



How generative IA will disrupt e-commerce

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Agenda

- GenAl and LLM: very brief introduction
- 6 use cases and demos
 - Content creation
 - **Product Information Management**
 - Online recommendations
 - Chatbots
 - Augmented experiences with GAN's
 - Avatars x deepfakes
- Final thoughts and conclusion







Brief introduction on genAl

GenAl in business



- Shadow GPT widespread
- 71% know about generative Als
- 44% use in personal and pro settings.
- 68% of users have no approval from their supervisor.
- 50% of U.S. companies say they are updating their internal policies



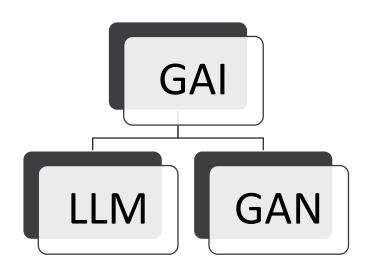
GenAl in Belgium

To replace graphic designers with Al, clients will need to accurately describe what they want.

We're safe.

- Field research ongoing by IntoTheMinds
- Ca. 25 types of use cases detected
- Mostly experiments
- Poor knowledge of tools and possibilities (beyond ChatGPT)
- Firms have a lot of difficulties identifying the added-value use cases
- 99% of firms have no plans to use genAl in their business activities
- Most companies think they are safe → VERY
 WRONG





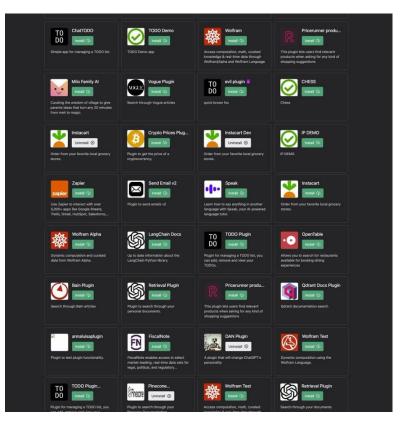
- Generative AI (GAI): early 2000's
- Generative Adversarial Network (GAN):
 2014
- Large Language Models (LLM) > 2015





- GAN are designed to hallucinate (but not only → ViTon-GAN's)
- Useful for retailers to get new product ideas
 → see experiment Louis Vuitton on my blog





- ChatGPT = most famous interface to a LLM
- Plugins released in May '23 → very new and still in discovery phase (don't jump to conclusions!)
- Plugins can interface GPT4.0 (newest model) with specific fresh data
- <u>I</u> think <u>some</u> plugins show disruptive pattern (most plugins have low added value)







Use Case 1 Content creation

Content creation



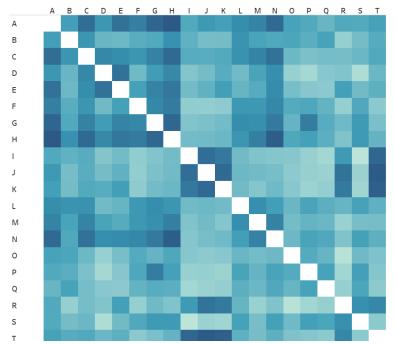
- Probably the most widespread use case
- 50% of use cases observed in Belgium are about blog article creation
- The internet is about to become a giant junkyard
- Beware of impact on SEO
 - 100% Al generated content is very uninteresting
- Ranking penalties do apply



We asked ChatGPT to write 20 sets of texts (A, B, T) on different topics. For each set, we generated the response 50 times. We compared the average similarity between each set. The average similarity is 65.44%. The minimum is 59.92% and the maximum is 72.26%.

