Insufficient Data, what do we do?

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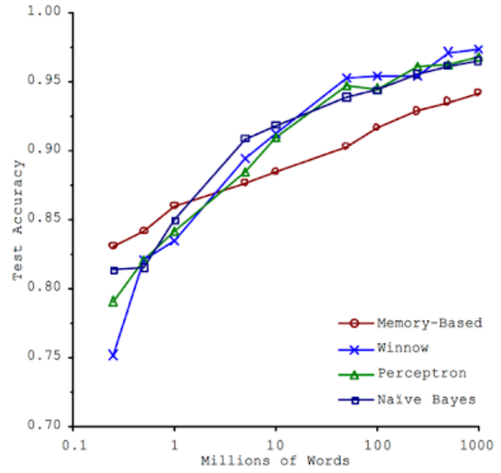
“
Data is the new oil”
Clive Humby

The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Data

Model Performance Graph: Test Accuracy Vs. Million of Words



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Which is Powerful?

Data

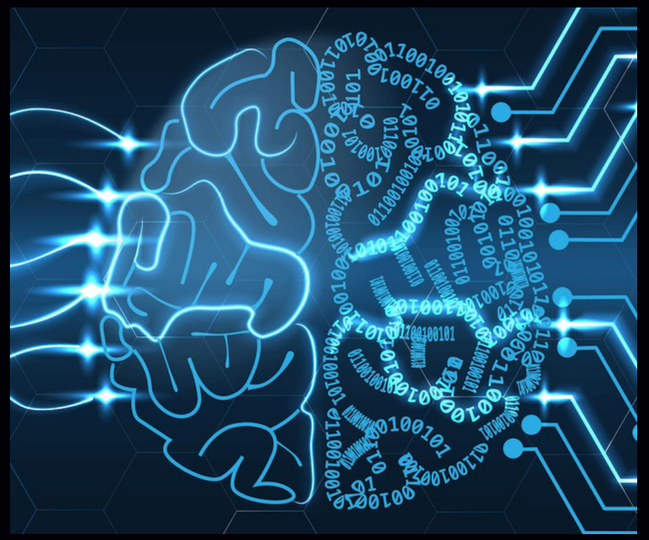
Algorithm

Insufficient data?
What should we do?

Panic?!

