



## European MTP – Intelligent Hospital Logistics

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# Project Goal Recap

Transport logistics platform for autonomous vehicles on clinic premises



Simulation environment – University Hospital Freiburg

The University Hospital in Freiburg



Research Goal: **Handle Incidents**

Can LLMs **simulate** the **impact** of **incidents** on routing graphs?



# Progress Update

## Previous Status: Independent Submodels

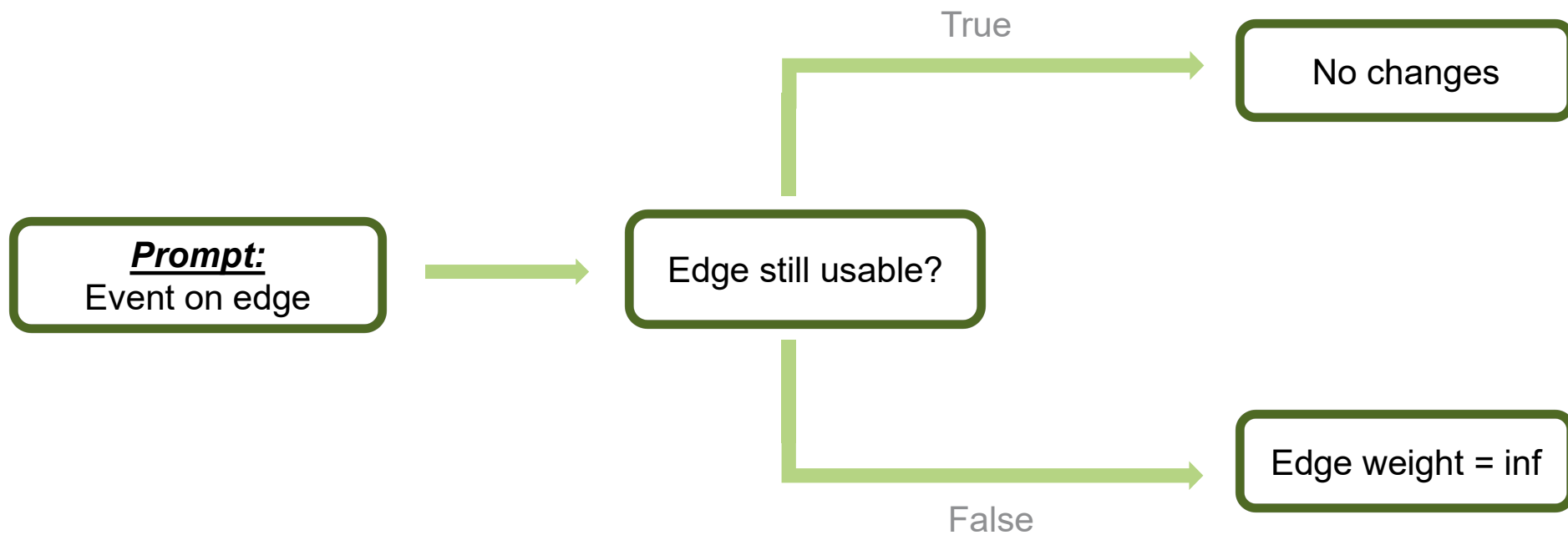
### Approach 1: Edge Usability



Zero- and Few-Shot

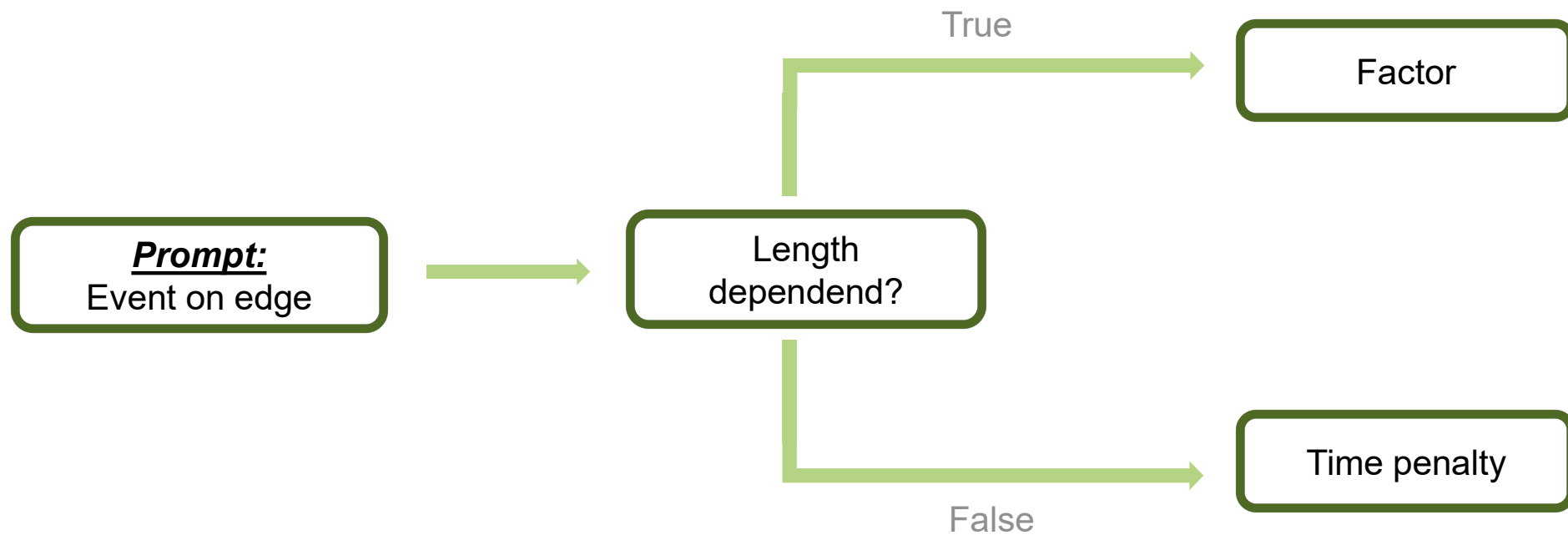


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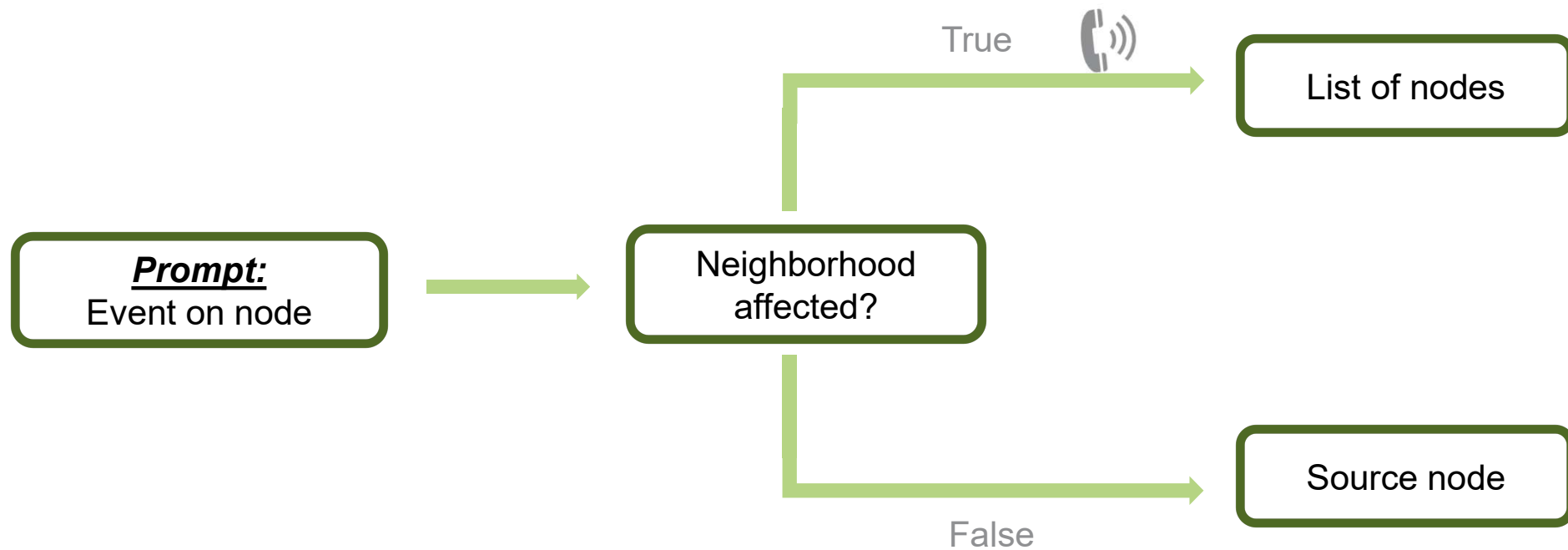
## Previous Status: Independent Submodels

