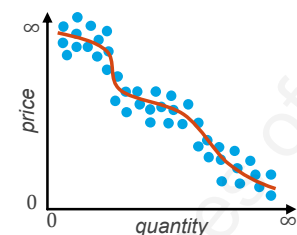
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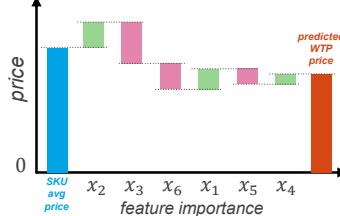
feature importance via Shapley value

given all feature set  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$

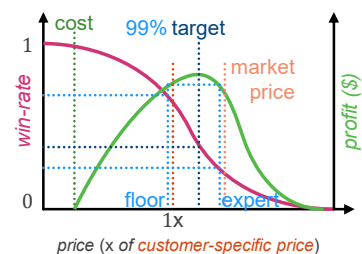
$\phi_i(x)$  = average marginal contribution of feature  $x_i$  over all permutation feature subsets

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{S \subseteq X \setminus \{x_i\}} \binom{N-1}{|S|}^{-1} [f(x_{S \cup \{x_i\}}) - f(x_S)]$$

price prediction waterfall



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price vs quantity

external data

- product
- customer
- transaction

neural

WTP price

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#### eXplainable AI

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price prediction waterfall

price vs feature importance

comps (comparable transactions) via k-nearest neighbors

### optimize

win-rate vs price (x of customer-specific price)

profit (\$)

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## US food manufacturer

**22%**

price prediction  
RMSE reduction

**4.5%**

attainable  
revenue lift

## EU-based global materials distributor

**~50%**

price prediction  
RMSE reduction

**11%**

attainable  
margin lift

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**optimize revenue**

**estimate cost**

more accurate willingness-to-pay prediction using neural networks can drive

more accurate cost estimation through opportunity cost can drive

## 4+%

revenue lift

## 3+%

revenue lift



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revenue lift

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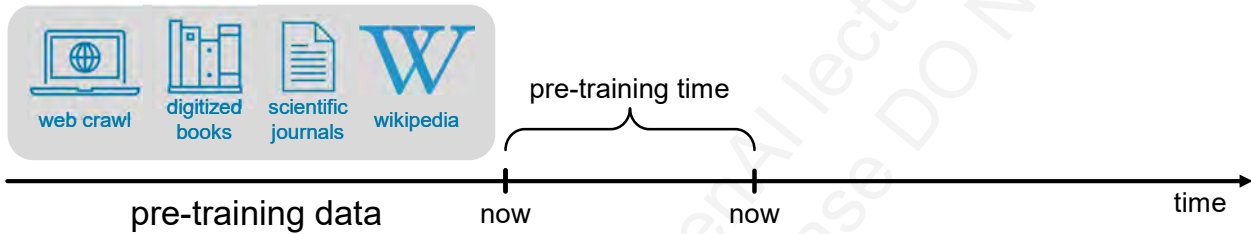
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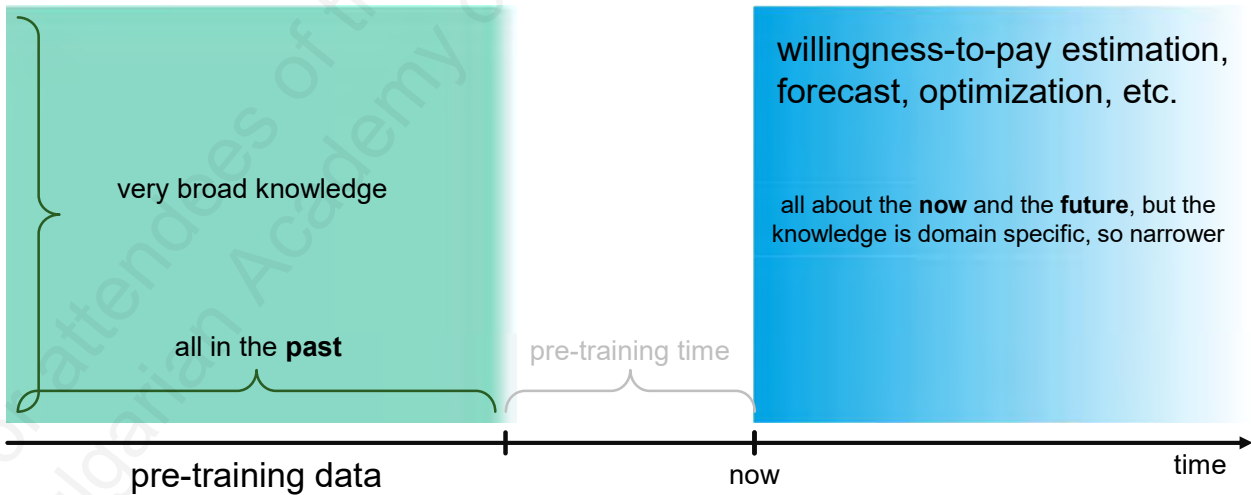
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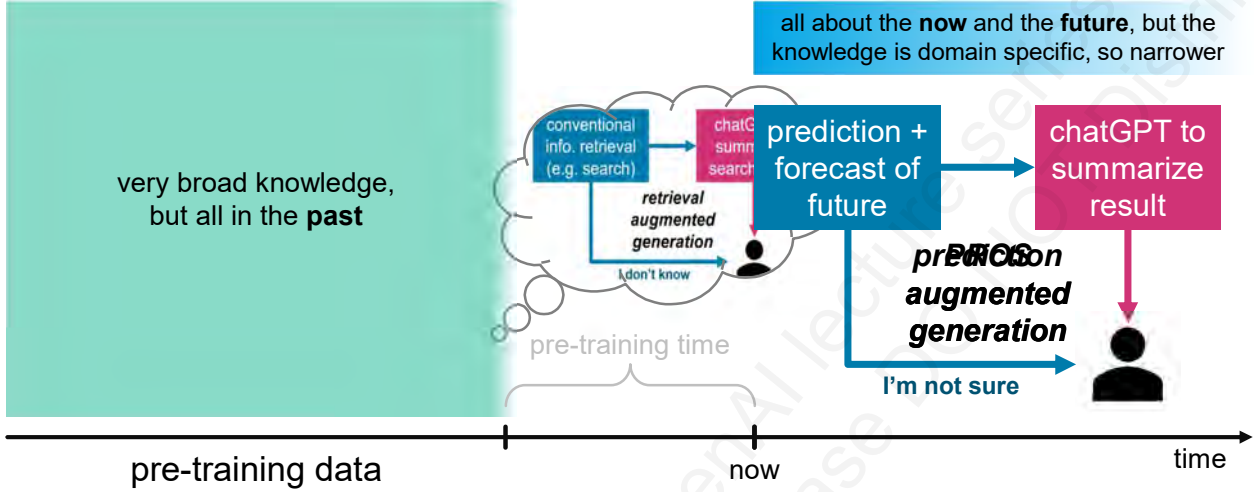
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