



GENAI RAG PROJECT: TOPIC STUDY ASSISTANT [POC]

GENE EXPRESSION ACTIVATION VIA MICRO RNA

USER-FOCUS AND TOPIC CHOICE

► Developer's goal:

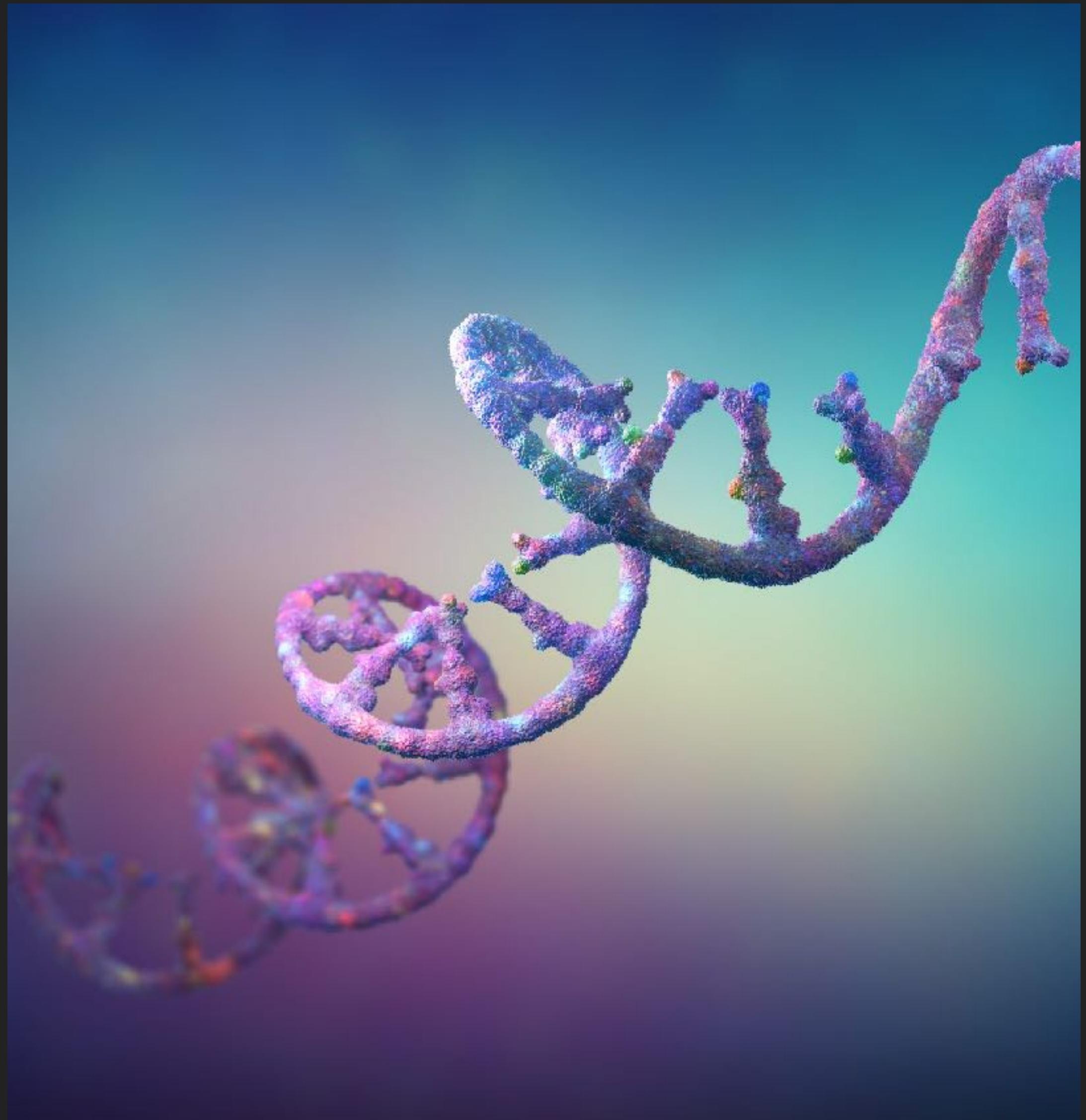
- ▶ Learn and practice implementing cutting-edge technologies.
- ▶ Create a **pet-project** for portfolio and upscale.
- ▶ Practice user-oriented project design.

