

# Evaluation of Transformer Models (from BERT to GPT) for Geographic Information Retrieval

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2. Information retrieval (token & span recognition and classification)
  - The GeoEDdA dataset
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# Geography & Cartography in l'Encyclopédie according to Diderot

A ceux qui excluent de notre Dictionnaire la Géographie ; que les noms , la longitude & la latitude des étoiles qu'ils y admettent , n'ont pas plus de droit d'y rester que les noms , la longitude & la latitude des villes qu'ils en rejettent.

A ceux qui l'auroient désirée moins seche : qu'il étoit nécessaire de s'en tenir à la seule connoissance géographique des villes qui fût scientifique , à la seule qui nous suffiroit pour construire de bonnes cartes des tems anciens , si nous l'avions , & qui suffira à la postérité pour construire de bonnes cartes de nos tems , si nous la lui transmettons ; & que le reste , étant entierement historique , est hors de notre objet.

Diderot. Article « Encyclopédie ». Volume V de l'Encyclopédie

*"To those (...) who exclude Geography from our Dictionary; that the names, longitude & latitude of the stars they admit to it, have no more right to remain than the names, longitude & latitude of the cities they reject."*

*"To those who would have wished it less brief: that it was necessary to stick to the only geographical knowledge of cities that was scientific, the only one that would suffice for us to build good maps of ancient times, if we had it, & that will suffice for posterity to build good maps of our times, if we pass it on to them (...)"*

# Articles about places in the Encyclopedia

Grenoble est sur l'Isère, à onze lieues S. O. de Chambéri, quarante-deux N. O. de Turin, seize S. E. de Vienne, cent vingt-quatre S. O. de Paris. Long. suivant Harris, 23<sup>d</sup>. 31'. 15". suivant Cassini, 23<sup>d</sup>. 14'. 15". latit 45<sup>d</sup>. 11'.

DAUPHINÉ (Géog. mod.) province de France bornée à l'occident par le Rhône, au septentrion par le Rhône & la Savoie, au midi par la Provence, & à l'orient par les Alpes. Elle est arrosée par le Rhône, la Durance, l'Isère, & le Drame. [...]. Elle se divise en haut & bas. Le haut comprend le Gresivaudan, le Briançonnais, l'Embrunois, le Gapançois, le Royannez, & les Baronies. Le bas contient le Valentinois, le Diois, & le Tricassinois. [...] Grenoble en est la capitale. Long. 20-29. lat. 43-46.

Vienne, (Géog. mod.) ville de France, dans le Dauphiné, sur le bord oriental du Rhône, à 5 lieues au midi & au dessous de Lyon, à 15 au nord-ouest de Grenoble, & à 108 au sud-est de Paris. [...] Long. 22. 30. latit. 45. 33.

Lyon est à six lieues N. O. de Vienne, vingt N. O. de Grenoble, vingt-huit S. O. de Genève, trente-six N. d'Avignon, quarante S. O. de Dijon, soixante N. O. de Turin, cent S. E. de Paris. Long. suivant Cassini, 22<sup>d</sup>. 16'. 30". lat. 45<sup>d</sup>. 45'. 20".

Lyon is located six leagues N. W. of Vienne, twenty N. W. of Grenoble, twenty-eight S. W. of Geneva, thirty-six N. of Avignon, forty S. W. of Dijon, sixty N. W. of Turin, one hundred S. E. of Paris. Long. following Cassini, 22d. 16'. 30". lat. 45d. 45'. 20".

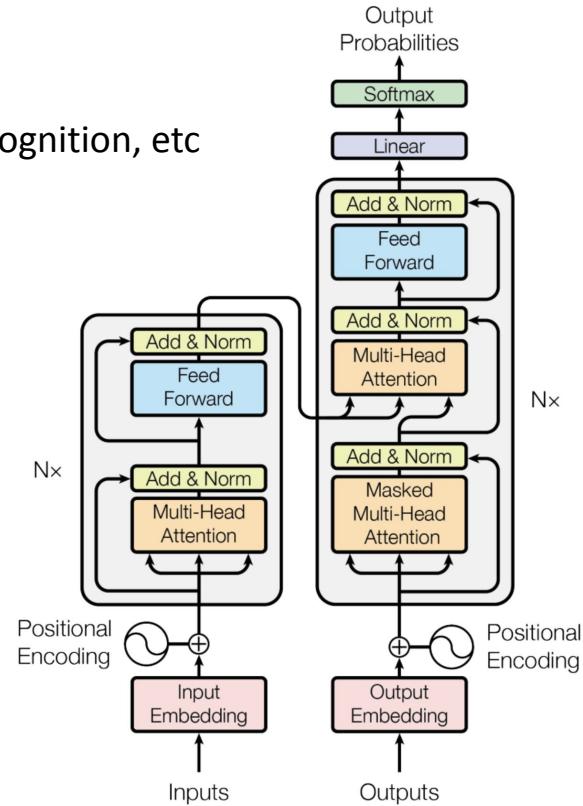
About 15,500 geography article (out of 75,000), of which around 15,000 describe places  
No index of locations. The coordinates are in the text

# AI for DH: information extraction and quantitative analysis



# Transformer architecture

- BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representation from Transformers):
  - e.g., text classification, Q&A, summarization, named entity recognition, etc
  - contextual word embeddings
  - bidirectional multi-head self-attention
  - self-supervised learning: Masked Language Modeling
- GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer):
  - next words with probabilities
  - processes text unidirectionally
  - e.g., translation, text generation, etc



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# GeoEDdA dataset

- Diderot & d'Alembert, eds., Encyclopédie
  - 2,200 annotated paragraphs (active learning process)
  - <https://huggingface.co/datasets/GEODE/GeoEDdA>
  - <https://zenodo.org/records/10530177>
- Span annotation tagset
  - named entities (NP-Person, NP-Spatial, NP-Misc)
  - nominal entities (NC-Person, NC-Spatial, NC-Misc)
  - nested named entities (ENE-Person, ENE-Spatial, ENE-Misc)
  - spatial relation
  - geo-coordinates
  - head
  - domain-mark

# GeoEDdA dataset

GLASCOW, Glarona, (Geog.) city of Scotland in the province of Clydale, with a famous university; it was formerly



archi-episcopal: the cathedral still survives, & it is a beautiful piece of Architecture. Glasgow is called the paradise of Scotland.



There is a great deal of trade there, because of its port and harbour; it is on the Clyde, four leagues south-west of Dumbarton



fourteen west of Edinburgh, six of Sterling, one hundred and fourteen N. W. of London. Longit. 13. 36. latit. 56. 20. This town



has produced several eminent people in Science; I will name only two who stand out in my memory, Cameron & Spootswood.



The former distinguished himself by his remarks on the New Testament, which are equally learned and judicious; he died in



Montauban around the year 1625 at the age of forty-six. Spootswood became archbishop of Saint Andrew, and primate of all



Scotland: he crowned Charles I. in 1633, was Lord Chancellor, and died in 1639, aged seventy-four. He is the author of a highly



esteemed ecclesiastical history of Scotland, which extends from 203 A.D. to 1624 (D. J.).