Similarity

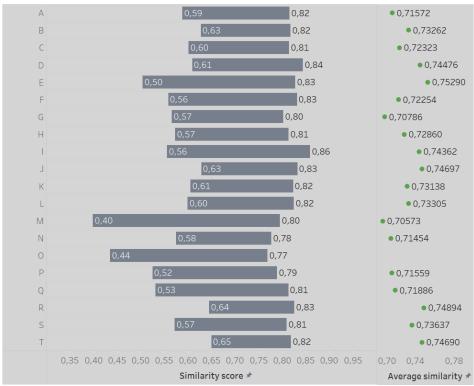
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- LLM's designed to predict the next word
- Problem: content can be very similar (see my empirical results : up to 72% similarity)
- LLM's can hallucinate but not designed to
- Caution: autoregressive LLM's may be doomed (Y. LeCun talk, 25 May '23, Northwestern University) → errors increase exponentially
- How particular LLM's work largely unknown
 → explainability issue common to all DL models



Spreading Similarity Scores: Analyzing 50 Responses from ChatGPT to 20 Questions







Unpopular Opinion about AR-LLMs

- Auto-Regressive LLMs are doomed.
- They cannot be made factual, non-toxic, etc.
- They are not controllable
- Probability e that any produced token takes us outside of the set of correct answers
- Probability that answer of length n is correct:
 - ightharpoonup P(correct) = $(1-e)^n$
- This diverges exponentially.
- It's not fixable (without a major redesign).



Tree of "correct" Tree of all possible answers \ token sequences





Use Case 2 Product Information Management

Product Information Management



- GenAl = huge opportunity to improve product description
- Most product description on e-shops are poor at best
- ChatGPT can be used to generate compelling product descriptions
- ChatGPT plugins can be leveraged to create product description from :
 - Technical information (composition)
- Picture of the product
- Huge opportunity for second-hand websites



LLM's can produce descriptions

Product information



Eco-score

The Eco-score indicates the environmental footprint of a food product.

Consult the calculation

Product Description

Description

 Region: Puglia Grapes: 100% Primitivo dried on the vine, under the sun and the sea breeze Charming, round and intense wine

More product information

Allergens

Warning, contains





Masso Antico Primitivo Appassito

Origine: Découvrez les saveurs authentiques des Pouilles, une région italienne renommée pour ses vins exceptionnels.

Caractéristiques: Ce vin est élaboré à partir de raisins 100% Primitivo, séchés naturellement sur la vigne sous le soleil méditerranéen et les brises marines.

Goût: Un vin rond et intense, reflétant parfaitement le terroir des Pouilles.

Éco-score: Faites un choix respectueux de l'environnement grâce à notre Eco-score transparent.

Avis Clients:

- Note Globale: 4.1/5 basé sur 33,496 évaluations.
- Commentaires: Les amateurs de vin apprécient sa grande concentration et sa douceur impressionnante. Il est souvent décrit comme un vin que tout le monde appréciera. De plus, il a été mis en vedette parmi les 25 meilleurs vins Primitivo du sud de l'Italie en Californie pour le millésime 2020.

Allergènes: Contient des sulfites.



G Regenerate

LLM's can produce descriptions

YAOURT SUCRÉ, AUX FRUITS

INGRÉDIENTS / Yaourt (Lait écrémé à base de poudre de lait - Lait écrémé - Crème - Poudre de lait écrémé - Ferments lactiques) - Fruits : Pêche 11.3% ou Abricot 11.1% ou Fraise 10.8% ou Cerise 10.7% ou Ananas 10.6% ou Mûre 10% - Sucre 8.9% - Jus de carotte - Amidon citrique - Arômes naturels. Lait d'origine France. Sans gluten.

*Sans colorant : la couleur est apportée par des jus de fruits ou de légumes.

Malgré tout le soin apporté à la sélection des fruits, ce produit peut contenir des noyaux ou morceaux de noyaux de cerise.

GESUIKERDE YOGHURT MET VRUCHTEN

INGREDIËNTEN Yoghurt (Afgeroomde melk op basis van melkpoeder - Afgeroomde melk - Room - Afgeroomde melkpoeder - Melkfermenten) - Vruchten: Perzik 11.3% of Abrikoos 11.1% of Aardbei 10.8% of Kers 10.7% of Ananas 10.6% of Braambes 10% - Suiker 8.9% - Wortelsap - Getransformeerd maïszetmeel - Pompoensap - Verdikkingsmiddel: Carrageen - Zuurteregelaars: Kaliumcitraten, Natriumcitraten, Citroenzuur - Natuurlijke aroma's. Glutenvrije.