► User's goal:

- ▶ Get assistance for writing **Master's thesis** in Biology on the topic:

“GENE EXPRESSION ACTIVATION VIA MICRORNA”.

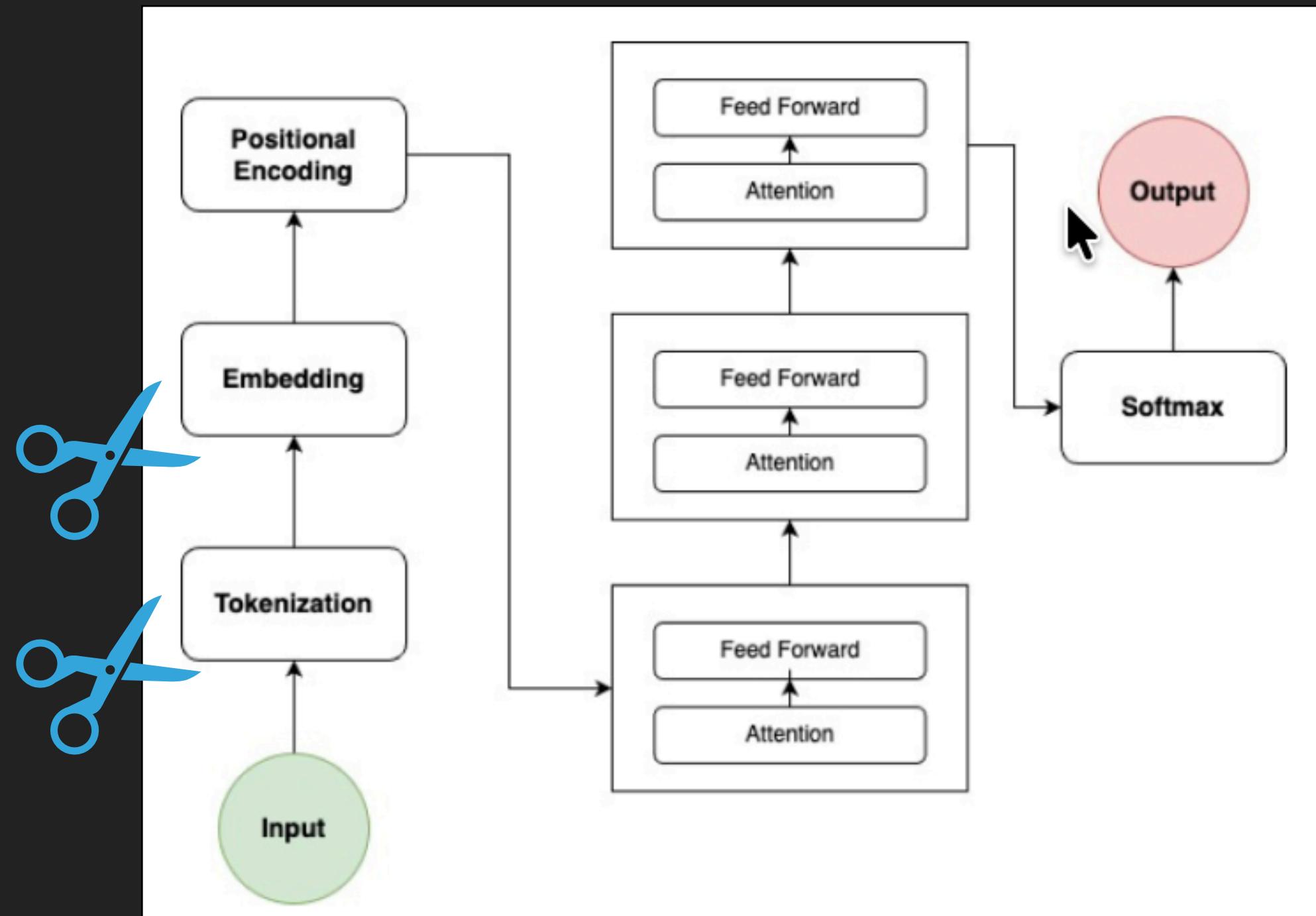
- ▶ Deepen knowledge in the research topic.
- ▶ Start collaborating with data scientists for further steps in Bioinformatics.