# GeoEDdA dataset

Span	Train	Validation	Test	Span	Train	Validation	Test
NC-Spatial	3,252	358	355	NP-Person	1,599	170	150
NP-Spatial	4,707	464	519	ENE-Person	492	49	57
ENE-Spatial	3,043	326	334	NP-Misc	948	108	96
Relation	2,093	219	226	ENE-Misc	255	31	22
Latlong	553	66	72	Head	1,261	142	153
NC-Person	1,378	132	133	Domain-Mark	1,069	122	133
Paragraphs	1,800	200	200	Spans	20,650	2,187	2,250
Tokens	132,398	14,959	13,881				

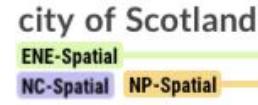
Distribution of spans across the datasets

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# BERT fine-tuning for span classification

- Nested entities: overlapping spans (one token can have several tags)



## Multi-label span classification

- *Scotland* will be tagged as both **NP-Spatial** and **ENE-Spatial**

## Single-label span classification (joint-label)

- *Scotland* will be tagged as **NP-Spatial+ENE-Spatial**

# BERT fine-tuning for NER

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Domain-mark	99.2	99.0	99.1	392
Head	97.2	96.5	96.8	254
NC-Person	63.0	83.1	71.6	225
NC-Spatial	91.6	95.3	93.4	592
NP-Misc	69.6	76.0	72.7	175
NP-Person	86.1	88.7	87.4	203
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ENE-Misc-0	35.1	49.4	41.0	81
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ENE-Spatial-0	93.2	92.5	92.9	802
ENE-Spatial-1	84.7	85.4	85.0	685
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<i>Domain-mark</i>	<b>99.9</b>	99.4	95.8	99.1	94.1
<i>Head</i>	97.5	<b>97.6</b>	45.1	95.4	88.4
<i>Relation</i>	91.4	91.0	52.5	<b>93.2</b>	79.4
<i>Latlong</i>	97.4	97.2	0.00	<b>98.4</b>	95.3
<i>NC-Person</i>	73.5	76.3	<b>78.0</b>	74.1	61.7
<i>NC-Spatial</i>	92.6	91.8	95.3	<b>92.9</b>	87.1
<i>NP-Misc</i>	71.5	74.1	71.9	<b>74.5</b>	52.4
<i>NP-Person</i>	87.3	87.1	<b>93.0</b>	88.5	73.4
<i>NP-Spatial</i>	95.4	<b>95.7</b>	95.4	95.5	83.0
<i>ENE-Misc-0</i>	<b>50.5</b>	41.0	0.00	39.3	27.7
<i>ENE-Misc-1</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>ENE-Person-0</i>	84.0	83.9	<b>88.2</b>	79.3	64.4
<i>ENE-Person-1</i>	<b>64.9</b>	0.00	41.0	32.0	8.7
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# Few-shot prompting for NER

- A preliminary experiment reveals that LLMs struggle to accurately retrieve or calculate token or span positions from raw input text.
- Although the output format was correct, the generated position values were inaccurate, resembling hallucinations or random numbers rather than referring to actual token positions.
- We propose a solution that includes tokenization information, specifically, token position details for span detection, within the input data.

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 {  
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       "text": "COMPIEGNE",  
       "start": 0,  
       "end": 0,  
       "label": "Head"  
     },  
     {  
       "text": "Géog. mod.",  
       "start": 3,  
       "end": 6,  
       "label": "Domain-mark"  
     },  
     {  
       "text": "ville",  
       "start": 8,  
       "end": 8,  
       "label": "NC-Spatial"  
     },  
     {  
       "text": "France",  
       "start": 10,  
       "end": 10,  
       "label": "NP-Spatial"  
     },  
     {  
       "text": "dans",  
       "start": 12,  
       "end": 12,  
       "label": "Relation"  
     },  
   ]  
 }
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# Few-shot prompting for NER

## Prompt part 1: description of the task and tagset

You are an expert in Natural Language Processing. Your task is to identify common Named Entities (NER) in a given text.

The possible common Named Entities (NER) types are exclusively: (Domain-mark, Head, NC-Person, NC-Spatial, NP-Misc, NP-Person, NP-Spatial, Relation)

:

1.Domain-mark: words indicating the knowledge domain (usually after the head and between parenthesis) such as 'Géog., Géog. mod., Géog. anc., Géogr., ist. nat., Gram., Géogr. anc., Jurisprud., Géog. anc. & mod., Gramm., Geog.'

2.Head: entry name at the beginning of the sentence and is almost always in uppercase such as 'Aire, Afrique, Aigle, ILLESCAS, MULHAUSEN, ADDA, SINTR u AKSTEDE, KEITH, CAÇERES, CARMAGNOLE, AGRIGNON, INSPRUCK'

3.NC-Person: a common noun that identifies a person such as 'M., roi, S., peuples, l'empereur, son fils, les habitans, prince, peuple, le roi, fils,

4.NC-Spatial: a common noun that identifies a spatial entity including natural features such as 'ville, petite ville, la riviere, la mer, royaume, la ville, l'île, cette ville, pays, la côte, riviere'

5.NP-Misc: a proper noun identifying entities not classified as spatial or person such as 'l'Eglise, grec, 1707, russe, Glaciale, Noire, romain, la nt, 1693, Sud, 1614'

6.NP-Person: a proper noun identifying the name of a person (person named entities) such as 'Ptolomée, Pline, Strabon, Euripide, les Romains, Pierre, urcs, Dieu, César, Antonin, les Espagnols'

7.NP-Spatial: a proper noun identifying the name of a place (spatial named entities) such as 'France, Allemagne, Italie, Espagne, Afrique, Asie, Pari ome, Russie, la Chine, l'Amérique méridionale'

8.Relation: spatial relation such as 'dans, sur, au, en, entre, près de, se jette dans, proche, par, vers, près du, jusqu'à, à l'orient'.

9.Latlong: geographic coordinates such as 'Long. 31. 58. lat. 40. 55, Long. 10. 27. lat. 43. 30, Long. 28. 14. lat. 51. 13, Long. 14. 46. lat. 56. 20 15, Long. 25. 20. lat. 44. 43, Lat. 19. 40, Long. selon Harris, 29. 16. 15. lat. 47. 15, Long. 14. 28. lat : 53. 50, Long. 57. lat. 38. 35, Long. 22. 11. 18. lat. 40. 41, Long. 27. 40. lat. 51. 50'.