### Approach 2: Dynamic Edge Weights



## Previous Status: Independent Submodels

### Approach 3: Function Calling





## We built a meta-model to increase usability and accuracy after intermediate presentation

### Goals after intermediate presentation



#### **Increase usability**

No need to choose model



#### **Increase awareness of environment**

Also consider neighborhood of incident

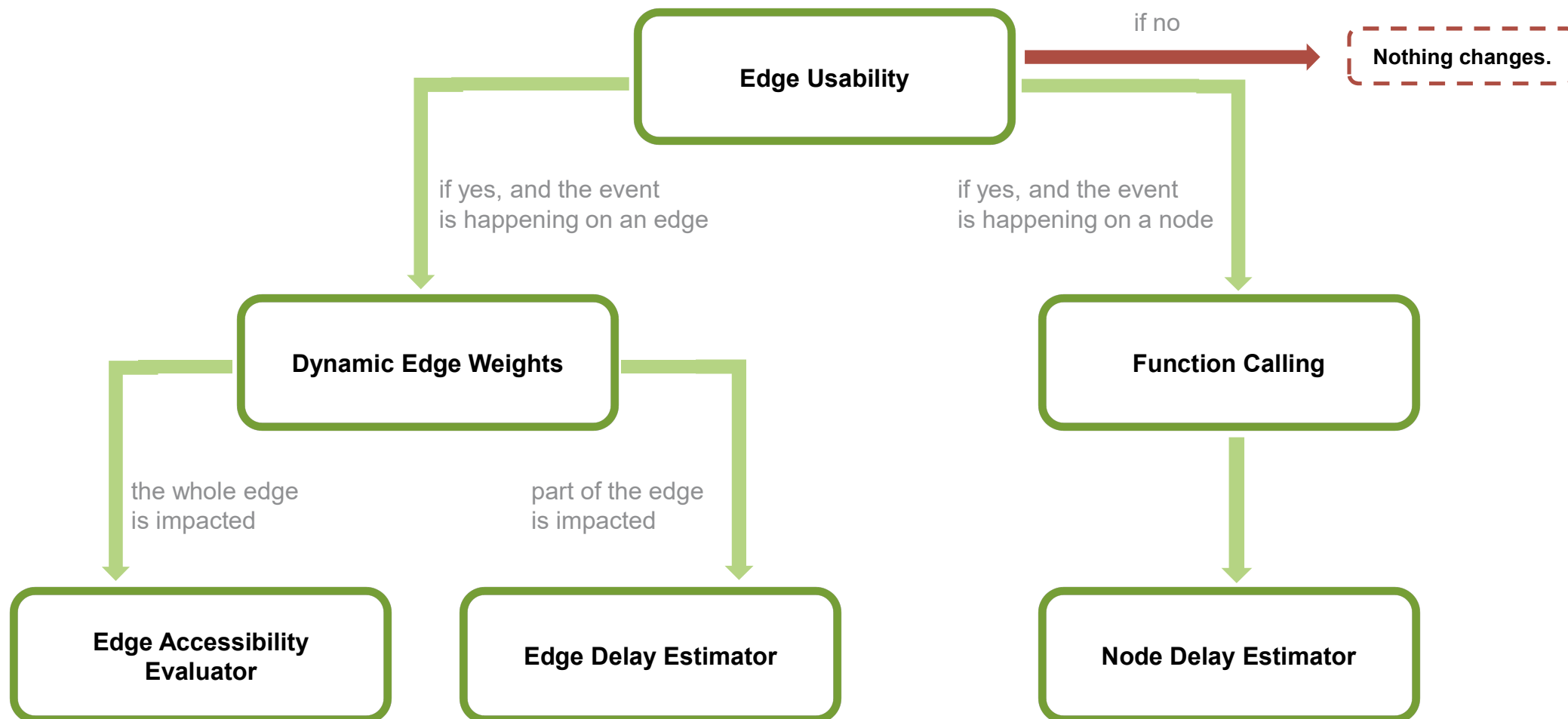


#### **Increase detection accuracy**

Incident detection more accurate

### Progress

- Build **meta-model** that combines best approaches
- Introduce **time penalty** for congestion on diversion
- Increase **precision** of incident detection