TERM DISAMBIGUATION

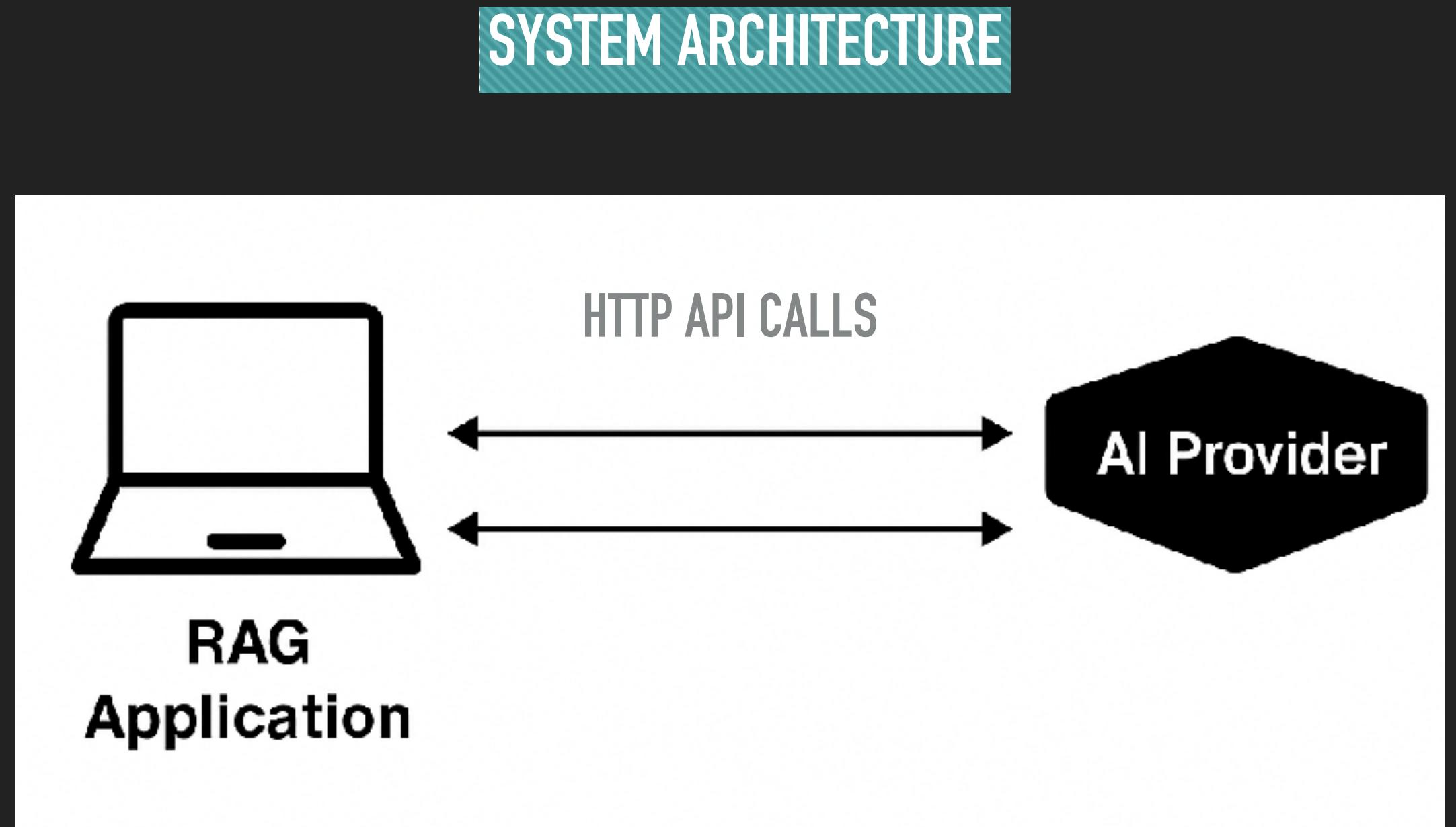
- ▶ **Generative AI** - AI that generates new data by learning patterns from existing data.
- ▶ **GPT** - Generative Pre-trained Transformer
- ▶ **LLM** - Large Language Model - generates output.
- ▶ **RAG** - Retrieval Augmented Generation
- ▶ **Embedding model** - converts data chunks into a numeric vector.