# Few-shot prompting for NER

## Prompt part 2: example (input and output)

Here are some examples:

EXAMPLE 1:

INPUT:('PIRANO' ,0) ('.' ,1) ('(' ,2) ('Géog' ,3) ('.' ,4) ('mod' ,5) ('.' ,6) (')' ,7) ('ville' ,8) ('d'' ,9) ('Italie' ,10) ('dans' ,11) ('l' ,12) ('Istrie' ,13) ('.' ,14) ('environ' ,15) ('à' ,16) ('14' ,17) ('milles' ,18) ('de' ,19) ('Capo' ,20) ('d'' ,21) ('Istria' ,22) ('.' ,23) ('en' ,24) ('tirant' ,25) ('vers' ,26) ('le' ,27) ('midi' ,28) ('occidental' ,29) ('.' ,30) ('Elle' ,31) ('est' ,32) ('sur' ,33) ('une' ,34) ('petite' ,35) ('presqu'' ,36) ('ile' ,37) ('formée' ,38) ('par' ,39) ('le' ,40) ('golfe' ,41) ('Largone' ,42) ('.' ,43) ('&' ,44) ('celui' ,45) ('de' ,46) ('Trieste' ,47) ('.' ,48) ('Les' ,49) ('Vénitiens' ,50) ('en' ,51) ('sont' ,52) ('les' ,53) ('maîtres' ,54) ('depuis' ,55) ('1583' ,56) ('.' ,57) ('Long' ,58) ('.' ,59) ('31' ,60) ('.' ,61) ('46' ,62) ('.' ,63) ('lat' ,64) ('.' ,65) ('45' ,66) ('.' ,67) ('48' ,68) ('.' ,69)

OUTPUT:[{'label': 'Head', 'text': 'PIRANO', 'start': 0, 'end': 0}, {'label': 'Domain-mark', 'text': 'Géog. mod.', 'start': 3, 'end': 6}, {'label': 'NC-Spatial', 'text': 'ville', 'start': 8, 'end': 8}, {'label': 'NP-Spatial', 'text': 'Italie', 'start': 10, 'end': 10}, {'label': 'Relation', 'text': 'dans', 'start': 11, 'end': 11}, {'label': 'NP-Spatial', 'text': "l'Istrie", 'start': 12, 'end': 13}, {'label': 'Relation', 'text': 'environ à 14 milles de', 'start': 15, 'end': 19}, {'label': 'NP-Spatial', 'text': "Capo d'Istria", 'start': 20, 'end': 22}, {'label': 'Relation', 'text': 'vers le midi occidental', 'start': 26, 'end': 29}, {'label': 'NC-Spatial', 'text': "une petite presqu'ile", 'start': 34, 'end': 37}, {'label': 'Relation', 'text': 'formée par', 'start': 38, 'end': 39}, {'label': 'NC-Spatial', 'text': 'le golfe', 'start': 40, 'end': 41}, {'label': 'NP-Spatial', 'text': 'Largone', 'start': 42, 'end': 42}, {'label': 'NP-Spatial', 'text': 'Trieste', 'start': 47, 'end': 47}, {'label': 'NP-Person', 'text': 'Les Vénitiens', 'start': 49, 'end': 50}, {'label': 'NC-Person', 'text': 'les maîtres', 'start': 53, 'end': 54}, {'label': 'NP-Misc', 'text': '1583', 'start': 56, 'end': 56}, {'label': 'Latlong', 'text': 'Long. 31. 46. lat. 45. 48', 'start': 58, 'end': 68}]

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# Few-shot prompting for NER

## Prompt part 2: example (input and output)

Here are some examples:

EXAMPLE 1:

INPUT:('PIRANO' ,0) ('.' ,1) ('(' ,2) ('Géog' ,3) ('.' ,4) ('mod' ,5) ('.' ,6) (')' ,7) ('ville' ,8) ('d'' ,9) ('Italie' ,10) ('dans' ,11) ('l' ,12) ('Istrie' ,13) ('.' ,14) ('environ' ,15) ('à' ,16) ('14' ,17) ('milles' ,18) ('de' ,19) ('Capo' ,20) ('d'' ,21) ('Istria' ,22) ('.' ,23) ('en' ,24) ('tirant' ,25) ('vers' ,26) ('le' ,27) ('midi' ,28) ('occidental' ,29) ('.' ,30) ('Elle' ,31) ('est' ,32) ('sur' ,33) ('une' ,34) ('petite' ,35) ('presqu'' ,36) ('ile' ,37) ('formée' ,38) ('par' ,39) ('le' ,40) ('golfe' ,41) ('Largone' ,42) ('.' ,43) ('&' ,44) ('celui' ,45) ('de' ,46) ('Trieste' ,47) ('.' ,48) ('Les' ,49) ('Vénitiens' ,50) ('en' ,51) ('sont' ,52) ('les' ,53) ('maîtres' ,54) ('depuis' ,55) ('1583' ,56) ('.' ,57) ('Long' ,58) ('.' ,59) ('31' ,60) ('.' ,61) ('46' ,62) ('.' ,63) ('lat' ,64) ('.' ,65) ('45' ,66) ('.' ,67) ('48' ,68) ('.' ,69)

OUTPUT:[{'label': 'Head', 'text': 'PIRANO', 'start': 0, 'end': 0}, {'label': 'Domain-mark', 'text': 'Géog. mod.', 'start': 3, 'end': 6}, {'label': 'NC-Spatial', 'text': 'ville', 'start': 8, 'end': 8}, {'label': 'NP-Spatial', 'text': 'Italie', 'start': 10, 'end': 10}, {'label': 'Relation', 'text': 'dans', 'start': 11, 'end': 11}, {'label': 'NP-Spatial', 'text': "l'Istrie", 'start': 12, 'end': 13}, {'label': 'Relation', 'text': 'environ à 14 milles de', 'start': 15, 'end': 19}, {'label': 'NP-Spatial', 'text': "Capo d'Istria", 'start': 20, 'end': 22}, {'label': 'Relation', 'text': 'vers le midi occidental', 'start': 26, 'end': 29}, {'label': 'NC-Spatial', 'text': "une petite presqu'ile", 'start': 34, 'end': 37}, {'label': 'Relation', 'text': 'formée par', 'start': 38, 'end': 39}, {'label': 'NC-Spatial', 'text': 'le golfe', 'start': 40, 'end': 41}, {'label': 'NP-Spatial', 'text': 'Largone', 'start': 42, 'end': 42}, {'label': 'NP-Spatial', 'text': 'Trieste', 'start': 47, 'end': 47}, {'label': 'NP-Person', 'text': 'Les Vénitiens', 'start': 49, 'end': 50}, {'label': 'NC-Person', 'text': 'les maîtres', 'start': 53, 'end': 54}, {"label": "NP-Misc", "text": "'1583'", "start": 56, "end": 56}, {"label": "Latlong", "text": "Long. 31. 46. lat. 45. 48", "start": 58, "end": 68}]]

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# Few-shot prompting for NER

## Different types of errors

### GPT input

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### GPT output

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### Ground truth

# Few-shot prompting for NER

## Different types of errors

### GPT input

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('HILPERHAUSEN',0) (',' ,1) ('(' ,2) ('Géog' ,3) ('.' ,4) (')' ,5) ('ville' ,6) ('d'' ,7) ('Allemagne' ,8) ('en' ,9) ('Franconie' ,10) (',' ,11) ('sur' ,12) ('la' ,13) ('Werra' ,14) (',' ,15) ('au' ,16) ('comté' ,17) ('de' ,18) ('Henneberg' ,19) (',' ,20) ('entre' ,21) ('Cobourg' ,22) ('&' ,23) ('Smalcalde' ,24) (';' ,25) ('elle' ,26) ('appartient' ,27) ('à' ,28) ('une' ,29) ('branche' ,30) ('de' ,31) ('la' ,32) ('maison' ,33) ('de' ,34) ('Saxe' ,35) ('-' ,36) ('Gotha' ,37) ('.' ,38) ('Long' ,39) ('.' ,40) ('28' ,41) ('.' ,42) ('15' ,43) ('.' ,44) ('lat' ,45) ('.' ,46) ('50' ,47) ('.' ,48) ('35' ,49) ('.' ,50) ('(' ,51) ('D.' ,52) ('J.' ,53) (')' ,54)
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### GPT output