*A bicycle is in the middle of edge X.*

*A barrier blocks the entrance of edge X.*

*A fire alarm is going off at node X.*

*An ice cream fell on the ground at edge X.*

**Prompt:** Given the event,  
does it impact transportation?

if no

**Nothing changes.**

if yes, and the event  
is happening on an edge

if yes, and the event  
is happening on a node

**Prompt:** Given the event,  
does it impact the whole edge  
or only a part of it?

the whole edge  
is impacted

part of the edge  
is impacted

**Prompt:** Given the event,  
provide a value from 0 to 100  
for how much the accessibility  
of the edge is affected.

**The value is 100.**

**Prompt:** Given the event,  
provide a time penalty for how  
much the vehicle will be  
delayed.

**The value is 20 minutes.**

**Prompt:** Given the node,  
provide a list of surrounding  
edges for this node.

**Function Call:**  
**Surrounding edges of  
node X are: Y.**

**Prompt:** Given the event,  
provide a time penalty for how  
much the vehicle will be  
delayed.

**The value is 120 minutes.**

## Evaluation of our Meta-Model

### Reference-based Evaluation



Applied when a ground truth is available.



The output of the LLMs is compared to the ground truth.



Used for our Edge Usability, Dynamic Edge Weights & Function Calling models.

### Reference-free Evaluation



Applied when the ground truth is not available.



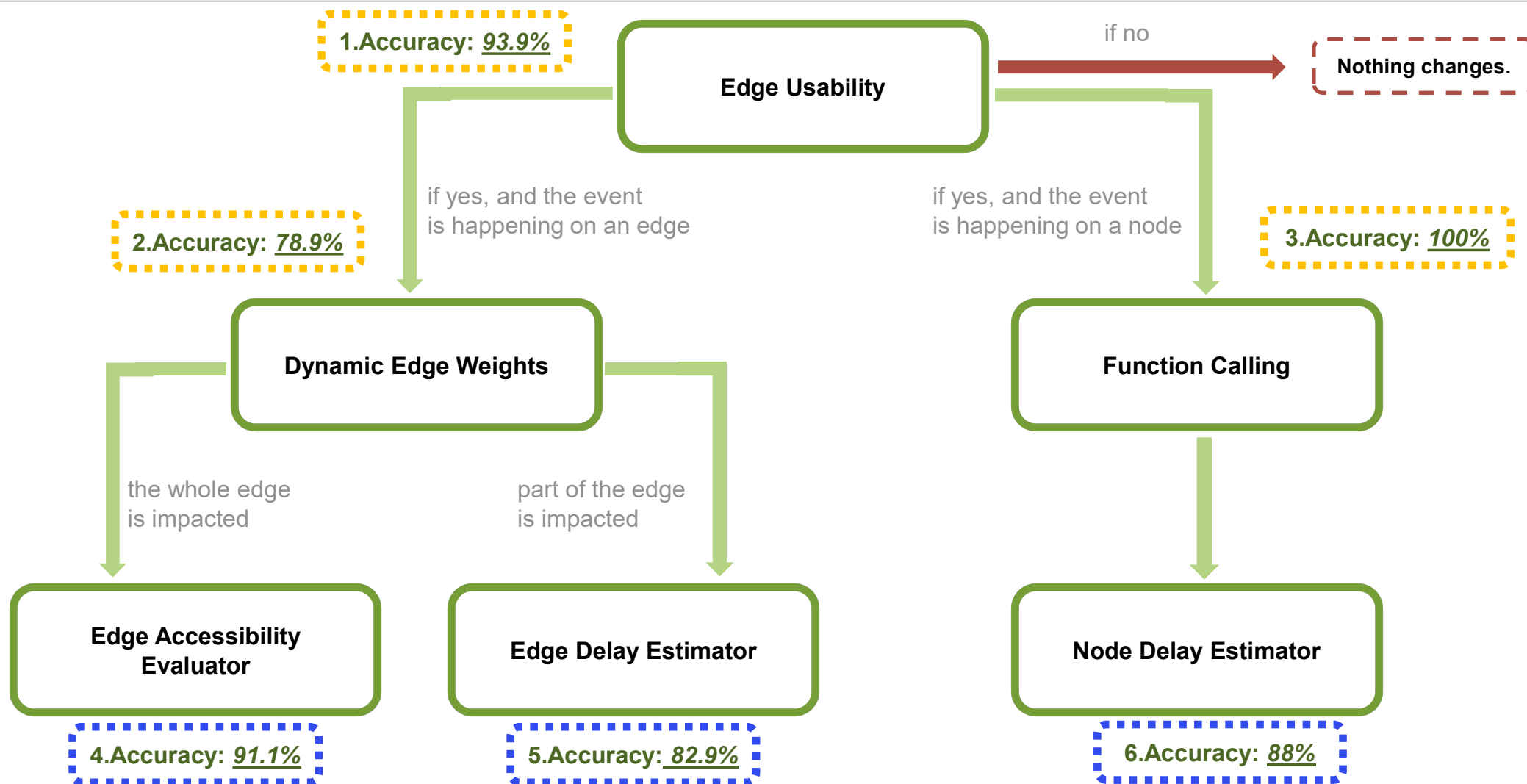
3 different Evaluation LLMs are employed and tasked to evaluate the responses of our previous LLMs.