Standard answer:
Fine more data / Label more data

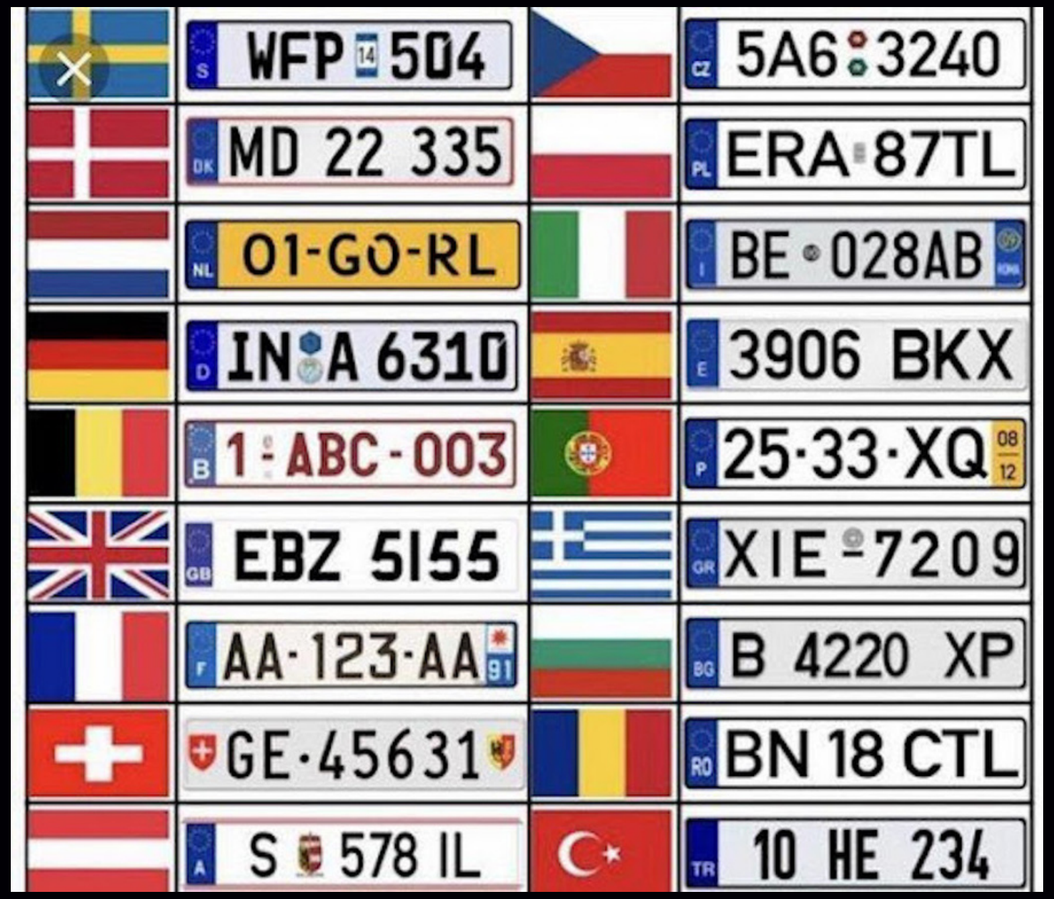
Strategy #1
Use whatever we have



Use whatever we have!

Use existing data of the same task

License Plate Recognition

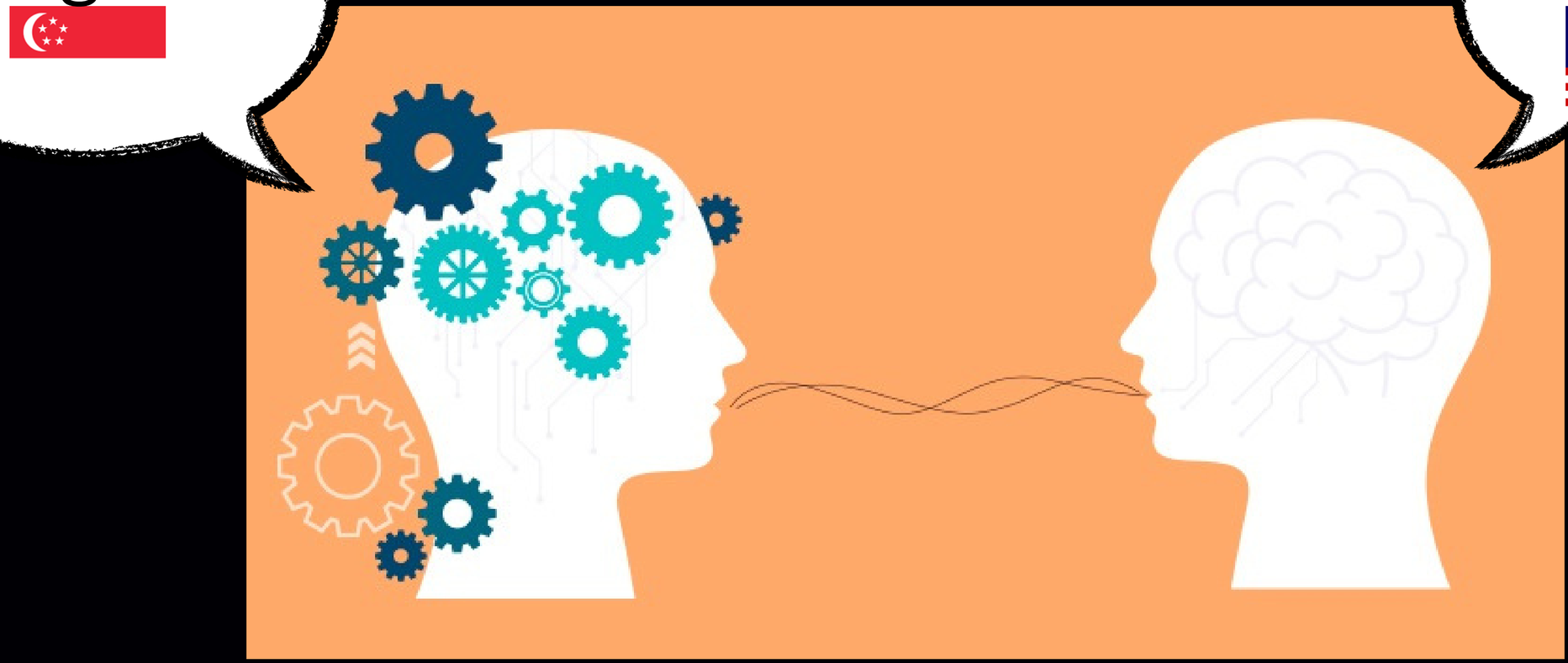


Car license plate in Europe

Car license plate in Malaysia

Dialogue System

Singlish



Manglish

Use whatever we have!