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### Ground truth

# Few-shot prompting for NER

## Different types of errors

### GPT input

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('HILPERHAUSEN',0) (',' ,1) ('(' ,2) ('Géog' ,3) ('.' ,4) (')' ,5) ('ville' ,6) ('d'' ,7) ('Allemagne' ,8) ('en' ,9) ('Franconie' ,10) (',' ,11) ('sur' ,12) ('la' ,13) ('Werra' ,14) (',' ,15) ('au' ,16) ('comté' ,17) ('de' ,18) ('Henneberg' ,19) (',' ,20) ('entre' ,21) ('Cobourg' ,22) ('&' ,23) ('Smalcalde' ,24) (';' ,25) ('elle' ,26) ('appartient' ,27) ('à' ,28) ('une' ,29) ('branche' ,30) ('de' ,31) ('la' ,32) ('maison' ,33) ('de' ,34) ('Saxe' ,35) ('-' ,36) ('Gotha' ,37) ('.' ,38) ('Long' ,39) ('.' ,40) ('28' ,41) ('.' ,42) ('15' ,43) ('.' ,44) ('lat' ,45) ('.' ,46) ('50' ,47) ('.' ,48) ('35' ,49) ('.' ,50) ('(' ,51) ('D.' ,52) ('J.' ,53) (')' ,54)
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### GPT output

Wrong boundaries

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### Ground truth

# Few-shot prompting for NER

## Different types of errors

### GPT input

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### Ground truth

Wrong classification

# Few-shot prompting for NER

## Different types of errors

### GPT input

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### GPT output

Wrong boundaries  
Wrong classification  
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✗{'text': 'au', 'start': 16, 'end': 16, 'label': 'Relation'},  
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{'text': 'Long. 28. 15. lat. 50. 35', 'start': 39, 'end': 49, 'label': 'Latlong'}]
```

### Ground truth

# Few-shot prompting for NER

## Impact of the output format



Span-based

```
[  
  {  
    "entities": [  
      {  
        "text": "COMPIEGNE",  
        "start": 0,  
        "end": 7,  
        "label": "Head"  
      },  
      {  
        "text": "(",  
        "start": 8,  
        "end": 9,  
        "label": "0"  
      },  
      {  
        "text": "Géog.",  
        "start": 10,  
        "end": 14,  
        "label": "Domain-mark"  
      },  
      {  
        "text": "mod.",  
        "start": 15,  
        "end": 19,  
        "label": "Domain-mark"  
      },  
      {  
        "text": "ville",  
        "start": 20,  
        "end": 24,  
        "label": "NC-Spatial"  
      },  
      {  
        "text": "France",  
        "start": 25,  
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        "label": "NP-Spatial"  
      },  
      {  
        "text": "dans",  
        "start": 31,  
        "end": 34,  
        "label": "Relation"  
      },  
      {  
        "text": ")",  
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        "end": 36,  
        "label": "0"  
      },  
      {  
        "text": "ville",  
        "start": 37,  
        "end": 41,  
        "label": "NC-Spatial"  
      }  
    ]  
  }]
```

Token-based

```
[  
  {  
    "entities": [  
      {  
        "text": "COMPIEGNE",  
        "label": "Head"  
      },  
      {  
        "text": " ",  
        "label": "0"  
      },  
      {  
        "text": "(",  
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      },  
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      },  
      {  
        "text": ")",  
        "label": "0"  
      },  
      {  
        "text": "ville",  
        "label": "NC-Spatial"  
      }  
    ]  
  }]
```

# Few-shot prompting for NER

## Impact of the output format

### Span-based evaluation

- Unusual issues compared to traditional NER arise as the output format is more complex than at the token level.
- The experiment confirmed the performance improvement between GPT versions:

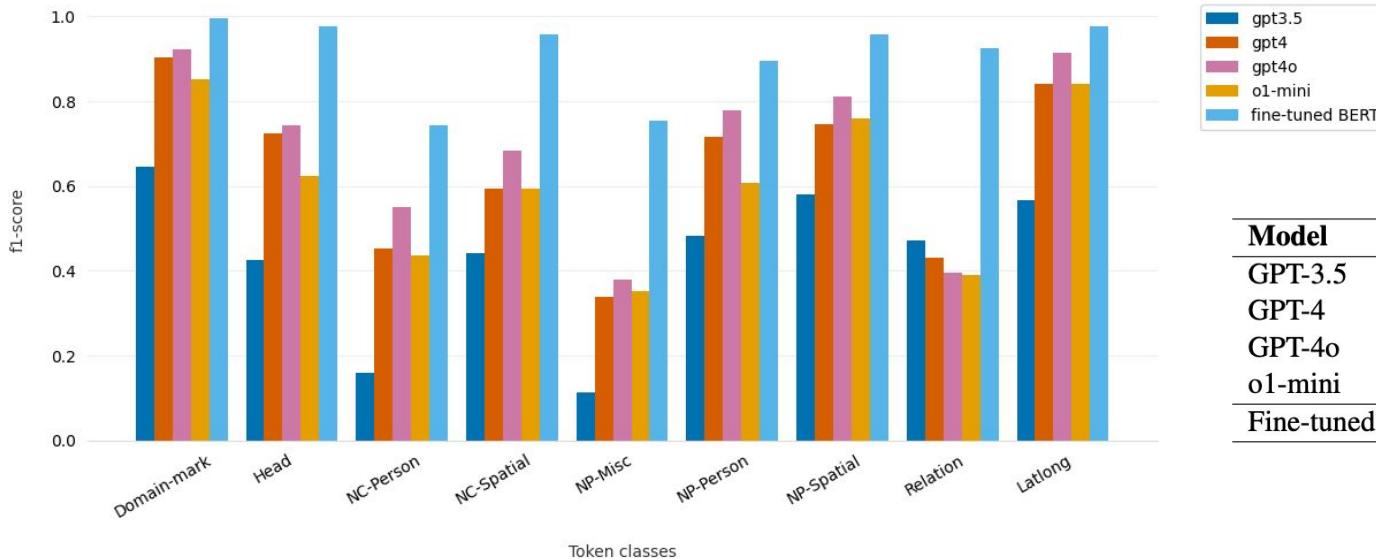
	GPT-3.5	GPT-4o
Correct predicted spans (both boundaries and labels)	28%	49%
Partially correct (partial boundaries and correct labels)	13%	9%
Total	41%	58%

- Using GPT-3.5, some answers do not refer to the input document but rather to the example from the prompt.
- In very few cases, some answers do not strictly follow the predefined JSON output format and some token attributes may be missing (such as start, end, text, or label).

# Few-shot prompting for NER

OpenAI GPTs

## Token-based evaluation



gpt3.5
gpt4
gpt4o
o1-mini
fine-tuned BERT

Model	Precision	Recall	F1
GPT-3.5	0.81	0.36	0.50
GPT-4	0.75	0.62	0.67
GPT-4o	0.68	0.72	0.70
o1-mini	0.67	0.62	0.65
Fine-tuned BERT	0.92	0.95	0.93

Zeghidi, H. and Moncla, L. (2024). Evaluating Named Entity Recognition Using Few-Shot Prompting with Large Language Models. (preprint)

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.15796>

GitHub: <https://github.com/GEODE-project/ner-llm>

# Few-shot prompting for NER

What is the performance of “small” local LLMs

- Llama 3.1 - 8B (Meta),
- Phi3 mini - 4k (Microsoft),
- Gemma 2 - 9B (Google),
- Mistral v0.2 - 7B (MistralAI),
- Qwen 2 - 7B (Alibaba Group)

Experiments were conducted using LM Studio on two configurations: an Nvidia RTX 3500 ADA GPU and an Apple M1 Max with 32GB of RAM.

- Some LLMs provide the correct JSON output syntax but don’t really understand the defined set of labels.
- Others completely don’t understand the task and do anything or simply repeat the input sentence

# Meta Llama 3.1 - 7B