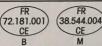
*Zonder kleurstof: de smaken worden gekleurd met sap van fruit of groenten.

Ondanks onze zorgvuldige selectie van fruit kan dit product kersenpitten of stukjes van kersenpitten bevatten.

**POUR LA BELGIQUE : CONSERVATION ENTRE 0°C ET +7°C MAX. VOOR BELGIË: KOEL BEWAREN TUSSEN 0°C EN MAX +7°C.



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La lettre identifiant l'établissement qui a conditionné le produit figure à côté de la date limite de consommation.

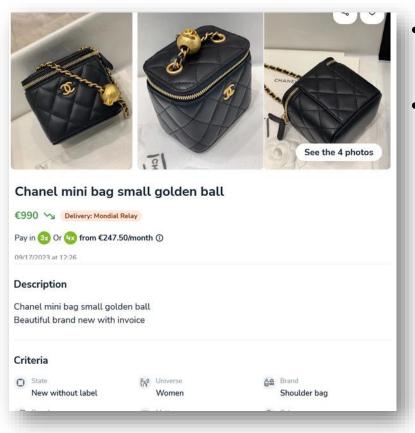
Het teken waaruit de productie-eenheid kan afgeleid worden, bevindt zich naast de verbruiksdatum.

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www.yoplait.be



Product Information Management



- UGC content on second-hand websites usually very poor
- GenAl can be built in to improve product descriptions
- More attractive for prospective buyers
- Better for SEO



Product description based on a picture

Chanel Mini Golden Ball Bag - Timeless Elegance

Get your hands on this stunning Chanel Mini Golden Ball Bag, a true treasure of elegance and sophistication. Crafted with the attention to detail that characterizes the Chanel house, this bag is designed for women who value luxury and uniqueness.

Features:

- * Material: High-quality leather with a shimmering golden finish.
- * Design: Mini ball shape, perfect for evenings or special events.
- Closure: Secure closure system with the iconic Chanel logo.
- Interior: Ample space for your essentials: phone, lipstick, keys, and more.
- Chain: Delicate golden chain, allowing the bag to be worn on the shoulder or crossbody.

Condition: In excellent condition, with slight signs of wear consistent with normal use. No notable scratches or discoloration. The interior is clean and well-maintained.

This bag is a rare and sought-after piece, ideal to complete your collection or to gift. It comes with its authenticity certificate and original box.

Don't miss this opportunity to own a piece of fashion history. Buy it now and turn heads every time you step out!



- ChatGPT coupled with plugins
 SceneXplain + WebPilot
- Image analysis + prompt to produce description

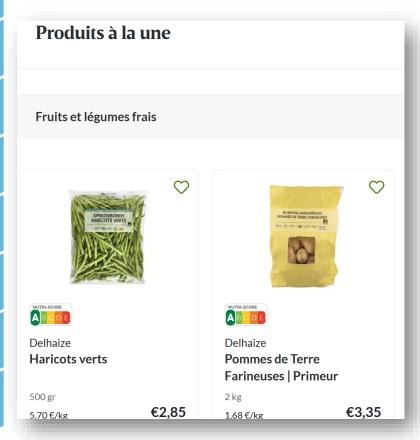






Use Case 3 Recommendations

Online recommendations



- Very efficient tool to increase online sales
- ML models (e.g. collaborative filtering)
- May contain business rules
- Expensive IT infrastructure + skills
- Famous reco engines : Amazon, Netflix,Spotify, ...



LLM's can produce recommendations



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Netflix algorithms vs. GPT4. I know I am shooting myself in the foot here a bit, but I am getting much better Netflix recommendations from GPT4 than from Netflix. As a bonus, I can ask any question I want about the shows before watching them. Yeah, I know the catalog is not updated, but that is very easy to solve of course.