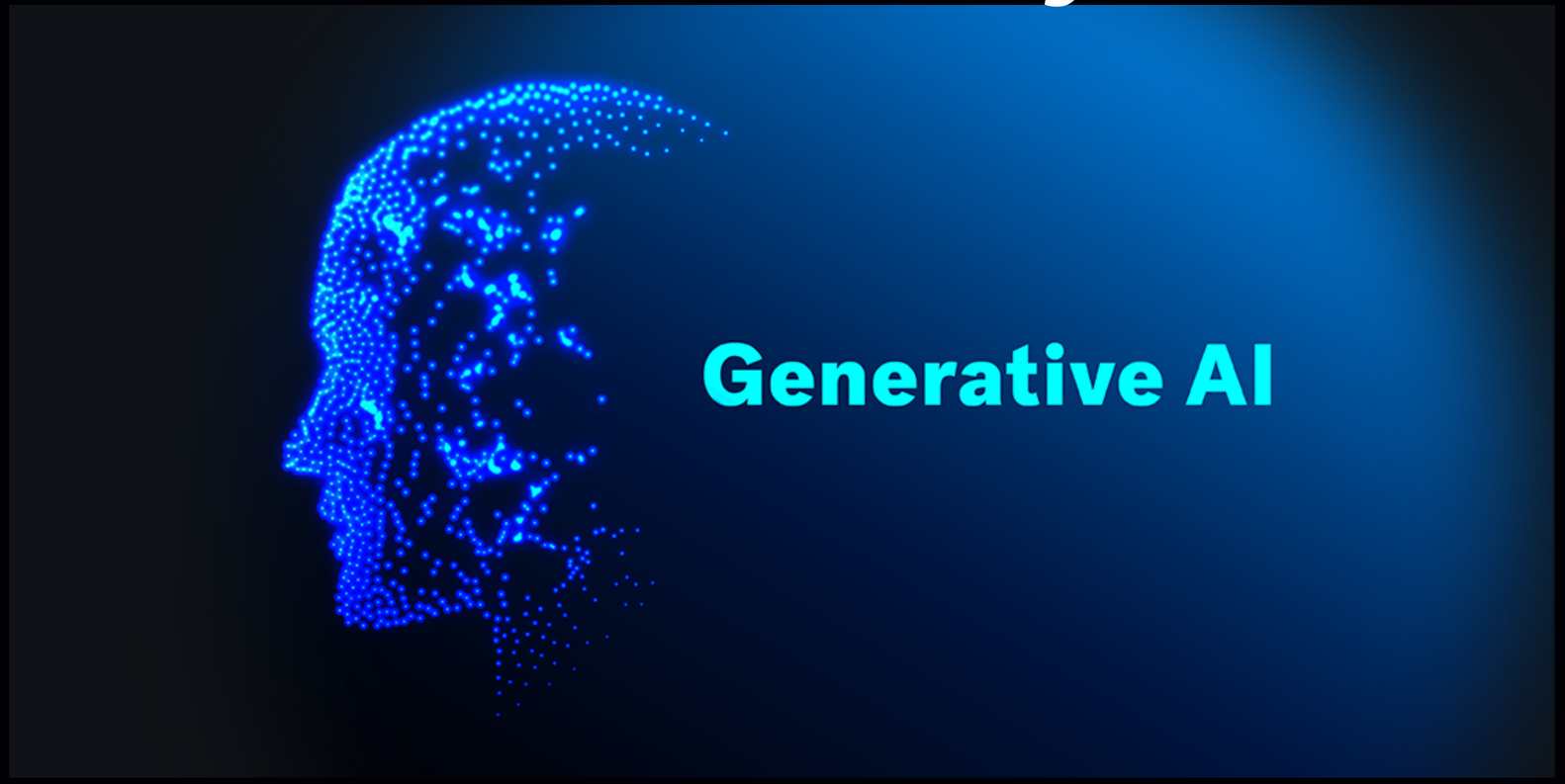
Use models of different task

Use existing models