```
[{"label": "Geography", "text": "G\u00e8nes", "start": 0, "end": 0}, {"label": "Geography", "text": "Genua", "start": 1, "end": 5}, {"label": "City", "text": "Genoa", "start": 6, "end": 11}, {"label": "Country", "text": "Italy", "start": 12, "end": 16}, {"label": "Building", "text": "palais", "start": 17, "end": 20}, {"label": "Organization", "text": "r\u00e9publique", "start": 21, "end": 29}, {"label": "Location", "text": "M\u00e9diterran\u00e9e", "start": 30, "end": 41}, {"label": "City", "text": "Milan", "start": 42, "end": 47}, {"label": "Country", "text": "Italy", "start": 48, "end": 52}, {"label": "Location", "text": "Turin", "start": 53, "end": 58}, {"label": "City", "text": "Parme", "start": 59, "end": 64}, {"label": "Country", "text": "Italy", "start": 65, "end": 69}, {"label": "Location", "text": "Florence", "start": 70, "end": 78}, {"label": "City", "text": "Rome", "start": 79, "end": 83}, {"label": "Country", "text": "Italy", "start": 84, "end": 88}, {"label": "Location", "text": "Salvego", "start": 89, "end": 96}, {"label": "Person", "text": "Cassini", "start": 97, "end": 102}, {"label": "Person", "text": "Grimaldi", "start": 103, "end": 110}, {"label": "Location", "text": "Milan", "start": 111, "end": 116}, {"label": "City", "text": "Turin", "start": 117, "end": 122}, {"label": "City", "text": "Parme", "start": 123, "end": 128}, {"label": "Location", "text": "Florence", "start": 129, "end": 136}, {"label": "City", "text": "Rome", "start": 137, "end": 142}]
```

- Correct JSON output format
- Does not consider the tagset given in the prompt

# Meta Llama 3.1 - 7B

```
[  
{'label': 'Geography', 'text': 'Gènes', 'start': 0, 'end': 0},  
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]
```

GÈNES

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- Correct JSON output format
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# Meta Llama 3.1 - 7B

```
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- Correct JSON output format
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- Hallucinations: find non-existing entities
- Translate from French to English
- Find several occurrences of the same entity

# Meta Llama 3.1 - 7B

```
[  
{'label': 'Geography', 'text': 'Gènes', 'start': 0, 'end': 0},  
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{'label': 'Country', 'text': 'Italy', 'start': 12, 'end': 16},  
{'label': 'Building', 'text': 'palais', 'start': 17, 'end': 20},  
{'label': 'Organization', 'text': 'république', 'start': 21, 'end': 29},  
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{'label': 'City', 'text': 'Milan', 'start': 42, 'end': 47},  
{'label': 'Country', 'text': 'Italy', 'start': 48, 'end': 52},  
{'label': 'Location', 'text': 'Turin', 'start': 53, 'end': 58},  
{'label': 'City', 'text': 'Parme', 'start': 59, 'end': 64},  
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{'label': 'City', 'text': 'Rome', 'start': 79, 'end': 83},  
{'label': 'Country', 'text': 'Italy', 'start': 84, 'end': 88},  
{'label': 'Location', 'text': 'Salvego', 'start': 89, 'end': 96},  
{'label': 'Person', 'text': 'Cassini', 'start': 97, 'end': 102},  
{'label': 'Person', 'text': 'Grimaldi', 'start': 103, 'end': 110},  
{'label': 'Location', 'text': 'Milan', 'start': 111, 'end': 116},  
{'label': 'City', 'text': 'Turin', 'start': 117, 'end': 122},  
{'label': 'City', 'text': 'Parme', 'start': 123, 'end': 129}]
```

- Correct JSON output format
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- Find several occurrences of the same entity
- Random numbers for span positions

```
('Gènes', 0) [...] ('Genua', 6) [...] ('Janua', 17) [...] ('Italie', 40) [...] ('république', 45)  
('de', 46) ('Gènes', 47) [...] ('les', 64) ('palais', 65) [...] ('la', 121) ('Méditerranée', 122)  
(',', 123) ('dans', 124) ('une', 125) ('heureuse', 126) ('&', 127) ('riante', 128) ('situation', 129)  
(',', 130) ('à', 131) ('28', 132) ('lieues', 133) ('sud-ouest', 134) ('de', 135) ('Milan', 136)  
(',', 137) ('25', 138) ('sud-est', 139) ('de', 140) ('Turin', 141) ('',', 142) ('26', 143)  
('sud-ouest', 144) ('de', 145) ('Parme', 146) ('',', 147) ('45', 148) ('nord-ouest', 149) ('de', 150)  
('Florence', 151) ('',', 152) ('90', 153) ('nord-ouest', 154) ('de', 155) ('Rome', 156) ('.',, 157)  
('Long', 158) ('',', 159) ('suivant', 160) ('Salvego', 161) ('',', 162) ('Cassini', 163) [...]
```

```
answer = [
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    {"label": "NP-Time", "text": "long suiv Salvego Cassini le pere Grimaldi", "start": 190, "end": 208},
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    {"label": "NP-Location", "text": "Turin", "start": 137, "end": 142},
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    {"label": "NP-Pronot", "text": "的", "start": 63, "end": 74},
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    {"label": "NP-Location", "text": "North East", "start": 150, "end": 217},
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    {"label": "NP-Location", "text": "Parme", "start": 151, "end": 163},
    {"label": "NP-Location", "text": "Florence", "start": 163, "end": 172},
    {"label": "NP-Pronot", "text": "的", "start": 90, "end": 94}.
```

- Correct JSON output format
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- Translate from French to English
- ~~Find several occurrences of the same entity~~
- Random numbers for span positions

# Microsoft Phi 3 mini 4k

RAM Usage 3.38 GB  
CPU: 0.00 %

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+ New Chat (⌘N) Export Phi-3 3B Q4\_K\_M ⓘ GGUF plaintext markdown

AI

Les informations données semblent décrites dans un format pré-agencé ou des annotations de texte, où les nombres sont associés à certains mots. Voici la traduction en français avec une interprétation possible basée sur le contexte historique et géographique :

Gènes (0) est une ville romaine située dans l'Italie actuelle (1). Elle était célèbre pour ses monuments architecturaux anciens, notamment les Gènes du Moyen Âge (2). Situées au centre de la région méditerranéenne d'Épire en Grèce antique, elles étaient un centre économique prospère avec une activité commerciale intense. La ville était également connue pour sa position stratégique entre le nord-ouest et le sud du pays (3).