◆ GPT-3.5

ChatGPT PLUS



Use Case 3

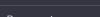
LLM's can produce recommendations



voici la liste des produits qui sont le plus souvent dans ma liste de courses. Que pourrais-tu me recommander comme produit additionnel :

- boisson au soja Alpro
- pick up au chocolat noir
- pesto rouge Bertoli
- tomates concassées bio en boîte
- double concentré de tomates Elvea
- soya crène light Alpro cuisine
- beurre de baratte bio
- lait demi-écrémé bio
- ricotta galbani
- chocolat en poudre bio
- eau plate en bouteille de 5 litres
- eau déminéralisée en bouteille d'1 litre
- bananes fairtrade bio
- tomates cerises bio
- roquette bio en sachet de 100 grammes
- pistaches grillées en sachet de 250 grammes
- myrtilles en barquette de 600 grammes
- riz façon méditerranéenne Uncle Ben's
- lait de coco
- pâte de curry rouge

S Regenerate response





Voici quelques recommandations de produits additionnels qui pourraient compléter votre liste de courses :

- 1. Pain complet bio : Idéal pour accompagner votre pesto rouge Bertoli et votre boisson au soja Alpro.
- 2. Avocats : Ajoutez une touche crémeuse à vos salades ou préparez des guacamoles savoureux.
- 3. Fromage de chèvre : Parfait pour agrémenter vos salades, pâtes ou tartines.
- 4. Yaourt grec : Un en-cas sain et riche en protéines.
- 5. Quinoa: Un substitut nutritif et polyvalent au riz.
- 6. Huile d'olive extra vierge : Ajoutez une saveur méditerranéenne à vos plats.
- 7. Ciboulette fraîche: Une herbe aromatique qui se marie bien avec de nombreux plats.
- 8. Jus d'orange pressé frais : Une boisson rafraîchissante et pleine de vitamine C.
- 9. Saumon fumé: Un ajout délicieux à vos salades ou comme garniture pour vos toasts.
- 10. Miel bio : Utilisez-le comme édulcorant naturel ou pour sucrer vos boissons chaudes.

J'espère que ces suggestions vous seront utiles lors de votre prochaine liste de courses!







Use Case 4 Chatbot

Chatbot for recipes



- Recipes are a good solution to
- lack of ideas
- Increase sales (cross-selling)

But

- Overconsumption (personal inventory not taken into account, no portioning → Hello Fresh)
- Not personalized (retailer decides for me)

Convenient but lack of control



Recipes: a complex market



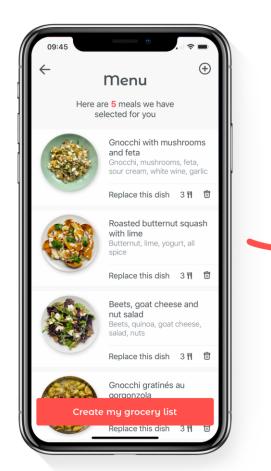
Different stages:

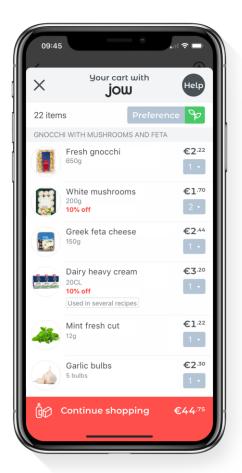
- No recipes
- In-retailer-app (Colruyt, Delhaize, ...)
- out-of-retailer-app (Jow)