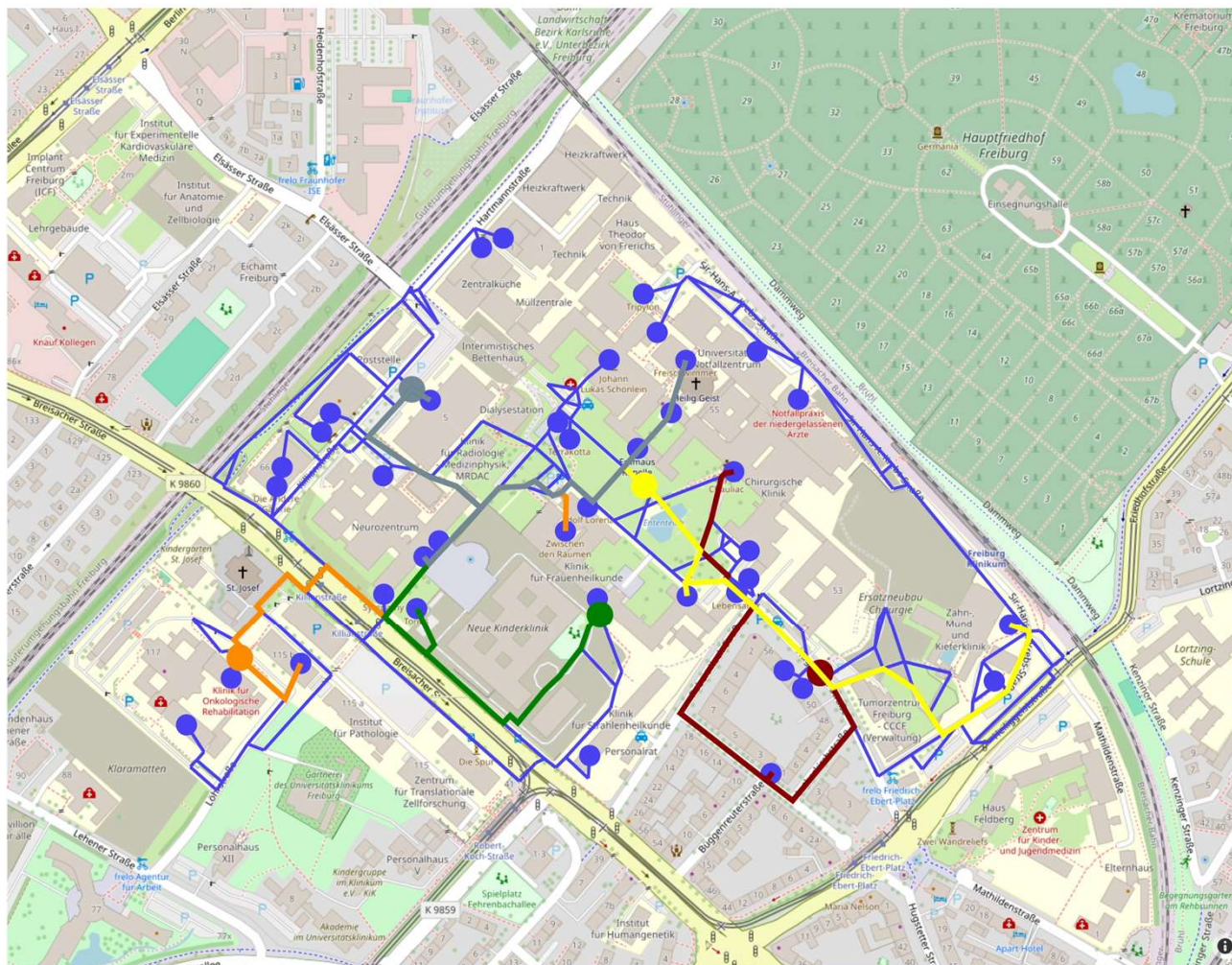
The event and factor/time penalty given as input to the Evaluation LLMs to evaluate how accurate the factor/time penalty is.