Pendant les époques médiévale et moderne de Gènes, la cathédrale Sainte Marie a été l'un des monuments religieux emblématiques de la ville. Un autre monument notable était "la Maison d'Auguste" située sur le site antique du Palais Impérial (4).

En ce qui concerne les époques anciennes, Gènes avait une position stratégique significative en raison de sa situation géographique dans la plaine méditerranéenne. L'empereur Auguste a probablement établi son palais sur un site antique près du centre-ville (5).

Gènes était également célèbre pour ses édifices publics magnifiques et plusieurs palais importants existaient à cette époque, notamment ceux situés dans

# Google Gemma 2 - 9B

The screenshot shows a dark-themed interface for the lmstudio-community platform. At the top, there's a header bar with 'RAM Usage 6.09 GB' and 'CPU: 0.00 %'. Below the header, the title 'lmstudio-community · gemma 2 it 9B Q4\_K\_M gguf' is displayed. A toolbar below the title includes buttons for '+ New Chat (⌘N)', 'Export', and several tabs: 'gemma2' (selected), '9B', 'Q4\_K\_M ⓘ', 'GGUF', 'plaintext' (disabled), and 'markdown' (selected). On the left side, there's a small 'AI' button. The main content area contains a message from 'gemma2':

It looks like we have a bunch of coordinates, measurements, names, and some strange code snippets!

Let's break down what might be going on:

**Possible Scenarios:**

- **Mapping Project:** The coordinates could represent locations, landmarks, or boundaries on a map. The measurements might indicate distances between points, elevations, or sizes of geographical features.
- **Historical Research:** The names and dates might refer to historical figures, events, or places. The code snippets could be fragments of old maps, documents, or architectural plans.
- **Data Analysis:** The numbers and letters might represent data points being analyzed for patterns or trends.

**Let's Decode Further:**

To understand the context better, we need more information:

1. **What is the Source?** Where did this information come from? A book, a website, an archive?
2. **What is the Overall Topic?** Is it related to geography, history, art, science?
3. **Can you Provide More Context?** Any additional details about the surrounding text or the purpose of gathering this information would be helpful.

Let me know if you have any more clues, and I'll do my best to help decipher this intriguing puzzle!

At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Regenerate' and 'Continue'.

# Mistral 0.2 - 7B

RAM Usage 4.49 GB  
CPU: 0.00 %

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+ New Chat (⌘N) Export Llama 7B Q4\_K\_S ⓘ GGUF plaintext markdown

```
,105 (';',106) ('en',107) ('partie',108) ('dans',109) ('la',110) ('plaine',111) (';',112) ('&',113) ('en',114) ('partie',115) ('sur',116) ('une',117) ('colline',118) ('près',119) ('de',120) ('la',121) ('Méditerranée',122) (';',123) ('dans',124) ('une',125) ('heureuse',126) ('&',127) ('riante',128) ('situation',129) (';',130) ('à',131) ('28',132) ('lieues',133) ('sud-ouest',134) ('de',135) ('Milan',136) (';',137) ('25',138) ('sud-est',139) ('de',140) ('Turin',141) (';',142) ('26',143) ('sud-ouest',144) ('de',145) ('Parme',146) (';',147) ('45',148) ('nord-ouest',149) ('de',150) ('Florence',151) (';',152) ('90',153) ('nord-ouest',154) ('de',155) ('Rome',156) (';',157) ('Long',158) (';',159) ('suivant',160) ('Salvego',161) (';',162) ('Cassini',163) ('&',164) ('le',165) ('pere',166) ('Grimaldi',167) (';',168) ('26d',169) (';',170) ('7',171) ('"',172) (';',173) ('15',174) ('"',175) (';',176) ('latit',177) (';',178) ('44d',179) (';',180) ('25',181) ('"',182) (';',183) ('0',184) ('"',185) (';',186) ('D',188) ('J.',189) (')',190)
```

This text appears to be describing the location and history of Genoa, a city in Italy. Here is a summary in English:

Genoa, located on the Italian Riviera, was an ancient wealthy city and the capital of the Republic of Genoa. Its exact origins are unknown but it is believed to have been founded by Janus, the two-faced Roman god. The city has been influential in Italy and Europe throughout history. It was a major commercial center, with many beautiful churches, public buildings, and palaces. Its location on the Mediterranean Sea made it an important trading port, and it was strategically situated between Milan, Turin, Parma, Florence, and Rome. The text mentions several famous historical figures associated with Genoa, including Salvego Cassini and the Grimaldi family.

The text also provides the latitude and longitude of Genoa as follows: 44°25' N, 8°31' E. This information could be useful for someone trying to locate Genoa on a map or using GPS coordinates. The text ends with a quote from Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy, referencing Janus and the idea that Genoa has been an influential city throughout history.

Regenerate Continue

- Generalist Model for NER using Bidirectional Transformer
- Zero-shot NER
- Not limited to a predefined set of entities
- Lighter than LLMs

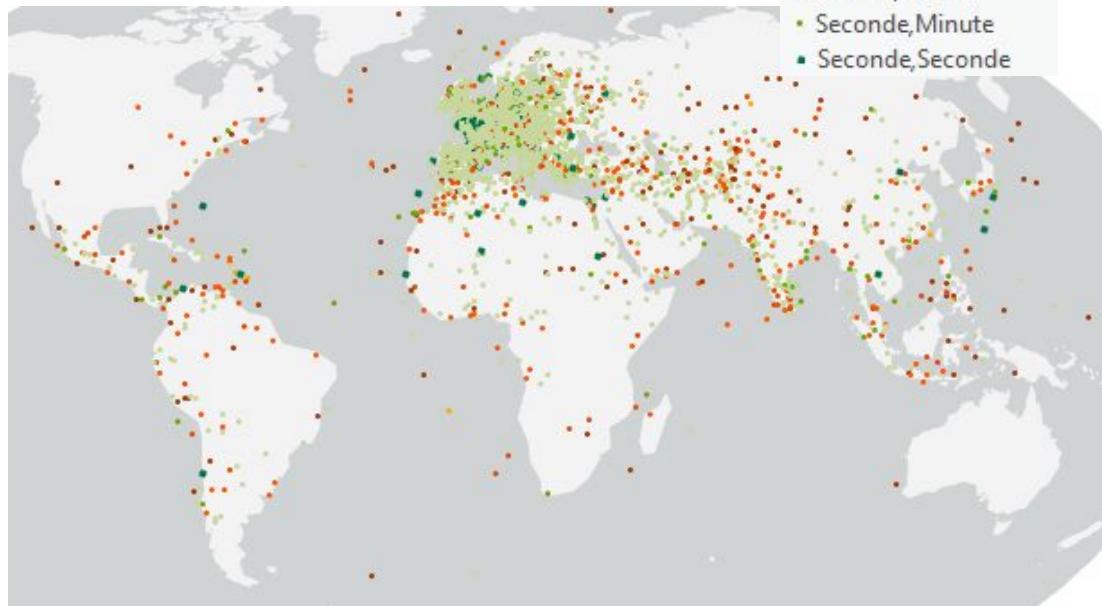
	Precision	Recall	F-score
Micro Avg	52.7	45.0	48.6
Macro Avg	40.1	40.6	37.2
Weighted Avg	55.0	45.0	46.4