Alternative models: Hello Fresh



Jow

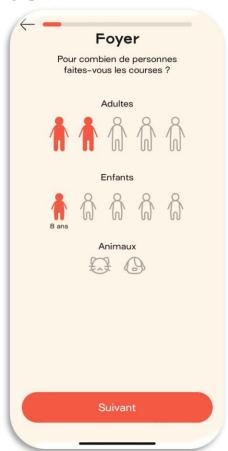






Jow

Use Case 4

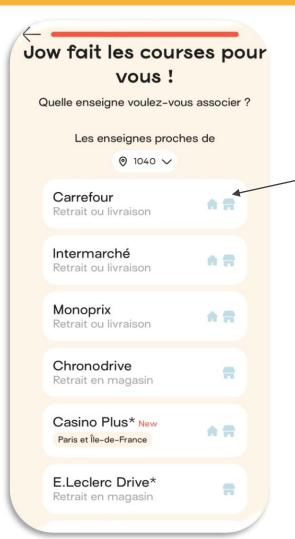








Jow



So clever!
Jow owns the relationship and the data (retailer bypassed)



Recipes x Generative Al



- Consumer back in control
- Variations possible (less of this, more of that, "I already have ...")
 - Carrefour's bot Hopla is the first attempt on the market



ChatGPT PLUS

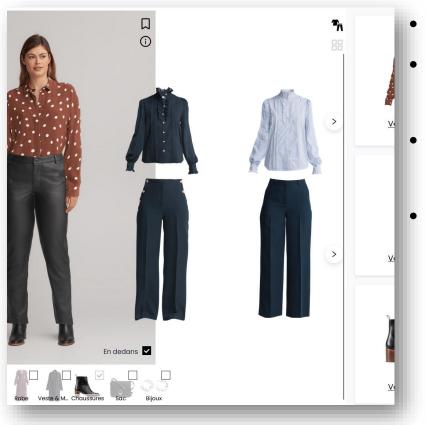






Use Case 5
Augmented ecommerce
experience

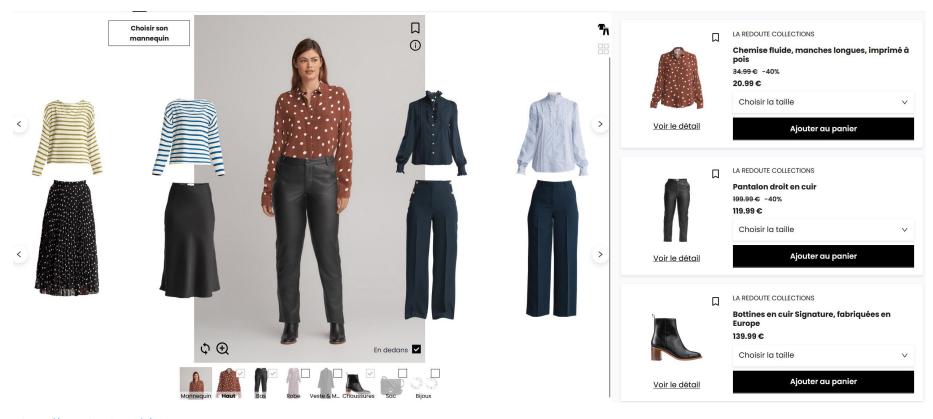
Augmented E-commerce Experiences



- GAN's are used to hallucinate
- VIRTON-GAN's have interesting specificities for fashion e-commerce
 - Product is not modified by the GAN, yet can be adapted to different types of contexts.
- E-shopping experience is more personalized



Use Case 5



https://www.laredoute.fr/styling-experience.aspx







Use Case 6 Deepfakes and avatars

Use Case 6





Avartars x deepfakes



- Avatars created to sell online goods
- 24/7 in China
- Low production costs : ca. 1000€
- A few minutes of sample video from a human influencer is collected.
- Scripts generated by LLM's
- Companies like Silicon Intelligence and Xiaoice use this video to train AI models







Final thoughts and conclusions

Conclusions and final thoughts



- Barriers to entry low (chatGPT) but still too high for most users
- You will be impacted: you should worry NOW!
- Focus on finding the right use cases and start experimenting NOW
- Brainstorm about the impact of GenAl on customer satisfaction and loyalty. How can you measure it?





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