TRANSFORMER / GPT WORKFLOW

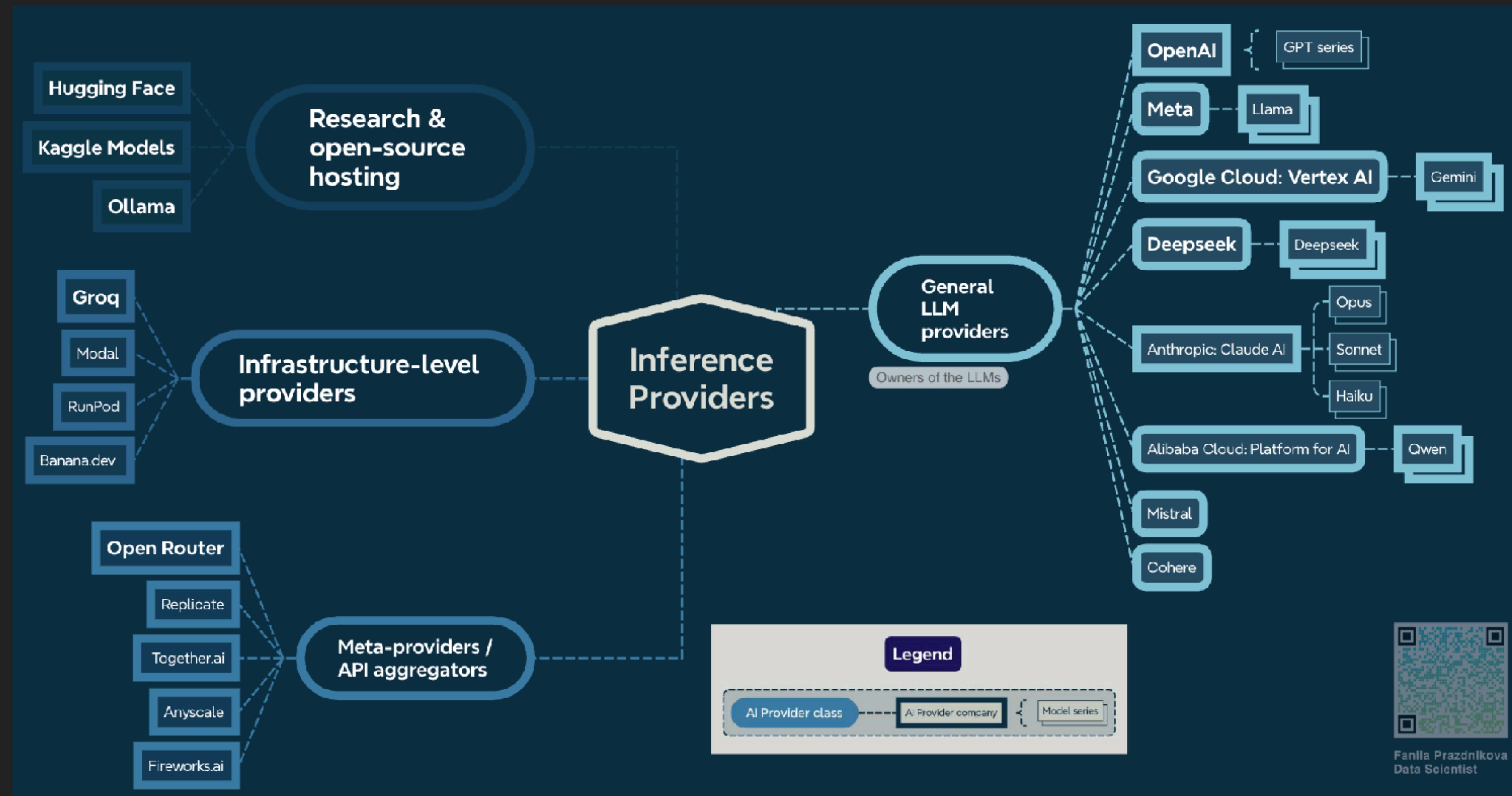


WHAT ARE INFERENCE PROVIDERS

- ▶ Platforms that host, run, and expose AI models via APIs.
- ▶ Handle the **inference** - the actual computation that generates answers, embeddings, images, etc.
- ▶ Provide:
 - ▶ model access (LLMs, embedding models, etc.)
 - ▶ APIs / SDKs for querying these models
 - ▶ Compute infrastructure (GPU clusters for inference)
 - ▶ Model hosting for custom deployments
 - ▶ Monitoring, billing, and authentication



CHOOSING INFERENCE PROVIDER



RAG PIPELINE

1 Data collection

- ▶ Data types: PDF documents with text, images, formulas
- ▶ POC: data is collected manually by the user
- ▶ MVP: web-scraping or GPT-5 for finding relevant scientific articles

2 Data retrieval and tokenization

- ▶ Extract data from PDF files
- ▶ Preserve text, images, scientific formulas
- ▶ Tokenization: split into chunks

3 Embedding and indexing

- ▶ Embedding model: convert data to vectors
- ▶ Vector DB: store the vectors in DB and build semantic index

4 Data retrieval for answer

- ▶ Using GUI for getting query from a user
- ▶ Query tokenize/encode/embedding using the same model and methods
- ▶ MVP: top-k similarity search, reranking

5 Generating answer

- ▶ Prompt LLM with the retrieved context
- ▶ Return the answer to the user in GUI

CHOOSING AI FRAMEWORK

LangChain

tool- and workflow-centric

for various LLM projects

more diverse functional modules for architecture flexibility and scalability

open-source and free



Llamaindex

data-centric

specific for RAG projects

more efficient in document indexing, data retrieval, semantic search

commercial, price depends on usage

migration to it can be considered after MVP and efficiency evaluation + donations / monetization prospects