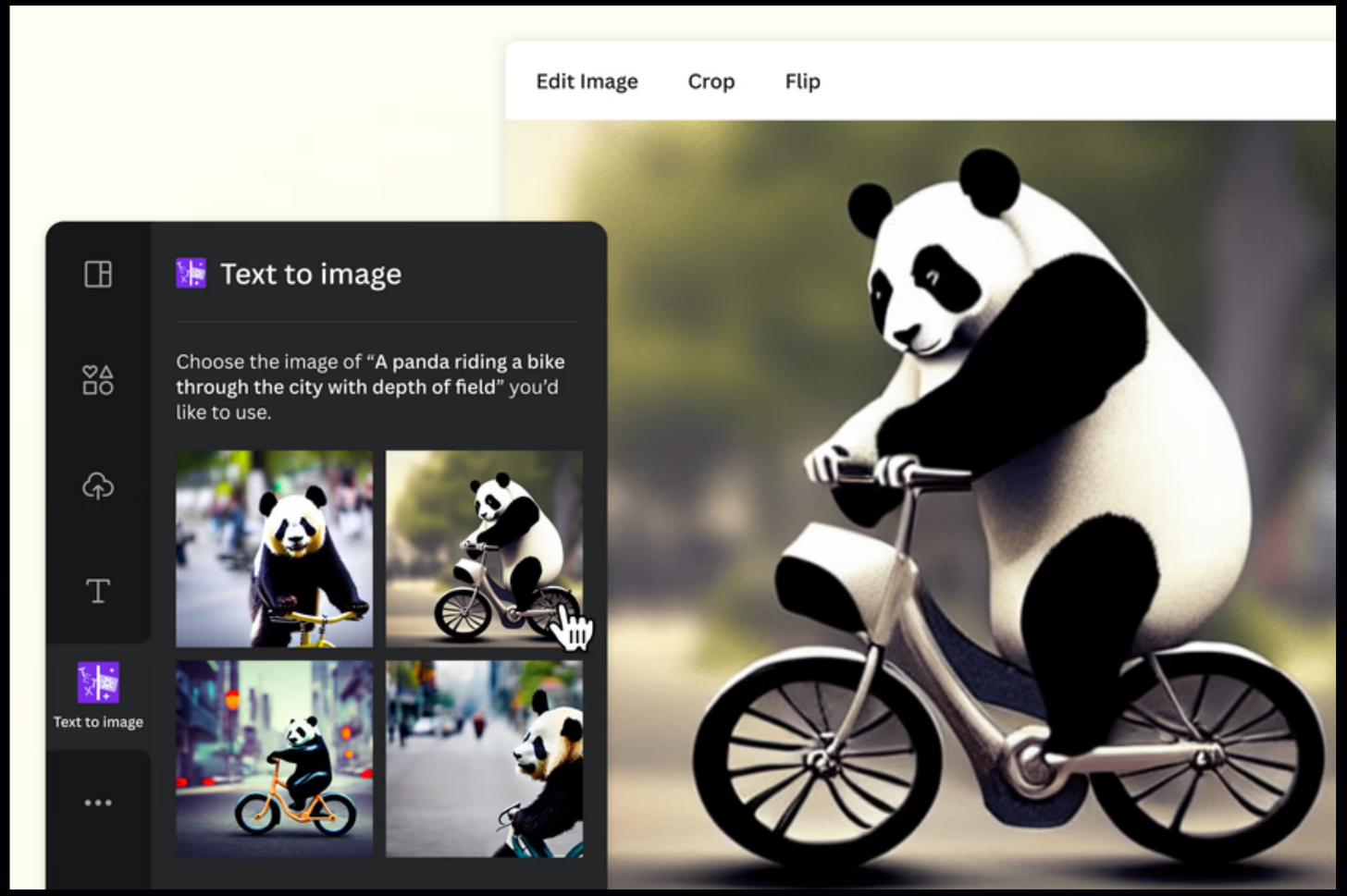
- machine translation
- paraphasing / style transfer