Used for our Edge Accessibility Evaluator, Edge Delay Estimator & Node Delay Estimator models.



## Intelligent Hospital Logistics



Incidents	Events	Status	Prompts
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### Orders

source	target	items	status	
Klinik für Frauenheilkunde	Gum	Masks	in progress...	
Christian Daniel Nussbaum	Theodor Billroth	Water	in progress...	
Freischwimmer	Neurozentrum	Palenka	in progress...	lig
Blutspende Freiburg	Zwischen den Räumen	Blood	in progress...	
Augenklinik / HNO	Tonus	Blood	in progress...	

### Vehicles

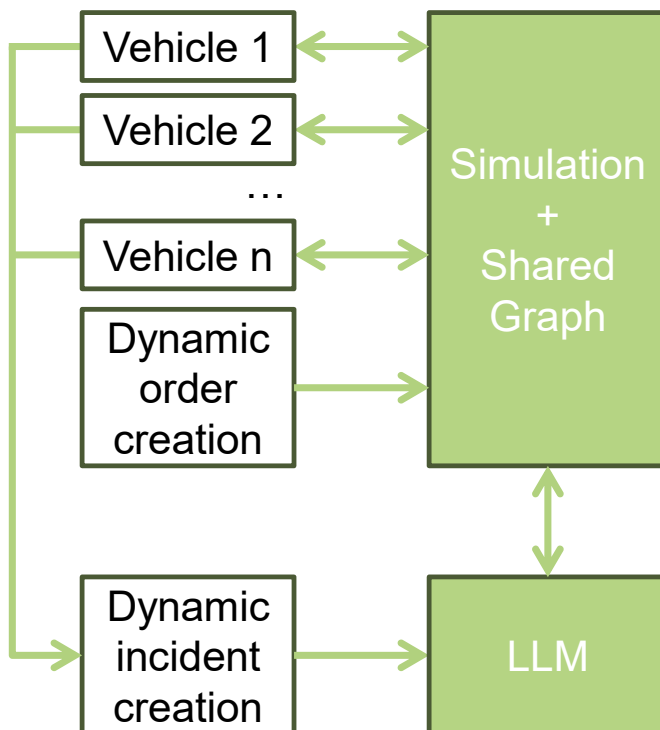
position	status	targetNode	Vehicle
(48.00490760, 7.83332430)	moving	7112443020	darkorange
(48.00525588, 7.83760610)	moving	2401035988	green
(48.00631622, 7.83824530)	moving	7126868392	yellow
(48.00477937, 7.84038710)	moving	9622545345	darkred
(48.00709089, 7.83531800)	moving	1280377565	lightslategray