	Precision	Recall	F-score	Support
NP-Spatial	61.8	72.8	66.9	718
NP-Person	31.4	60.1	41.2	203
NP-Misc	11.3	24.0	15.3	175
Latlong	96.1	46.3	62.4	789
Relation	0.00	0.00	0.00	452

# Outline

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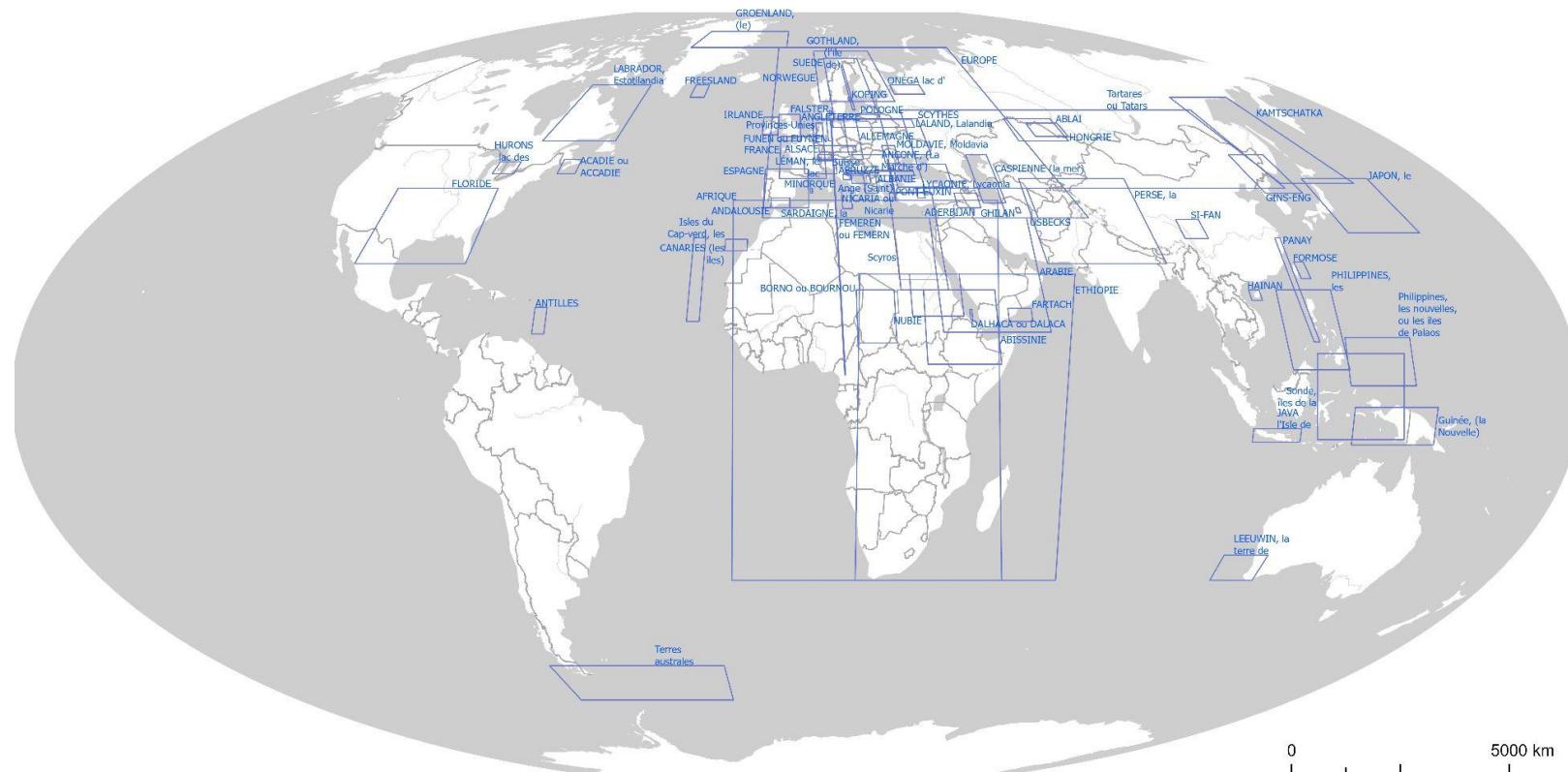
# Geocoding and toponym disambiguation



- PrecLat,PrecLong
- Degré,Degré
  - Degré,Minute
  - Minute,Degré
  - Degré,Seconde
  - Seconde,Degré
  - Minute,Minute
  - Minute,Seconde
  - Seconde,Minute
  - Seconde,Seconde

# Geocoding and toponym disambiguation

## Outlines of articles with surface coordinates



Joliveau, T., Moncla, L., Taroni A., Vigier, D. and Mcdonough, K. (2024) A digital exploration of geographic knowledge in Diderot and d'Alembert's Encyclopédie. 30th International Conference on the History of Cartography (ICHG), Lyon, France