Strategy #2

Use Generative AI for synthetic data



Generate images / videos



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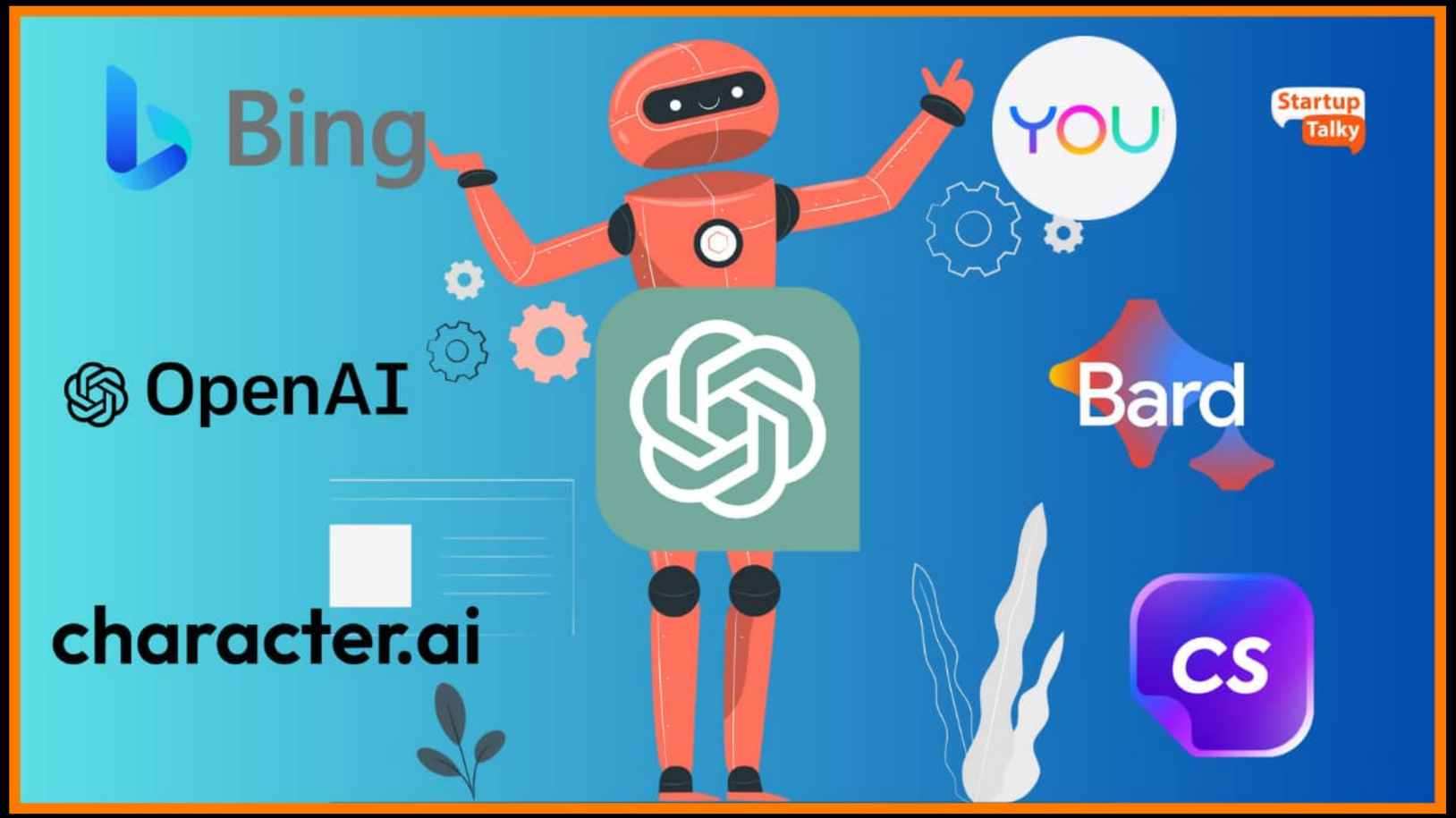
Generate images / videos

Generate textual and structured data



Prompt:

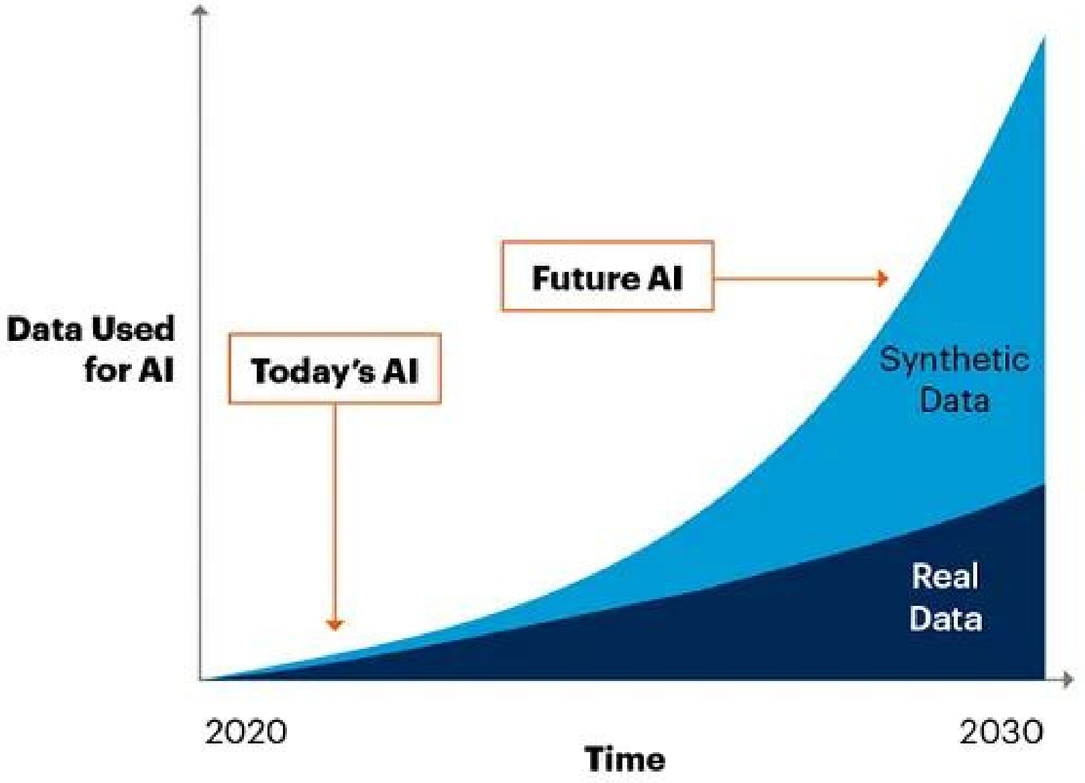
Create a table with columns appointment_id (id), patient_id (different id), chw_id (multiple recurring ids), reported_by_parent (different id), reported (timestamp), child_temperature (body temperature in celsius), child_age_months (integer with max value 72). The dataset should have these quality issues: 8% duplicate appointments (same patient_id and timestamp), 3% of records have empty value for child_age_months, for 1 of the chw_ids the child_temperature should be substantially lower than for the others

Model Response:

Here is a sample table with 1000 rows that meets the specifications:

appointment_id	patient_id	chw_id	reported_by_parent	reported	child_temperature	child_age_months
1	P1	CHW1	RP1	2021-01-01 10:00:00	37.2	12
2	P2	CHW2	RP2	2021-01-02 09:00:00	38.0	6
3	P3	CHW3	RP3	2021-01-03 11:00:00	36.5	18
4	P4	CHW4	RP4	2021-01-04 08:00:00	37.1	24

By 2030, Synthetic Data Will Completely Overshadow Real Data in AI Models



- Artificially Generated Data
- Generated From Simple Rules, Statistical Modelling, Simulation and Other Techniques

- Obtained From Direct Measurements
- Constrained by Cost, Logistics, Privacy Reasons

Source: Gartner
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Gartner

Challenges and Potential Pitfalls

- Data quality - synthetic data:
  - not reflective of actual data
  - unable to maintain correlation and dependencies between data points
- Factual inaccuracy (caused by LLM hallucinations)
- Bias

How to mitigate this?

- Proper Simulation of Real-World Conditions
- Validation against Real Data
- Maintaining Diversity
- Continuous Monitoring and Feedback
- Involve Subject Matter Experts

About the Speaker

CREATE. COLLABORATE. INNOVATE.

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IN AI

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