# Challenges and Solutions

## Challenge 1 – Our distributed system is a challenge for data consistency

### Challenge



- Modules have independent runtime
- Creation of incident & orders is dynamic
- Communication and LLM introduce latency
- Movement of vehicles happens in parallel

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**Decoupled system is a challenge for data consistency**

### Solution

- Use MQTT as message protocol to guarantee message delivery
- Parallelize routing, creation of incidents and LLM
- Establish graph as a shared single source of truth
- Reduce data duplication to absolute minimum

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**Parallel computing and minimal data duplication ensures consistency**




## Challenge 2 – Handling Large Language Models

### Challenge

? Highly dynamic topic with fast progress in research and very little documentation.

 Restricted access to LLMs due to API-based requirements and associated financial costs.

 Deploying LLMs locally requires significant computational resources and can result in increased latency.



### Solution

✓ Continuously explore new features and models, using trial and error to optimize LLMs for handling incidents in a graph structure.

✓ Utilize LLMs that are easy to access with an API key and have a favorable cost-performance ratio.

✓ Using university servers to run LLMs substantially reduces latency and improves overall performance.

## Challenge 2 – Handling Large Language Models

### Challenge



LLMs are not trained to understand graph structures and it remains an active research area.



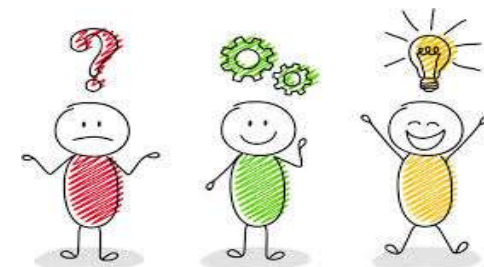
Leverage function calling to enable LLMs to effectively interact with and query graph data.



Difficult evaluating LLM responses in a numerical form where no ground truth is available.



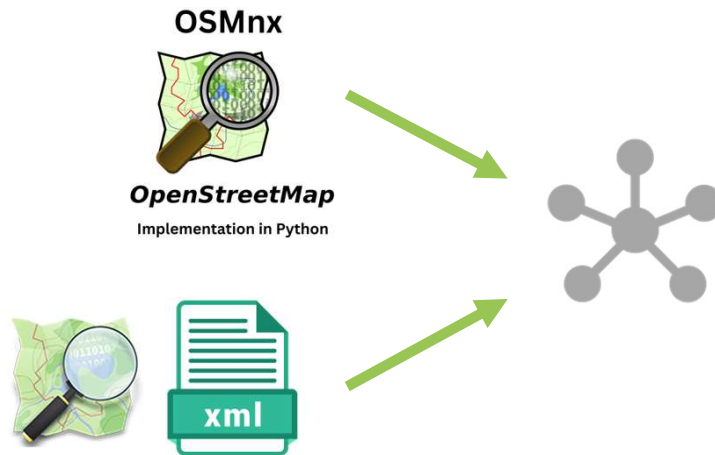
Implement a reference-free evaluation approach by using a secondary LLM to assess the quality of responses from primary LLMs.



## Challenge 3 – Graph Construction

Challenge 3.1: Usage of two different sources with different edge definitions.

**Solution: Use OSMnx graph with fewer edges and search in ways of nx graph for possible matches.**



Challenge 3.2: Boundaries for map extraction from OSM are rectangles.

**Solution: Start with larger map and cleverly drop some parts of the graph.**



# Outlook



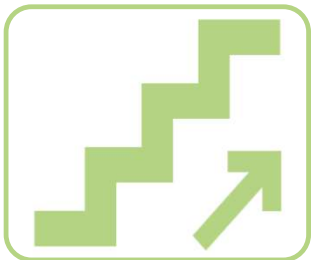
### 1) Prioritize Goods

- Can LLMs be used for solving **routing** problems across **heterogeneous goods**?



### 2) Combine Orders

- Can orders be **joined** together to **save milage** by serving multiple destinations with **one ride**?



### 3) Transportation inside Buildings

- Can the simulation also include **transportation inside buildings** and account for **different** types of **obstacles** such as elevators, stairs etc.?

# Thank You For Your Attention !



# Do You Have Any Questions ?