Esri, TomTom, FAO, NOAA, USGS

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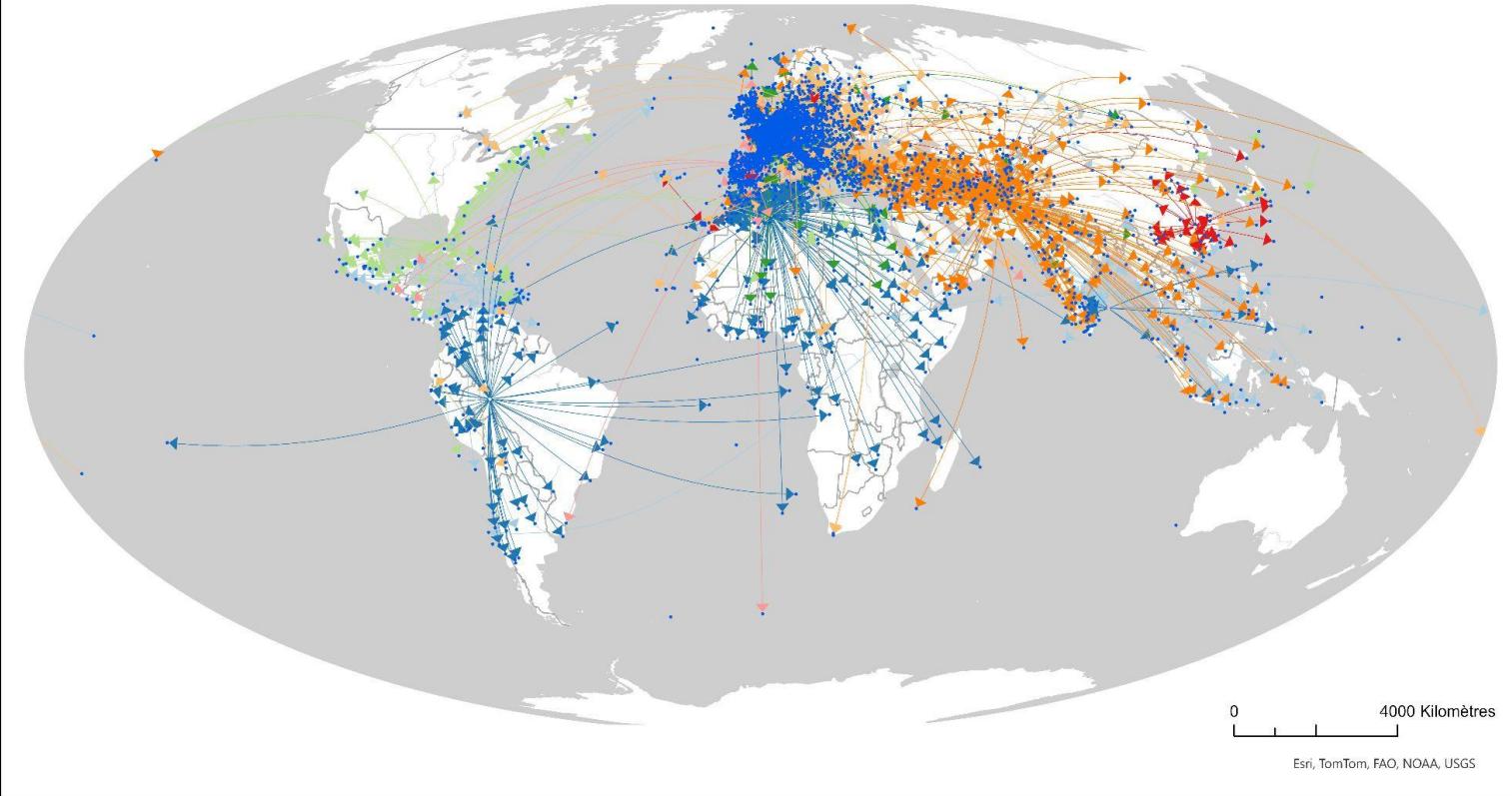
Vienne, (Géog. mod.) ville de France, dans le Dauphiné, sur le bord oriental du Rhône, [...]\*



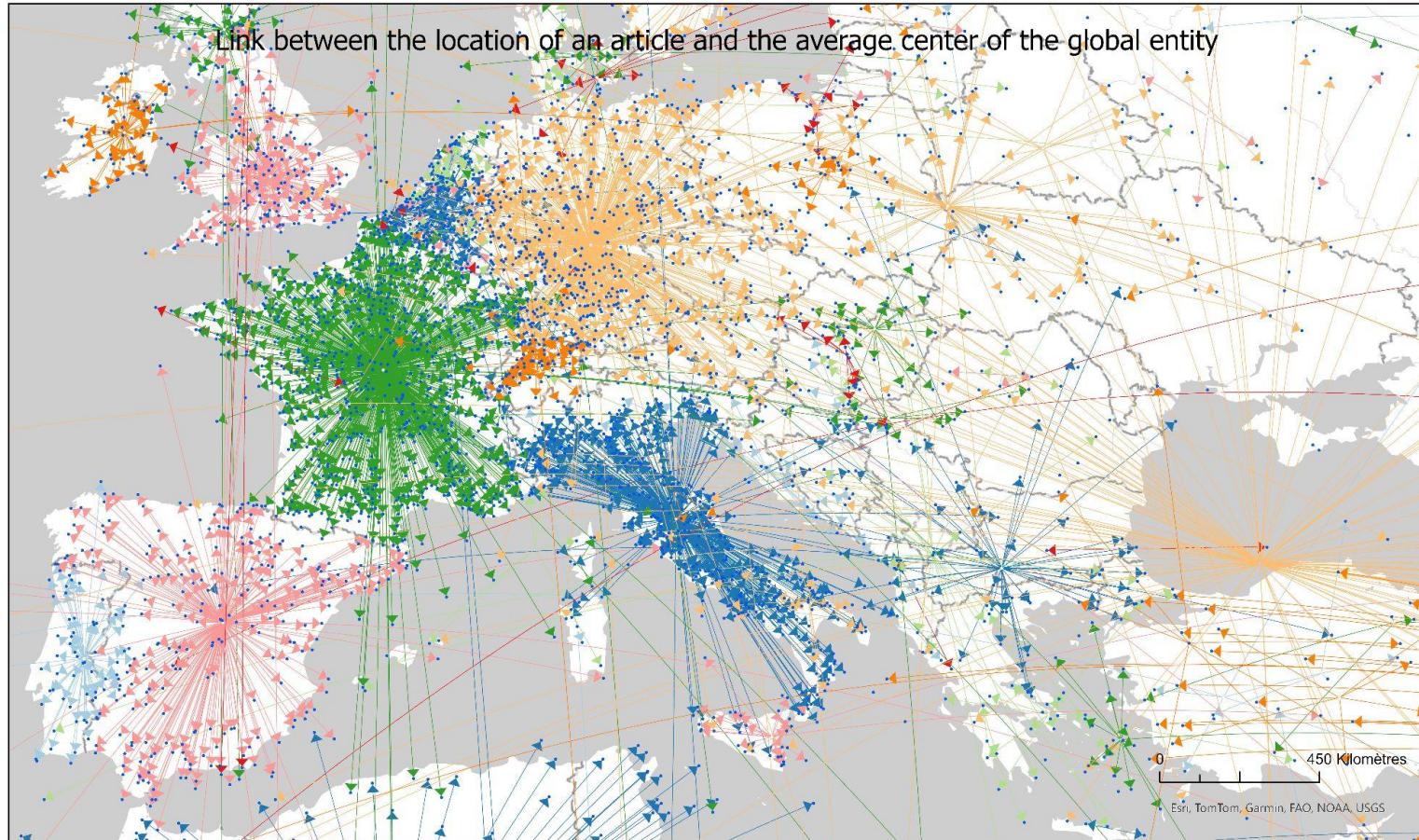
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1v30	AAHUS	ville	Westphalie	Allemagne	('Westphalie', 'Allemagne')
1v32	AAR	riviere	la Fourche	Rhin	('la Fourche', 'Rhin')
1v33	Aar	riviere	l'Eiffel	Allemagne	("l'Eiffel", 'Allemagne')
1v35	AAS ou AASA	fort	d'Aggerhus	Norwege	("d'Aggerhus", 'Norwege')

# Geocoding and toponym disambiguation

Link between the location of an article and the average center of the global entity



# Geocoding and toponym disambiguation



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# Geocoding and toponym disambiguation

Rechercher une adresse ou un lieu

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**EDdACoordXY: zittau**

EDDA\_ARTIC volume17-2956

headword: zittau

LIEU: ZITTAU

Domaine: Géographie moderne

Auteur: Jaucourt

Lien vers ARTFL

Plus d'infos

ContexteGa

ZITTAU ZITTAU, (Géog. mod.) ville d'Allemagne, dans la haute Lusace, sur la Neiss, aux frontières de la Bohème, à quatre lieues au - dessus de Gorlitz. Wenceslas la fit entourer de murailles en 1255. Elle est aujourd'hui sujette à l'électeur de Saxe,

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