RAG TOOLCHAIN FOR POC PHASE

User Interaction: Type: Web site

- Back-End: none for POC
- Front-End: StreamLit with caching on localhost

AI framework: LangChain

PDF extractor: PyPDFLoader

Vector DB: Chroma DB on localhost

Chunker: RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter

Retriever: Chroma.as_retriever

Embedding model: text-embedding-3-small

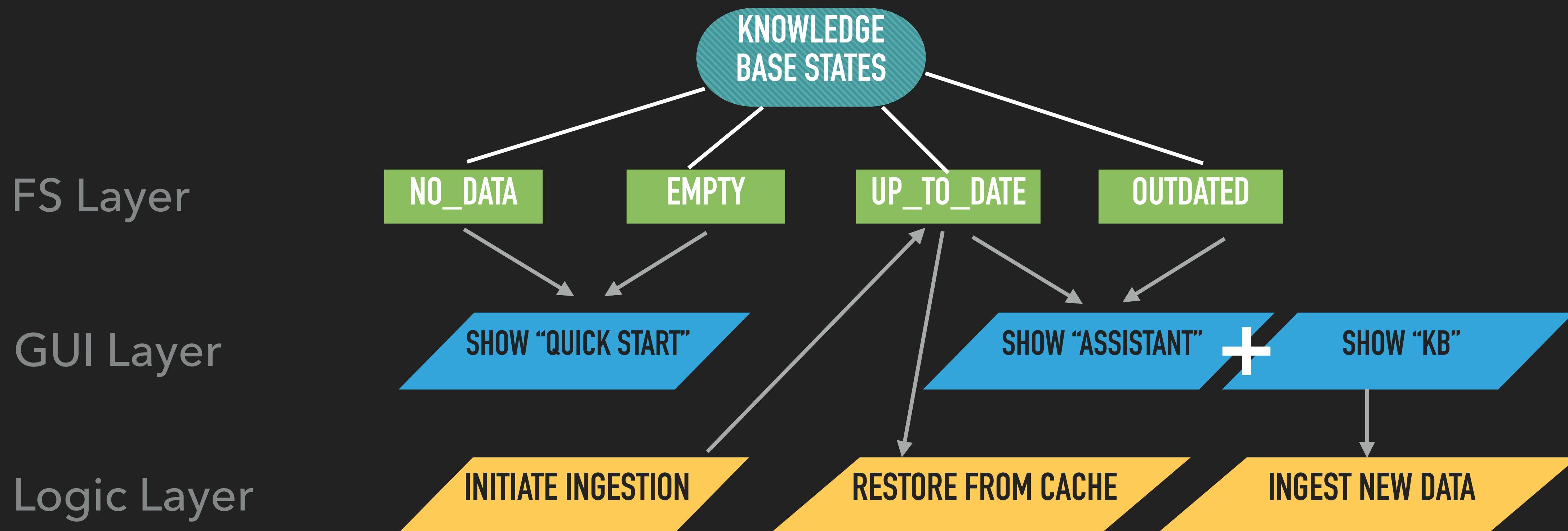
LLM: gpt-5-mini (primary), gpt-5-nano (for drafts/tests)

Inference Providers:

- Embedding model: OpenAI

- LLM: OpenAI

STATE MACHINE



KNOWLEDGE-BASE UPDATING

Biology topic study assistant

Gene expression activation via microRNA

Knowledge base status

8% (2/25 documents processed)

Assistant Knowledge Base

Knowledge Base control

Dataset folder: /Users/...

Total PDFs: 25

Processed: 2

> NEW New files detected

Update knowledge base

New files detected

- Ago1 Interacts with RNA Polymerase II and Binds to the Promoters of Actively Transcribed Genes in Human Cancer Cells.pdf
- Amplifying gene expression with RNA-targeted therapeutics 2023.pdf
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- Antisense transcripts are targets for activating small RNAs.pdf
- BOOK Target-Recognition Mechanism and Specificity of RNA Activation.pdf
- Enhancer RNAs participate in androgen receptor-driven looping that selectively enhances gene activation.pdf
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- Reexamining assumptions about miRNA-guided gene silencing.pdf
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- Small activating RNA binds to the genomic target site in a seed-region-dependent manner.pdf
- Small-Activating RNA Can Change Nucleosome Positioning in Human Fibroblasts.pdf
- Small-molecule inducible transcriptional control in mammalian cells.pdf
- Transcriptional Regulation by Promoter Targeted RNAs suzuki2009.pdf
- saRNA-guided Ago2 targets the RITA complex to promoters to stimulate transcription 2016 прочитано.pdf

KNOWLEDGE-BASE UPDATING

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 Assistant  Knowledge Base

Knowledge Base control

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